



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

March 14, 2021

Reflection:

The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of. Our attention would have been on God.” – C.S Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bud Palmer

Call to Worship – from Psalm 118

Leader: We will give you thanks, for you have answered us.

*People: **You have become our salvation.***

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the foundation.

*People: **The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

Leader: O LORD save us! O LORD grant us success!

*People: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.***

Leader: The LORD is God. He has made his light shine upon us.

*People: **Give thanks to the LORD. His love endures forever.***

Prayer of Praise

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 100:1

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with -
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with fear, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Confession of Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OT Scripture Reading – *Isaiah 55*

Sherry Rischel

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

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Prayer of Confession:

Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being so that we walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – *Hebrews 9:27-28*

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us,
Humbled to a sinner's cross.
You broke my shame and sinfulness;
You rose again victorious.

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny,
Through the storm and through the fire,
There is truth that sets me free:
Jesus Christ who lives in me.

Chorus

You are stronger;
You are stronger.
Sin is broken;
You have saved me.
It is written,
Christ is risen.
Jesus, You are Lord of all.

Verse 3

No beginning and no end,
You're my hope and my defence.
You came to seek and save the lost;
You paid it all upon the cross.

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher,
Be lifted higher.
(REPEAT 4X)

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 5:11-6:3

¹¹About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

¹Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ²and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³And this we will do if God permits.

Sermon: Are You Listening?

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Jesus Is Better

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

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:28

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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, 3/14	9:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Required)	Sanctuary
Sun, 3/14	10:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 3/14	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Masks Requested)	Sanctuary
W, 3/17	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
W, 3/17	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 3/17	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 3/17	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Th, 3/18	9:00 AM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th, 3/18	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 3/21	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 3/21	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$40,769.20	\$42,817.00
Week of 3/7	\$4,076.92	\$5,812.00

Announcements

- **Men's and Women's Fellowship Events:** We seek to plan a quarterly fellowship event for men and for women. If you have ideas of activities to do, please contact Rob Rothermel/Iren Snavelly or Holly Wirt/Kathleen Donovan-Snavelly.
- **Return to Typical Worship Schedule:** We will resume a single 10:00 AM worship service beginning March 21st with Sunday School for all ages starting at 9:00 AM.
- **Community Group Canceled 3/21:** There will be no community group on March 21st.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Children 10 and younger are invited to join in an egg hunt on Saturday April 3rd at 10:30. Please invite your community. To help, please see the sign-up sheet on the information table.
- **Easter at New Life:**
 - March 28: Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM*
 - April 2: Good Friday Service at 6:30 PM*
 - April 4: Sunrise Service outdoors at 6:30 AM*
 - April 4: Easter Worship at 10:00 AM*
- **Share Your Faith Workshop:** Harvest Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Share Your Faith Workshop, a ministry of Evangelism Explosion, on Saturday April 17th from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. The workshop helps to equip the body of Christ in sharing our faith in the Lord. Pre-registering is necessary since seating is limited and materials will also need to be ordered. The cost is \$20, which includes the materials, lunch, and snacks. You can register online at evangelismexplosion.org or by contacting the Harvest Church office at 717-464-8755.
- **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 Wednesday at 7:00 AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Contact Rob Rothermel.

Women's Bible Study: We are studying the book *Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*. The in-person group meets Wednesday at the church from 7:00-8:30 PM. A Zoom group meets Thursdays 9:00-10:30 AM. Contact Marlene Spark for more details.

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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