



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 28, 2021

Reflection:

The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.

— Carl F.H. Henry

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.

— John R.W. Stott

We have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

— The Apostle Paul

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bud Palmer

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

*People: **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.***

*Minister: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.***

*All: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.***

Prayer of Praise

Exalt the LORD, His Praise Proclaim

1 Ex - alt the LORD, his praise pro - claim; all
2 I know the LORD is high in state; a -
3 Ex - alt the LORD, his praise pro - claim; all

you his ser - vants, praise his name, who
bove all gods our Lord is great. The
you his ser - vants, praise his name, who

in the LORD's house ev - er stand and
LORD per - forms what he de - crees, in
in the LORD's house ev - er stand and

hum - bly serve at his com - mand. The
heaven and earth, in depths and seas. He
hum - bly serve at his com - mand. For

LORD is good, his praise pro - claim; since
 makes the va - vors to as - cend in
 ev - er praise and bless his name, and

it is pleas - ant, praise his name. His
 clouds from earth's re - mot - est end; the
 in the church his praise pro - claim. In

peo - ple for his own he takes and
 light - nings flash at his com - mand; he
 Zi - on is his dwell - ing place; O

his own spe - cial trea - sure makes.
 holds the temp - est in his hand.
 praise the LORD, show forth his grace.

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 87

Wayne Blanding

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O God our Father, You have given us all that we need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is our life, he is our righteousness, he is our peace, he is our protection, he is our hope, and he is our strength. Our life belongs to Jesus. His blood purchased our salvation. We have peace with you and with other believers because of our Lord. We know our lives are held in His hand. We have confidence for the future because of him. He has given us His Spirit and His Word. We believe this, Father, with gratitude and thanksgiving. And we also confess our lack of faith. We fail at times to live as if these things are true. We believe lies and half-truths rather than clinging wholeheartedly to your promises in Christ. We act sometimes as if our righteousness depends on us, rather than being your gracious gift. We can be quick to take offense at others, rather than living as ambassadors of peace. Rather than live by faith in your word, we often live in fear of the other voices in our lives. At times we forget that salvation is entirely a gift from you. Sometimes we act as if it is our strength, not yours, that matters. We confess this unbelief, and we cast ourselves once again on your mercy. Lord, we believe! Help our unbelief. We ask this as we trust in Jesus' name and as we rely on the strength of the Holy Spirit. 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.*

Glorify Thy Name

Words and Music by
Donna Adkins

B^b E^b/B^b B^b F F²sus F B^b2 B^b



1 Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
2 Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3 Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

5 E^b B^b/F Cm7/G F^{sus} F E^b2/G F/A



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. _____

9 B^b B^b/D E^b D7 C/E D7/F# Gm Gm/F



Glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy name,

13 E^b F7 E^b/G F7 E^b/F F7 B^bsus B^b



glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. _____

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 – Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

Hear The Call Of The Kingdom

Verse 1

Hear the call of the kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Verse 2

Hear the call of the kingdom,
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

Chorus

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Verse 3

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness,
And a hope yet to come:
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

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, 2/28	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
W, 3/3	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 3/3	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	New Life
W, 3/3	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
Th, 3/4	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 3/7	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 3/7	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 3/7	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary
Sun, 3/7	6:00 PM	Women’s Winter Book Club Dinner	Kay Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$32,615.36	\$32,797.00
Week of 2/21	\$4,076.92	\$3,780.00

Announcements

- **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 potluck dinner at 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 7th at the home of Connie Kay. If possible, please email Connie in advance at conversemkay@gmail.com with the dish you will bring.
- **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*. 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.
- **Movie Night:** SILVERS will be hosting the movie *GREATER* for the New Life Church family in the fellowship hall on Saturday March 13th at 7:00 PM. It is a true story of Arkansas Razorbacks walk-on offensive lineman Branden Burlsworth (Christopher Severino). Devoutly Christian and ridiculed for his portly appearance, Burlsworth defies the odds to make the Razorbacks squad in 1994, ultimately becoming the most respected player in the history of the program. Snacks will be served. Please sign up at the information table in the lobby. Any questions call Mary Brubaker at 717-428-6380.
- **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 11th 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.

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