



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

February 14, 2021

Reflection:

Those that are weak in grace... dwell more upon their sins than upon a Savior; more upon their misery than upon free grace and mercy; more upon that which may feed their fears, than upon that which may strengthen their faith; more upon the cross, than upon the crown; more upon those that are against them, than those that are for them..."

-Thomas Brooks

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bud Palmer

Call to Worship – From Psalm 40 and 41

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD;
People: he turned to me, and heard my cry.

Leader: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
People: he set my feet on a rock,
and gave me a firm place to stand.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
People: Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the LORD.

All: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!

Prayer of Praise

Come People Of The Risen King

Words and Music by
Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend

♩ = 112

VERSE

C² F2(no3) C²/E F2(no3) C²/E



1. Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de - light to bring Him
 (2. Come) those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the
 (3. Come) young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the

5 G F2(no3) C² F2(no3) Am⁷ F2(no3)



praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
 night; Come those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
 faith; Come those with full or emp - ty hands— find the rich - es of His

9 C² F2(no3) C²/E F2(no3) C²/E



grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to
 fight. For His per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er
 grace. O - ver all the world, His peo - ple sing— shore to shore we hear them

13 G F2(no3) C² F2(no3) Am⁷ F2(no3)



Him, where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach, to — gath - er chil - dren
 cease, but fol - low us through all our days, with the cer - tain hope of
 call the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age, "Our — God is all in

CHORUS

17 C² G F2(no3)/G G



in. Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -
 peace. all."

21 F^{2(no3)} C^{2/E} G Am⁷ F^{2(no3)} C^{2/E} Dm G^{sus} G

-joice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re -

25 C²

-joice!

2. Come
3. Come

29 CHORUS C² G F^{2(no3)/G} G

joice! Re - joice, re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -

33 F^{2(no3)} C^{2/E} G Am⁷ F^{2(no3)} C^{2/E} Dm G^{sus} G

-joice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ re -

37 C²

-joice!

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Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26

Q. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world.

God is able to do this because he is almighty God, and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

OT Scripture Reading – Psalm 95:6-11

Blaine Marsh

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful Lord, we confess that we have walked by sight and not by faith. We have served in our own strength instead of the strength which You supply; we have relied on our own resources rather than trusting You to provide; we have been consumed by worry, guilt, and restlessness because we seek to control our own lives rather than resting and relying on You for everything that we need for life and godliness. Yet we know that even when we are faithless, You will remain faithful for You cannot deny Yourself. Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, and by the power of Your Spirit work in us true and genuine repentance that gives life to true and genuine faith. Grant us zealous hearts, fervent devotion, and tireless hope in the Gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Grace – Psalm 32:1-2, 5

¹*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

²*Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

⁵*I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;*

*I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings;
You are my everything
And I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King.

Verse 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marvelous mystery.

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 3:7-4:13

⁷Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

*"Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,
⁹where your fathers put me to the test
and saw my works for forty years.
¹⁰Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.'
¹¹As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall not enter my rest.'"*

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

*"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

*“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”*

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

*“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”*

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Sermon: A Strong Warning
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

Amazing Grace— How Sweet the Sound

Chords: G, Em, C, G

1 A - maz - ing that grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D, G, D, G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C, G, Em, G/D, D7, G

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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, 2/14	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 2/14	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 2/14	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary
W, 2/17	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 2/17	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 2/17	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
Th, 2/18	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
F, 2/19	7:00 PM	Youth Group Game Night	New Life
Sun, 2/21	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
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Church Financial Summary from 1/31

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$20,384.60	\$19,815.00
Week of 1/31	\$4,076.92	\$3,366.00

Announcements

- ***Celebrating a New Baby!*** The Sueros welcomed their son, Simon Henry, into the world on 2/2/21. He weighed 8 lbs 10 ozs. Please keep the family in prayer as everyone adjusts to this newest blessing. Christy Borch will be organizing a schedule for those that want to drop off a meal.
- ***Youth Group Game Night:*** Meet at New Life from 7:00-9:00 PM on Friday, February 19th for a game night. Types of games played (indoor or outdoor) will depend upon the weather.
- ***SILVERS:*** We will be enjoying dinner out at Stonybrook Restaurant on Market Street, York on Saturday, February 27th at 5:00 PM. Meet at the restaurant. Please wear something RED of your choice to celebrate Valentine's Day a little late. Seats are reserved under "Brubaker". Any questions please call Mary Brubaker 717-428-6380.
- ***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.
- ***Women's Bible Study:*** This spring we will be reading and studying Dane Ortlund's book, *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*, written "for those who want to know what Christ really thinks and feels when he looks at them; for those who are discouraged, cynical, ready to quit, or fear the Lord may be disappointed in or frustrated with them." Women of the church of all ages, come and see and be delighted. The in-person group will meet Wednesday evenings at the church from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM beginning March 10 and continuing to May 12 for 10 weeks. A "Zoom meeting group" time will also be held with times and dates forthcoming. Books have been ordered and will be available by mid-February at a cost of \$11.50. A sign-up sheet is available at the information table. You may also contact Marlene Spark 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: Beginning Wednesday, March 10 from 7:00-8:30 PM we will be studying the book *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers* in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Marlene Spark for information.

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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