



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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erik Swanson".

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

Worshiping God

November 22, 2020

Reflection:

"There should be a parallel between our supplications and our thanksgivings. We ought not to leap in prayer, and limp in praise." - Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." - G.K. Chesterton

"The Christian who walks with the Lord and keeps constant communion with Him will see many reasons for rejoicing and thanksgiving all day long." - Warren W. Wiersbe

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joe Heidler

Call to Worship – From Psalm 136

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His love endures forever.

Minister: To him who alone does great wonders.

People: His love endures forever.

Minister: Who by his understanding made the heavens.

People: His love endures forever.

Minister: Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

People: His love endures forever.

Minister: To the One who remembered us in our low estate.

People: His love endures forever.

Minister: And freed us from our enemies.

People: His love endures forever.

Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

People: His love endures forever.

Prayer of Praise

Come, You Thankful People, Come

1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home;
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
he him - self in that great day all of - fense shall take a - way,
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin—

God, our Mak - er, does pro - vide for our needs to
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence

be sup - plied; come, with all his peo - ple
 shall ap - pear; Lord of har - vest, grant ears that
 weeds to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all your an - gels

come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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: *Psalm 138*

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Father, if our hope were in ourselves, we would be undone, but your eyes are on those who fear you. Those that seek your mercy will find it. Those that cry out for mercy will find that you are a loving and gracious Father. Our hope is in your unfailing love. Have mercy, we pray. We pray in Jesus' name, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you would have mercy on us and that you would fill us, so that we might live as your sons and daughters. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – *Psalm 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.

Psalm 19

Verse

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to You, pleasing to You.

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to You, my God.

Chorus

You're my Rock and my Redeemer,
You're the reason that I sing.
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes.
Every hour, every moment,
Lord, I want to be Your servant.
I desire to be a blessing
in Your eyes, in Your eyes.

Ending

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be pleasing to You, my God.

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Scripture Reading – *Psalm 100*

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!

³Know that the LORD, he is God!

 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!

 Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good;

 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

Sermon: Give Thanks!
Series: Our God Reigns!

Pastor Erik Swanson

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 for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

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, 11/22	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages	New Life
Sun, 11/22	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
W, 11/25	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	New Life
W, 11/25	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
Sat, 11/28	7:00 AM	Men's Group	New Life
Sun, 11/29	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages	New Life
Sun, 11/29	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 11/29	2:00 PM	Turkey Kick	Freysville Park

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$180,000.00	\$179,564.73
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$3,010.00

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.
- **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: The autumn study on 1st Peter has been completed. A new study (topic to be determined) for the spring session will begin in March. For suggestions or questions, please 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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