



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. During our 11:00 service, there is a staffed nursery off the fellowship hall for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

January 10, 2021

Reflection

On the one hand, scripture speaks of the Son in language which it never uses of the angels; so we must pay special attention to what Jesus taught, and what others have taught about him. Yet on the other hand, Jesus has been given, because of his death, glory and honour such as God has always intended for the whole human race. Jesus, as our high priest, acknowledges us as members of his family, and thus of God's."

– Paul Ellingworth

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – From Psalm 117

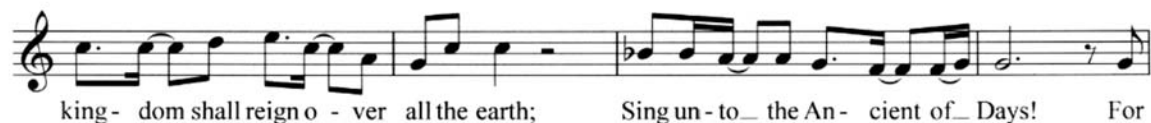
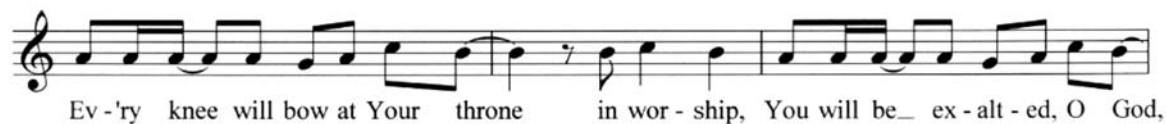
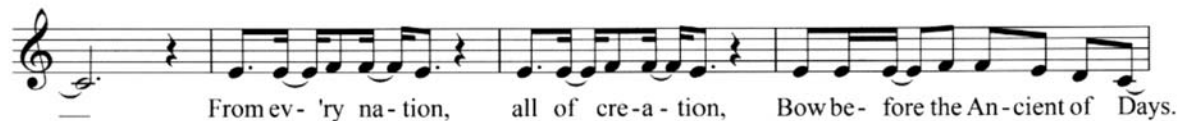
¹ Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

*² For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.*

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Praise



Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OT Scripture Reading – Psalm 91

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* That is, universal

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us, you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich.

We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes.

Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Jesus I Come

Greg Thompson, William True Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness, into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.

Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Human Life Services*

Lisa Hildebrand

Offering Our Gifts

Bill Brown

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.

Let the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Be acceptable to you,
Oh Lord my God
And my redeemer.
You are the strength of my life.
You are the strength of my life.

As I rise to face another day
I will hold your word in my heart,
And if my day is bright
Or it's dark as night
I will walk by faith not by sight.

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And the thoughts of my heart
Be acceptable to you,
Oh Lord my God
And my redeemer.
You are the strength of my life.
You are the strength of my life.

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 – Hebrews 1:3b-14

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵*For to which of the angels did God ever say,*

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?*

Or again,

*“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?*

⁶*And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,*

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

⁷*Of the angels he says,*

*“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”*

⁸*But of the Son he says,*

*“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.*

⁹*You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;*

*therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”*

¹⁰*And,*

*“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;*

¹¹*they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,*

¹²*like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.*

*But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”*

¹³*And to which of the angels has he ever said,*

*“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?*

¹⁴*Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

Sermon: The Son, Greater than his Servants

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Jesus Is Better

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

Christ Be In My Waking

Stuart Townend and Simon Brading

Christ be in my waking,
As the sun is rising,
In my day of working,
With me every hour.
Christ be in my resting,
As the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing,
Watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking,
And my understanding,
Guarding me from evil,
Walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking,
Every word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving,
Grace to all who hear.

Chorus

Jesus, this is my devotion,
All my life to know You,
Every day to walk with You.
Savior, You're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for,
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness
For the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness
Of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow,
In my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow
In the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded,
Nothing left to cling to,
Every pleasure jaded,
Every well is dry.
Christ, the loving Shepherd,
Draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert
To the streams of life.

Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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, 1/10	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/10	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 1/10	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary
W, 1/13	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 1/13	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
Th, 1/14	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 1/17	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/17	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 1/17	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary 2020

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$208,000.00	\$206,851.73
12/27/20	\$4,000.00	\$2,384.00

Church Financial Summary 2021

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$4,076.92	\$8,652.00
1/3/21	\$4,076.92	\$8,652.00

Announcements

- **Music Director:** New Life is seeking to hire a part time music director. The job description may be picked up at the information table or digitally via admin@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- **VBS Planning:** Please prayerfully consider joining a planning team of 3-5 people for a potential 2021 VBS. General volunteer requests will be announced once the planning team has made decisions. A meeting for all interested in the planning team will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 26th, at 8:00 PM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84563345514?pwd=RzI3VjFabUZWK3IzQk52cExvcE1GUT09>
- **Youth Group Tubing:** Weather permitting, grades 6-12 are invited to go to Heritage Hills on Thursday, January 28th, from 7:45-10:00 PM, for an evening of tubing. The cost is \$15; email erik@newlifeyorkpca.com for more information.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Please return your filled baby bottles (change, cash, or check) by Sunday, January 31st.
- **Short Term Missions:** Please prayerfully consider the possibility of participating in a short term missions trip at some point in 2021. An informational and prayer meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8:00 PM.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85269646093?pwd=THpZU1BSb2tBTGErVnFIQ3E0V0qwUT09>
- **Women's Winter Book Club:** We are independently reading the true story of *Murder, Motherhood, and Miraculous Grace* by Debra Moerke. Join us for the discussion and dinner on Sunday, March 7th. See Connie Kay for more details.

Ongoing Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School Classes (all ages) at 10:00 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 7:00 AM. 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 9:00 AM 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 Groups: These are microcosms 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 PM.

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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