



**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 8, 2020

## Reflection:

*“Judgment is the positive and passionate assertion of God’s will for the world, beginning with the deep foundation of God’s rule in the human heart; therefore, it gives no quarter to deception and self-delusion.” – Ellen Davis*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Joe Heidler*

## Call to Worship – From Psalm 93

<sup>1</sup>*The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.*

<sup>2</sup>*Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity.*

<sup>3</sup>*The seas have lifted up, LORD,  
the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.*

<sup>4</sup>*Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—  
the LORD on high is mighty.*

<sup>5</sup>*Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;  
holiness adorns your house  
for endless days.*

## Prayer of Praise

# Days Of Elijah

## Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses,  
Righteousness being restored;  
And though these are days  
Of great trials,  
Of famine and darkness and sword,  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
*Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

## Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call!  
So lift your voice!  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes!

## Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
The dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest,  
The fields are as white in the world;  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord!

## Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah!  
There is no god like Jehovah!  
There is no god like Jehovah!  
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)!

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## 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 40:9-11***

*Wayne Blanding*

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

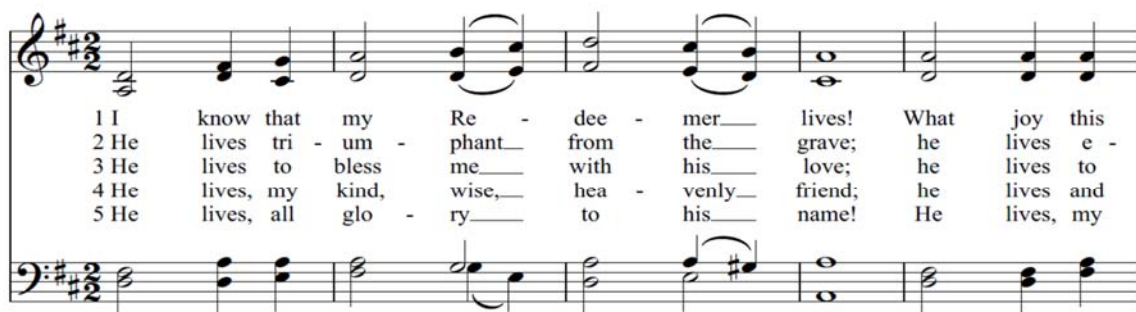
**Lord God, To you every heart owes allegiance, before you every knee should bow, on you every mind should meditate, for you every hand should labor. We confess, Father, our frequent failures and the shortcomings of our sin. At times our hearts are enticed toward other loyalties, on occasion we serve others beside you, we find that our minds do not stay focused on you, and we acknowledge too much of self in the work of our hands. Have mercy, we pray! Do not give us over to our idols! By the power of your Spirit, soften our hearts, transform our wills, renew our minds, and direct our hands! We ask in Jesus name, Amen!**

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

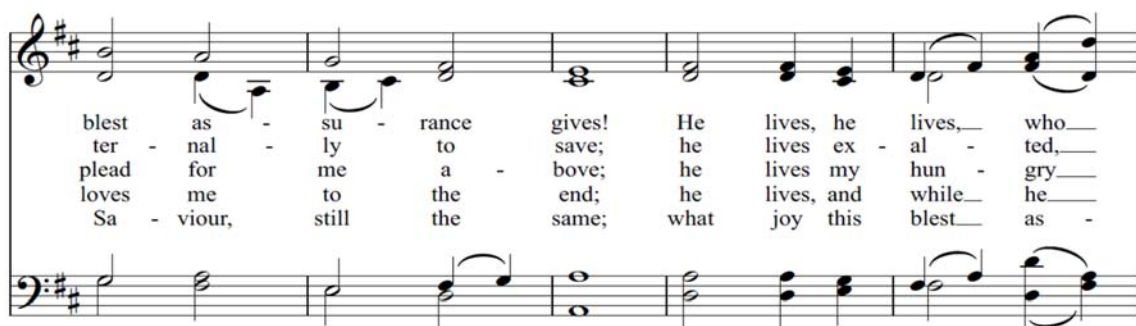
*Leader:* <sup>39</sup>The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

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

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - dee - mer lives! What joy this  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
4 He lives, my kind, wise, hea - venly friend; he lives and  
5 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



blest as - su - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - al - ted,  
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he  
Sa - viour, still the same; what joy this blest as -



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Pro - phet, Priest and King!  
- sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - dee - mer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley (1738-1799), alt.  
Tune: John Hatton (ca. 1710-1793)



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## **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 – *Psalms 98*

<sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together

<sup>9</sup>before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.



**Sermon: Joy to the World!**  
**Series: Our God Reigns!**

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

**Sermon Notes**

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

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**

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **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

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Event</b>                     | <b>Location</b>    |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sun, 11/8   | 9:00 AM     | Sunday School Class              | Fellowship Hall    |
| Sun, 11/8   | 10:00 AM    | Corporate Worship                | Sanctuary          |
| M, 11/9     | 8:30 AM     | Women's Bible Study              | Zoom               |
| W, 11/11    | 9:00 AM     | Wednesday Morning Bible Study    | Fellowship Hall    |
| W, 11/11    | 9:00 AM     | Mom's Group                      | Fellowship Hall    |
| W, 11/11    | 9:00 AM     | Prayer Small Group               | Resource Room      |
| W, 11/11    | 7:00 PM     | Women's Bible Study              | Fellowship Hall    |
| Th, 11/12   | 6:55 PM     | Bible Study Fellowship           | Zoom               |
| F, 11/13    | 5:30 PM     | Community Dinner and Game Night  | Fellowship Hall    |
| Sat, 11/14  | 7:00 AM     | Men's Group                      | Fellowship Hall    |
| Sat, 11/14  | 1:00 PM     | Men's Hike                       | Sam Lewis Park     |
| Sun, 11/15  | 9:00 AM     | Sunday School Class              | Fellowship Hall    |
| 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       |

## Church Financial Summary

| <b>Category</b>              | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Actual</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Year to Date Offering</b> | \$172,000.00  | \$171,731.73  |
| <b>Last Week</b>             | \$4,000.00    | \$5,210.00    |

## Announcements

- **Turkey Kick:** On Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at Freysville Park, all adults and youth are invited to come out for flag football and soccer.
- **Community Dinner and Game Night:** On Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, all ages are invited to New Life for dinner and a game night. Please bring some of your family's favorite games, and please give a donation to offset the cost of the pizza.
- **Men's Hike:** Meet at Sam Lewis Park at 1:00 on November 14<sup>th</sup> for a time of fellowship and hiking. The hiking scale for our hike is easy/intermediate.
- **SILVERS:** Join us at New Life on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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! Please sign up at the Lobby table.
- **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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Ongoing Groups for Fellowship and Growth

- **Christian Education:** Adult Sunday School Class will take place in the Fellowship Hall 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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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