



**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 17, 2021

## Reflection:

*The trouble with our age is that it is all signpost and no destination.*

*- Louis Kronenberger*

*The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

*- The Apostle Paul*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – From Psalm 113

*Minister: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.*

*People: **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.***

*Minister: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.*

*People: **The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.***

*Minister: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,*

*People: **Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?***

*Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;*

*People: **He seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.***

*Minister: He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.*

*People: **Praise the LORD.***

## Prayer of Praise

# All Creatures Of Our God And King

Words by St. Francis of Assisi  
and William Henry Draper

GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESÄNGE

D D<sup>2sus</sup> D Bm Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>sus</sup> A A/G D/F# G

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift \_\_\_\_  
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye \_\_\_\_  
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make \_\_\_\_

3 D/F# A<sup>7</sup>/E D D/C# Bm Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>sus</sup> A A/G D/F# Dmaj<sup>7</sup>/F# G<sup>2</sup> D Bm A/C#

up your voice and with us sing al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O, \_\_\_\_\_ praise Him! Al - le -  
 mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

6 Bm<sup>7</sup>/D E A D/F# D<sup>sus</sup>/E D D/C# Bm<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>/C# D G/B A<sup>sus</sup> A A/G D/F# A<sup>sus</sup>/G

-lu - ia! Thou \_\_\_\_\_ burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, thou \_\_\_\_\_  
 -lu - ia! Thou \_\_\_\_\_ ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice; Ye \_\_\_\_\_  
 -lu - ia! Thou \_\_\_\_\_ fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, thou \_\_\_\_\_

9 D/F# A<sup>7</sup>/E D G/B Dmaj<sup>7</sup>/A G D/F# A/E D A/C# G/B Bm/A G<sup>6</sup> A/G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> D/F#

sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O, \_\_\_\_\_ praise \_\_\_\_ Him! O, \_\_\_\_\_  
 lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O, \_\_\_\_\_ praise \_\_\_\_ Him! O, \_\_\_\_\_  
 giv - est man both warmth and light, O, \_\_\_\_\_ praise \_\_\_\_ Him! O, \_\_\_\_\_

12 G<sup>6</sup> A<sup>7</sup> Bm A/C# Bm<sup>7</sup>/D E A Bm<sup>7</sup> F#m/C#

praise \_\_\_\_ Him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

14 Bm/D Em A/C# B7/D# Em D/F# G<sup>6</sup> A A<sup>7</sup> D



-lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia!

4. *And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part.  
O, sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care.*

5. *Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O, praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.*

### 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.**

\* That is, universal

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Father, yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Our Lord Jesus has taught us to pray “your kingdom come.” We confess that we often are focused on ourselves and our own little world. We neglect to pray for your kingdom to come. We disobey our Lord’s command to seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. All too often and all too easily, we live self-focused and self-reliant lives. Have mercy we pray! Forgive us, we ask in Jesus’ name! Fill us with the Spirit, that we might seek your ways in our lives and around the globe. We ask that the Lord Jesus would return soon, bringing the restoration of all things. Amen.**

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

*<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.*

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Words by Reginald Heber  
Music by John Dykes



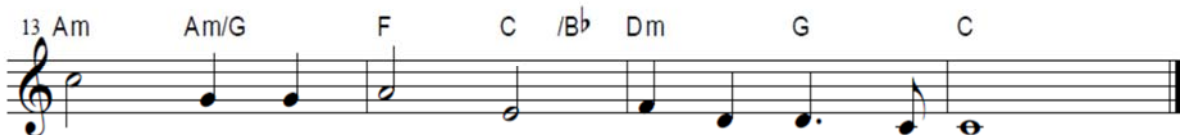
1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!  
 2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing Our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thyworks shall praise Thy name In earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; There is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Merc - i - ful and migh - ty!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!  
 Who wert, and art, and shalt ev - er more shall be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.

## **Prayers of the People**

**Ministry Moment** (11 AM Service)

**Membership Vows** (11 AM Service)

*Kiel and Megan Reese, Sue Ann Randall*

**Offering Our Gifts**

*Chris Wirt*

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 – Hebrews 2:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

<sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

**Sermon: Pay Close Attention!**

*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 Is Risen from the Dead

*Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes*

## *Verse 1*

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame,  
But fix our eyes upon the cross,  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us,  
Freely You've bled for us.

## *Chorus*

Christ is risen from the dead,  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake,  
Come and rise up from the grave.  
Christ is risen from the dead,  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake,  
Come and rise up from the grave.

## *Verse 2*

Beneath the weight of all our sin,  
You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,  
No burden great can hold You down.  
In strength You reign;  
Forever let Your church proclaim.

## *Bridge*

O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light;  
The glory of God has defeated the night.  
Singing: O death, where is your sting?  
O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light;  
Our God is not dead He's alive, He's alive!

## **Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

<sup>24</sup>*The LORD bless you and keep you;*

<sup>25</sup>*the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

<sup>26</sup>*the 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
W, 1/20	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 1/20	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 1/20	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	New Life
Th, 1/21	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sat, 1/23	7:00 AM	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
Sun, 1/24	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/24	10:00 AM	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/24	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary

### Church Financial Summary 2020

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$208,000.00	\$209,099.73

### Church Financial Summary 2021

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$8,153.84	\$11,152.00

## Announcements

- **Outreach Team Members Requested:** If you are interested in joining the New Life Outreach Team, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **Men's Group:** Men's Group will meet this Saturday, January 23rd at New Life.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** This will be held in lieu of Sunday School on Sunday, January 24th from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Sanctuary.
- **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](mailto:erik@newlifeyorkpca.com) for more information.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Please return your filled baby bottles (change, cash, or check) by Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **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=THpZU1BSb2tBTGErVnFIQ3E0V0gwUT09>
- **Men's and Youth Hike:** A group from New Life will go on a 2-day, 8-mile winter hike on the Appalachian Trail, departing Friday, February 5th and returning Saturday, February 6th. Borrowing appropriate gear is available. Any interested men, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **Presbytery Host Team Members Requested:** New Life will be hosting Presbytery on Saturday, February 20th. Presbytery meetings are the regional church leaders gathering for worship, fellowship, and business. If you are willing to help serve food, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **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.
- **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](mailto:admin@newlifeyorkpca.com).

## 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 welcome 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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