



**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

February 21, 2021

## Reflection:

*As we contemplate life and all its difficulties, and as we are tempted by Satan to feel that all is impossible, and that we cannot go on because we are so weak and the difficulties so baffling, we must remind ourselves of this truth and say: "I am a very small and unimportant member, but I am a member of the body of Christ; I am 'in him,' and therefore, whatever may be true of me personally, the life of the Head is in me... I am in touch with Him, His vital energy is in me." As our eyes are opened to this truth we can take fresh courage, and take up our task again and say: "In Christ I cannot fail, I must not fail, He will not allow me to fail." – DML Jones*

## Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

*Bud Palmer*

### Call to Worship – From Psalm 33

*Leader: Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the people of the world revere him.*

*People: **For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.***

*Leader: The LORD foils the plans of the nations;  
he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.*

*People: **But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,  
the purposes of his heart through all generations.***

*All: **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.***

## Prayer of Praise

# Better Is One Day

## Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

## Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere.  
(Than thousands elsewhere).

## Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek:  
To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells.  
(REPEAT)

## Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You, to You.

## Bridge

Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

**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 62:5-12**

*Connie Kay*

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

***All: Thanks be to God!***

**Prayer of Confession:**

***Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Assurance of Grace – Psalm 32:1-2, 5**

<sup>1</sup>*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.*

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

<sup>5</sup>*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.*

# Lead Me To The Cross

## Verse 1

Saviour I come, quiet my soul,  
Remember redemption's hill,  
Where Your blood was spilled,  
For my ransom.

## Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear,  
I count it all as loss.

## Chorus

Lead me to the cross,  
Where Your love poured out.  
Bring me to my knees,  
Lord, I lay me down.  
Rid me of myself,  
I belong to You.  
Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross

## Verse 2

You were as I, tempted and tried, human.  
The word became flesh,  
Bore my sin in death.  
Now, You're risen.

## Bridge

To Your heart,  
To Your heart,  
Lead me to Your heart.  
Lead me to Your heart.

## Prayers of the People

**Ministry Moment: Joel and Stephanie Swanson**

*Holly Wirt*

### **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 4:14-16**

*<sup>14</sup>Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Sermon: Confidence In Jesus**  
**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**

# Knowing You

## Verse 1

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

## Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord

## Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn;  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

## Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings,  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord;  
So with You to live, and never die.

**Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21**

*<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> 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**

\*All songs are either public domain or licensed under CCLI #2410623.

**This Week at New Life**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun, 2/21	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 2/21	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 2/21	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary
W, 2/24	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
Th, 2/25	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sat, 2/27	7:00 AM	Men’s Group	Fellowship Hall
Sat, 2/27	5:00 PM	SILVERS Dinner	Stonybrook
Sun, 2/28	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 2/28	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 2/28	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary

**Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$28,538.44	\$29,017.00
<b>Week of 2/14</b>	\$4,076.92	\$9,202.00

## Announcements

- **Wednesday AM Bible Study Recess:** On February 24th, the 9:00 AM Bible study will not meet. It will resume the following week.
- **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 to 8:30 PM beginning March 10th and continuing to May 12th for ten weeks. A "Zoom meeting group" will meet Thursday mornings 9:00-10:30 AM beginning March 11th. A sign-up sheet is located at the information table where you can also pick up the book. (Cost is \$11.50). Contact Marlene Spark for more details.
- **Tentative Return to Typical Worship Schedule:** The elders are making tentative plans to return to one worship service on March 21st. Assuming current patterns continue, we will resume a single 10 AM worship service on that day, with Sunday School for all ages starting at 9:00 AM. Confirmation of the plan will be announced in early March.
- **Local Missions Opportunity - June 6-11, 2021:** The local ministry, Servants, has a heart to be an extension of Christ's love to our community and to serve those who have nowhere else to turn with home maintenance and repair. Servants ministry assists with Faith Beyond the Pews Work Camp. FBTP brings multiple groups of volunteers together to serve our neighbors in need. It is actually a local "Mission Trip" where volunteers can do everything as if they traveled to a distant location; however, they can enjoy their own hot shower and sleep in their own beds at night. During the week, breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided to the volunteers who serve. On the last day, June 11 there will be a Friday night celebration dinner where Servants invites their volunteers, their families, and the homeowners to celebrate the week. Adults and youth (14+) may participate. Please contact Sue Grim 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. An on-line Zoom discussion group will meet Thursdays from 9:00-10:30 AM beginning March 11. 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>

New Life Presbyterian Church, (717) 855-2360  
970 Cape Horn Rd., York, PA 17402  
[kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com)