



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

Worshiping God

January 24, 2021

Reflection:

As truly God, Christ cannot become any more full; he shares in his Father's immortal, eternal, unchangeable fullness. Yet as truly man, Christ's heart is not drained by our coming to him; his heart is filled up all the more by our coming to him.

- Dane Ortlund

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – From Psalm 31

Love the LORD, all you his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful

but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King

F F
Gm F C F
C F
C⁷ F C⁷

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F
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C F C⁷
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C F C⁷

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

F
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Gm F C⁷ F⁷

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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 – Hosea 11:7-9

Marlene Spark

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

* That is, universal

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – *From Isaiah 53*

*⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!

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 – Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

*“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”*

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Sermon: Jesus our Trailblazer
Series: Jesus Is Better

Pastor Erik Swanson

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.

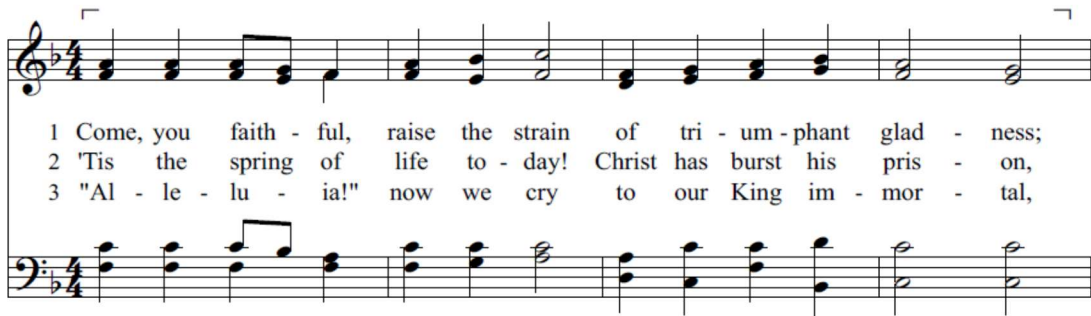
**All: Christ has died.
 Christ has risen.
 Christ will come again.**

Communing Together

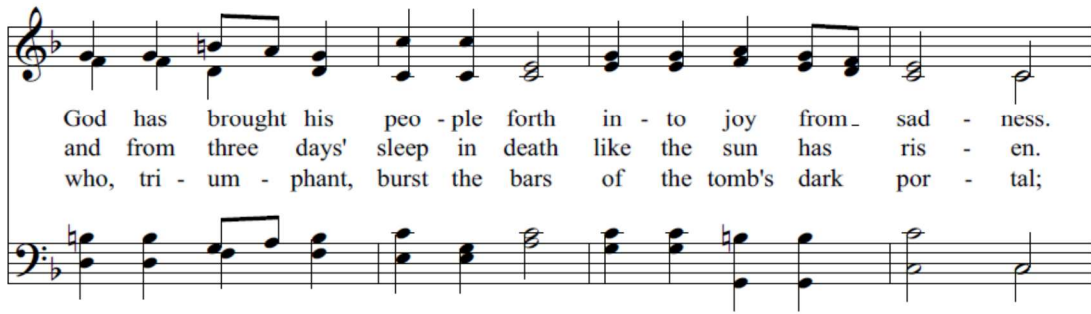
Allowing space for other family units, please come up front to take communion. After you have been served the bread and wine, please partake and dispose of the communion cup prior to returning to your seat. Use the extra time during communion as a time for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

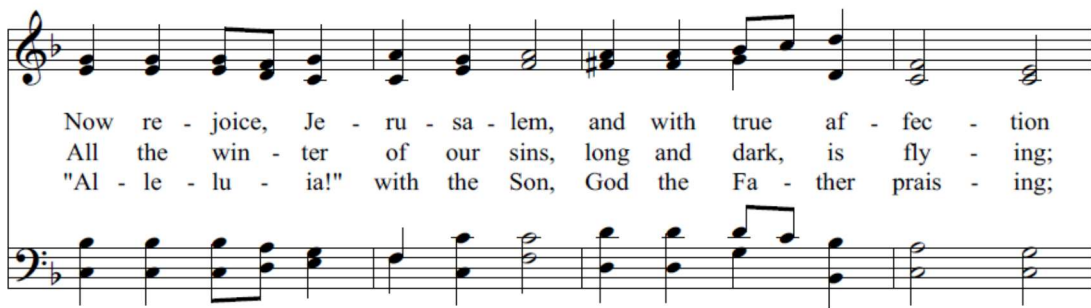
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



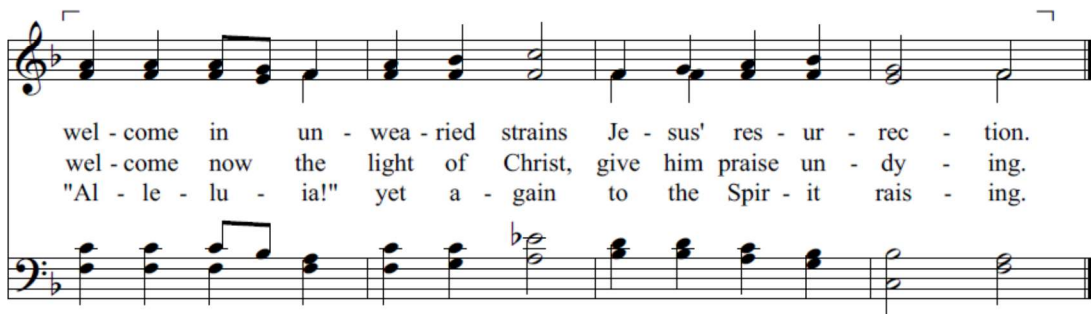
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
2 'Tis the spring of life to - day! Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 "Al - le - lu - ia!" now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his peo - ple forth in - to joy from sad - ness.
and from three days' sleep in death like the sun has ris - en.
who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, and with true af - fec - tion
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing;
"Al - le - lu - ia!" with the Son, God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
wel - come now the light of Christ, give him praise un - dy - ing.
"Al - le - lu - ia!" yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

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, 1/24	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
Tu, 1/26	8:00 PM	VBS Planning Team Meeting	Zoom
W, 1/27	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 1/27	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 1/27	7:00 PM	Missions Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Th, 1/28	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Th, 1/28	7:45 PM	Youth Group Tubing	Heritage Hills
Sun, 1/31	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/31	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/31	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary 2020

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$208,000.00	\$214,739.73

Church Financial Summary 2021

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$12,230.76	\$13,472.00
Last Week		\$2,320.00

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.*
- **Outreach Team Members Requested:** *If you are interested in joining the New Life Outreach Team, please contact Pastor Erik.*
- **Annual Congregational Meeting:** *This will be held in lieu of Sunday School today from 10:00-10:45 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 this 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 this 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=THpZU1BSb2tBTGERVnFIQ3E0V0gwUT09>*
- **Men 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. Appropriate gear is available to borrow. 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.*

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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