



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. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

March 21, 2021

Reflection:

*O Lord of love and Lord of pain,
Who, by the bitter Cross,
Dost teach us how to measure gain,
And how to measure loss –
Whom, seeing not, our hearts adore,
We bring our love to Thee;
And where Thou art, Lord, evermore
Would we Thy servants be.*

- Amy Carmichael

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Bud Palmer

Call to Worship – from Psalm 33

*Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous.
People: It is fitting for the upright to praise him.*

*Leader: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made.
People: The stars were made by the breath of his mouth.*

*Leader: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars.
People: He puts the deep into storehouses.*

*Leader: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD.
People: Even as we put our hope in you.*

Prayer of Praise

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some-times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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 40:12-31*

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God,

You have called us by your name and you have placed your love on us. We have sinned against you. We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive, we pray, for Jesus's sake. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to follow you this week. In Jesus' 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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace - how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone; I've been set free.
My God my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine,
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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 – John 5:1-18

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaica called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not lawful for you to take up your bed.” ¹¹But he answered them, “The man who healed me, that man said to me, ‘Take up your bed, and walk.’” ¹²They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk’?” ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. ¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.” ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. ¹⁶And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because he was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

¹⁸This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

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

Mighty To Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations.

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King,
Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

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, 3/21	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 3/21	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W, 3/24	7:00 AM	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 3/24	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 3/24	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 3/24	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Th, 3/25	9:00 AM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th, 3/25	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 3/28	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 3/28	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$44,846.12	\$46,566.00
Week of 3/14	\$4,076.92	\$3,749.00

Announcements

- **Music Director Email:** Jenn Ryan's music director email is jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- **Parenting Seminar and Kids' Honor Club:** "Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining, and Bad Attitudes... In You and Your Kids." This is the theme of the parenting seminar and kids' honor club. We will meet every Wednesday in April and May, from 5:30-7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30, with classes starting at 6:00. A nursery is offered for ages 0-4, and a Kids' Honor Club is offered for ages 5-10. Please attend, and please invite your neighbors and community.
- **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-Snavely.
- **Community Group Canceled Tonight:** There will be no community group tonight.
- **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 on Saturday April 17th from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. Pre-registering is necessary. 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.
- **A HOT EVENT!! SILVERS!** The Chili Cook-Off on Sunday April 18th will make your taste buds dance. Make a batch of your favorite chili recipe and compete for the Chili Cook-Off Champ. Don't cook? Come for a taste and help to judge the pots of this popular, spicy concoction and all the fixin's. **Sign up now!** Questions? Call Sue Ann Randall at 717-818-0836.
- **Local Missions Opportunity - June 6-11, 2021:** The local *Servants* ministry assists with Faith Beyond the Pews Work Camp, bringing multiple groups of volunteers together to serve our neighbors who have nowhere else to turn for home maintenance and repair. 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 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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