



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,



Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

November 15, 2020

Reflection:

“If God is the Creator of the entire universe, then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. No part of the world is outside of His lordship. That means that no part of my life must be outside of His lordship.” – R.C. Sproul

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:7

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Praise

God Of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation,
of water earth and sky,
the heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy!
The universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy!
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven
and earth)!
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven
and earth)!

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven
and earth)!
You are holy!

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy!
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy, holy, holy!

Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy!
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me.
Father hold me, hold me.

Ending

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and
earth)!
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and
earth)!
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and
earth)!
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and
earth)!

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism # 27-28

27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. **God's providence is His almighty and ever-present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.**

28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

A. **We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.**

OT Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 40:12-31*

Blaine Marsh

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind; my lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel and my ways are reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to you; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you; as a rebel I have misused my strength and served the foul adversary of your kingdom. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross. In Jesus' name, amen!

Assurance of Grace – *Psalms 37:39-40*

Leader: ³⁹The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

F B \flat F C 7 F

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and - end - less de - light,

B \flat F C 7 F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

F B \flat F C 7 F C F Gm F C

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

F B \flat F C 7 Am C 7 F 7

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

Offering Our Gifts

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God's Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and world.

Doxology Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

Scripture Reading – *Psalm 99*

- ¹The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
- ²The LORD is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
- ³Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
- ⁴The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
- ⁵Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!
- ⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.
- ⁷In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.
- ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
- ⁹Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

Sermon: Holy Is He!

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Our God Reigns!

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine.

The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice.

If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten free crackers are available.

If you wish to participate in the Lord's Supper but mobility is limited, kindly let Pastor Erik or one of the elders know. They are happy to serve you in the pew.

Prayer

Words of Institution – From I Corinthians 11

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Communing Together

Allowing space for other family units, please come up front to take communion. After you have been served the bread and wine, please partake and dispose of the communion cup prior to returning to your seat. Use the extra time during communion as a time to practice prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Benediction – *John 14:27*

Leader: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The Sending

Leader: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun, 11/15	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	New Life
Sun, 11/15	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 11/15	12:30 PM	SILVERS: Reminiscing Get-Together	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 11/15	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Township Park
Sun, 11/15	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson home
M, 11/16	8:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W, 11/18	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
W, 11/18	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
Th, 11/19	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 11/22	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	New Life
Sun, 11/22	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$176,000.00	\$176,554.73
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$4,823.00

Announcements

- **Short Term Missions Update:** Typically, New Life would begin the process of planning a short term missions trip for the next year. Due to uncertainties related to COVID, planning will not occur until the new year. Please be praying now for wisdom and for direction.
- **Service Time Update:** Thank you for all who responded to the survey. Your feedback is appreciated. **For now, we will continue to meet at 10:00 AM.** It will be a month-to-month decision regarding whether we keep with our current format (mask requested) or whether we move to a brief 9:00 AM (mask required) service, 10:00 AM Sunday School, and normal length 11:00 AM (mask optional) service. The deciding factor will be our attendance numbers, as we do not want to turn anyone away from worship and as we also want to continue to maintain social distancing in the sanctuary seating. We appreciate your ongoing prayers for wisdom in this decision. We also would ask for and would appreciate your forbearance, that we might all show love to each other even as there are a variety of perspectives on what is wisest in these times.
- **Women's Winter Book Club:** We will be reading the true story of *Murder, Motherhood, and Miraculous Grace* by Debra Moerke. Join us for the discussion and dinner which will take place the end of February or early March. See Connie Kay for more details.
- **SILVERS:** Join us today at 12:30pm for a repeat performance of fun-filled laughter, games and music. Everyone is to bring their own bagged lunch. This will be our last SILVER activity for 2020. Hope all SILVERs will be able to attend!
- **Shoebox Season is here!** Please join us in bringing joy and the gospel to children all around the world by packing a shoebox for a boy or girl with toys, hygiene, and school supplies. (Remember no toys of war, toothpaste or other liquids, or candy.) Samaritan's Purse will provide gospel material and delivery. You may print out and pay for your own shoebox labels from Samaritanspurse.org or contact Connie Kay for payment and a label for \$9 each. Please have your boxes at the church no later than Wednesday, November 18th.
- **Turkey Kick:** On Sunday, Nov. 29th from 2-4 PM at Freysville Park, all adults and youth are invited to come out for flag football and soccer.

Ongoing Groups for Fellowship and Growth

- **Christian Education:** Sunday School Classes (all ages) at 9:00 am.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Wednesday Morning Mom's Group Bible Study:** Studying 1 John. Contact Joy Swanson.
- **Men's Group:** Meeting at New Life every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:00AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Next up is Noah from the book of Genesis. Contact Rob Rothermel.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings in person or Monday mornings via Zoom. We are using a study guide entitled *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ*. Contact Marlene Spark.
- **Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for more information.
- **Prayer Small Group:** Meets every other Wednesday 9:00AM at New Life. Contact Sue Rothermel.
- **Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Currently meeting via Zoom on Thursday evenings beginning 6:55, we are studying Genesis. Contact Joe Heidler.
- **Discipleship Groups:** These are same-gender groups that meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.
- **Community Group:** These are a microcosm of the church. They are intergenerational and inclusive of men and women and boys and girls. Whatever age or stage of life you find yourself in, you are welcomed in a community group. Food, fellowship, discussion of the Scriptures, and prayer are all elements of community groups. At the moment our one group meets on the first and third Sundays, at the Swanson's, from 6:00-7:30.

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

Mission: *To receive the grace of God, to give the glory to God, and to follow the Word of God.*

Core Values:

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves, by grace. Through faith we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are all gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands. Therefore, we trust in His ways.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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