



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,



Pastor Erik Swanson

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

Worshiping God

December 6, 2020

Reflection:

"A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel." – Numbers 24

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bud Palmer

Call to Worship – Adapted from Luke 1 (The Song of Mary)

Minister: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

People: His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

Minister: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

People: He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

Minister: He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

People: He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.

All: O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Praise

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Translated by
John Mason Neale

Words and Music
Veni Emmanuel
Arranged by
Thomas Helmore

VERSE

Em Bm/D G/B G Am/C Am G/B D G D Bm G/B C G/B



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come _____ and cheer our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, and or - der all things,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

5 Am F#°/A Em/B Bm Em Am/C Am Em/G D/F# Em Bm C D Em



Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of night, and
far _____ and night; To us the path of knowl - edge show, and
heart _____ and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

CHORUS

10 D Bm G G/B Am/C Am G/B D G D Em Bm G



-til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
death's dark shad - ows put _____ to flight.
cause us in her ways _____ to go.
the whole world with heav - en's peace.

15 Am/C Am G/B D Em D/F# G G/B C G/B Am F#°/A Em/B Bm Em



-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Second Sunday of Advent – The Borch family

*Reader: Today we relight the candle of HOPE. Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of PEACE. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace.
From the prophet Isaiah: "For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." —Isaiah 9:6-7.
From the Gospel of John: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." —John 14:27
Let us pray:*

All: Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Words by
Charles Wesley

Music by
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

VERSE

F C F/A F F/C C F/A B \flat



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to — the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; — Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail, the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! — Hail, the Sun — of
4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come! — Fix in us — Thy

4 F/C C F C Dm F/C G⁷/B Am G/B C



new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild; — God and sin - ners
-last - ing Lord; Late in time be - hold Him come, — off - spring of — the
Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all He brings, — ris'n with heal - ing
hum - ble home: Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring seed, — bruise in us — the

8 Fmaj⁷ G C N.C. C/E F F/C C N.C.



rec - on - ciled." Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph
Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see, — hail th'in - car - nate
in His wings: Mild He lays His glo - ry by, — born that man no
ser - pent's head; Ad - am's like - ness now ef - face, — stamp Thine im - age

12 C/E F F/C C B \flat D Gm C/B \flat F/A



of the skies; — With th'an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is — born — in
De - i - ty! — Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, — our — Em -
more may die; — Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to — give — them
in its place: — Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, re - in - state — us

16 F/C C F B \flat F/A Gm D Gm



Beth - le - hem." Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
-man - u - el. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
sec - ond birth. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,
in Thy love. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,

19 C/B \flat F/A F F/C C⁷ F

“Glo - ry _____ to _____ the new - born King.”
 “Glo - ry _____ to _____ the new - born King.”
 “Glo - ry _____ to _____ the new - born King.”
 “Glo - ry _____ to _____ the new - born King.”

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 – *John 1:1-4*

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Words by
Charles Wesley

Music by
Rowland Hugh Prichard

VERSE

F C F Gm/F C⁷/E F C Dm C F/A C⁷/G



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a

6 F F/A Gm/B^b Dm C F C F Gm/F C⁷/E F



set Thy peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re -
child and yet a King; Born to reign in us for -

12 C Dm C F/A C⁷/G F F/A Gm/B^b Dm C F Am



-lease us, let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's
-ev - er, now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine

18 Dm⁷ Dm Gm⁷ Gm C⁷ Dm⁷ C⁷/E F F/E Dm F/A Gm B^bmaj⁷



strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou
own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a -

24 C^{sus} C F/A Dm⁷/F Gm/F C⁷/E F F/E Dm⁶



art; Dear de - sire of ev' - ry
-lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient

28 C B^b/D C⁷/E F F⁷/A B^b F/A B^b F/C C⁷ F



na - tion, joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.
mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Benediction – Luke 2:14

*Leader: “Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

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, 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
W, 12/9	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 12/9	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 12/9	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	New Life
Th, 12/10	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sat, 12/12	7:00 AM	Men's Group	New Life
Sun, 12/13	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all Ages	New Life
Sun, 12/13	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$188,000	\$186,237.73
Last Week	\$4,000.00	\$2,519.00

Announcements

- **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 the second and fourth Saturdays 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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