



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 31, 2021

Reflection:

"Can we build it? Yes we can!" - Bob the Builder

"On this rock I will build my church." - Jesus

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – From Psalm 145

*Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

*People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can
fathom.*

Minister: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

*People: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.*

Prayer of Praise

10,000 Reasons

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Tag

Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Ending

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name.

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.**

NT Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:14-22

Rev. Erik Swanson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

* That is, universal

Prayer of Confession:

Minister: Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall short of your glory.

*People: **Have mercy and forgive us.***

Minister: Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

*People: **Have mercy and change us.***

Minister: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

*People: **Have mercy and cleanse us.***

Minister: Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

*People: **Have mercy and deliver us.***

Minister: In Christ, we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we are tempted by the false hopes and desires of this world.

*People: **Have mercy and forgive us.***

Minister: Father, through the redeeming death of your son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

*People: **All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Assurance of Grace – Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and
freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all
is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend
me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been
paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the
grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I
am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me
home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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

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!)

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, 1/31	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 1/31	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 1/31	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary
Tu, 2/2	8:00 PM	Short-Term Missions Meeting	Zoom
W, 2/3	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 2/3	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 2/3	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
Th, 2/4	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
2/5 – 2/6	Fri - Sat	Men and Youth Hike	Appalachian Trail
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Church Financial Summary 2021

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$16,307.68	\$16,449.00
Last Week	\$4,076.92	\$2,977.00

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.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Please return your filled baby bottles (change, cash, or check) today.
- **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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