



New Life Presbyterian Church

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.

Worshipping God

November 29, 2020

Reflection:

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." – The Prophet Isaiah

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Joe Heidler

Call to Worship – Isaiah 49:13

Shout for joy, O heavens; rejoice, O earth; burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

Prayer of Praise

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en -

who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills of this world in the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

First Sunday of Advent

Reader: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined." (Isaiah 9:2)


Let us pray:

All: Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

In Christ Alone


Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

G D G A D/F#




1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G




light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#




Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
ness, scored by the ones He came to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7




love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D



stand.
live.
Christ.
stand!

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 – Mark 10:13-16

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Sermon: Childlike Faith

Noah Trask

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

Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend

VERSE

F B \flat /F F F B \flat /F



1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
(2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
(3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach

4 F A 7 Dm 7 B \flat /C



eyes to the King; — Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of-fer-ing of how
chil-dren of light — with the mer-cy of heav-en the hu-mil-i-ty of Christ; Walk-ing
out to the lost — with the Fa-thers com-pas-sion in the won-der of the cross, bring-ing

7 F A 7 Dm 7 Gm 7 F/C Gm/C



God, rich in mer-cy, came in Christ to re-deem — all who trust in His un-fail-ing
just-ly be-fore Him, lov-ing all that is right, — that the life of Christ may shine through
peace and for-give-ness, and a hope yet to come: — Let the na-tions put their trust in

10 1. F B \flat /F F 2. F CHORUS F



grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav-en, — we will
Him.

14 B \flat F C Gm 7 C



an-swer — the call. — We will fol-low, — bring-ing hope to — the world, — filled with

17 F B \flat F

pas - sion, — filled with pow - er to — pro - claim — sal -

19 Gm⁷ F/A B \flat F/C Gm/C F B \flat /F 1. F 2. F D.S. 3. Hear the

-va - tion — in Je - sus name. 3. Hear the

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, 11/29	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
W, 12/2	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 12/2	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
Th, 12/3	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 12/6	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages	New Life
Sun, 12/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 12/6	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$184,000	\$183,718.73
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$4,154.00

Announcements

- **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like a Christmas poinsettia this year, please submit your order *today* via the sign-up sheet in the lobby, or call/text Steve Harman by *tomorrow*, November 30. Please specify number and color (red or white). Price is \$12 per plant.
- **Turkey Kick:** *Today* from 2-4 PM at Freysville Park, all adults and youth are invited to come out for flag football and soccer.
- **Men's Group:** Please note our next meeting will be the **FIRST** Saturday on December 5 at New Life. We will be studying the life of Joshua from the book of Genesis.
- **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.

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 on Saturdays twice a month at 7:00AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Contact Rob Rothermel.

Women's Bible Study: 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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