



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 28, 2021

Reflection:

Look up, stand, and watch. Keep your eyes open, waiting for the approaching deliverance. Lift up your heads—you army of men and women, bowed down with sorrow, demoralized, without hope, you defeated army of drooping heads. The battle is not yet lost. Lift up your heads. Yours is the victory. Take courage. Have no fear, no anxiety, no sorrow. Courage! Make the victory sure. Be strong, be able. Here there is no reason to droop your head, no more doubts, no uncertainty of the way. Freedom, salvation, and deliverance come. Look up; raise your heads. Be fearless and strong! Because Christ comes. - D. Bonhoeffer

Introit

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the following notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: King of kings and Lord of _lords, _ glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah. King of kings and Lord of _lords, _

The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the following notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Je - sus, Prince of Peace, _ glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked with a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the following notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: Je - sus, Prince of Peace, ___ glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.

Chords indicated above the staff: I* Em B7 Em (Staff 1); B7 Em II B7 Em (Staff 2); B7 Em (Staff 3).

Call to Worship – from Psalm 118

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer of Praise

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising;
Eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring;
Hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You.

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day.
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away,
(Washed away).

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You;
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new;
You make us new.

Ending

Hosanna, hosanna

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.

Scripture Reading – Mark 11:1-11

Joy Swanson

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Holy Lord, we are guilty—of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, of neglect to seek you in our daily lives.

All: Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate.

Leader: Lord, subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but have you rule over us in liberty and power.

All: We praise and thank you for your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you. 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.

Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here I find my rest;
And without You I fall apart;
You're the one that guides my heart.

Chorus 1

Lord, I need You, oh I need You;
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are;
And where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free;
Holiness is Christ in me.

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way,
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You;
Jesus You're my hope and stay.

Chorus 2

Lord, I need You, oh I need You;
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need You.

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 – Psalm 24

¹*The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
²for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.*

³*Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?*

⁴*He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.*

⁵*He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

⁶*Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah*

⁷*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

⁸*Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!*

⁹*Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

¹⁰*Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! Selah*

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

Ancient Of Days

Verse

Blessing and honor, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days.
From ev'ry nation, all of creation,
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory;
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship.
You will be exalted, O God,
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth.
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

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, 3/28	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 3/28	10:00 AM	Palm Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
W, 3/31	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
W, 3/31	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 3/31	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 3/31	7:00 PM	Women’s Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Th, 4/1	9:00 AM	Women’s Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th, 4/1	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
F, 4/2	6:30 PM	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sat, 4/3	10:30 AM	Easter Egg Hunt	New Life Lawn
Sun, 4/4	6:30 AM	Outdoors Sunrise Service	New Life Lawn
Sun, 4/4	10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$48,923.04	\$50,511.00
Week of 3/21	\$4,076.92	\$3,945.00

Announcements

- **Ultimate Frisbee! Third at Three!** The whole New Life community is invited to come out to York Township Park every 3rd Sunday at 3:00 PM for a game of Ultimate Frisbee.
- **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.
- **Music Director Email:** Jenn Ryan's music director email is jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Children 10 and younger are invited to join in an egg hunt on Saturday April 3 at 10:30. Please invite your community. To help, please see the sign-up sheet on the information table.
- **No Sunday School on Easter:** All Sunday School classes are canceled on Easter Sunday.
- **Easter at New Life:** Good Friday Service on April 2 at 6:30 PM; Sunrise Service outdoors on April 4 at 6:30 AM; and Easter Worship on April 4 at 10:00 AM.
- **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.
- **Prayer for the Muslim World:** Please join the congregation in prayer for the Muslim world during Ramadan, the month-long time of fasting for Islam, April 12 to May 12, 2021. To guide your prayers, two resources are available. First, The Mission Committee is providing booklets from Worldchristian.com, which will be available on the information table. There are Adult and Child versions. Please pick one up. Also, if you prefer an on-line resource, please go to prayercast.com/love-muslims-landing.html and sign up for their prayer guide. You will receive a daily video which includes testimonies and information on various Muslim communities. Both resources are an excellent source of information and guidance for prayer; each covers different topics daily. Two of our supported missionaries serve with Muslims directly, and two more indirectly. More Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus at this time than in any other time in the 14 centuries since Islam existed. Please pray!

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- **Share Your Faith Workshop:** Harvest Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Share Your Faith Workshop, a ministry of Evangelism Explosion, on Saturday April 17 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.
- **A HOT EVENT!! SILVERS!** The Chili Cook-Off on Sunday April 18 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 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 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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