



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 7, 2021

Reflection:

Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. – Hebrews 5:8

One special kind of obedience is intended here, namely a submission to great, hard, and terrible things, accompanied by patience and quiet endurance, and faith for deliverance from them. This Christ could not have experience of, except by suffering the things he had to pass through, exercising God's grace in them all. – John Owen

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Chris Wirt

Call to Worship – Psalm 116:1-2

*I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

Prayer of Praise

Days Of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days
Of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days
Of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Chorus

Behold He comes,
Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call;
Lift your voice,
It's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes.

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days
Of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world;
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah. (Hey!)

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 – *Psalms 40:4-11*

Blaine Marsh

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

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

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues—

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, coldness, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Leader: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes—

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination; for pining after more beauty, comfort, status, and wealth than you have given us.

Leader: Forgive us the sins of our hearts—

All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, self-pity; and above all for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love.

Now, Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride, melt our hearts. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, to be transformed into your likeness, to live wholly for your glory. Take away our mourning and give us music; remove our sackcloth and give us your beauty. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

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 5:1-10

¹For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;*

⁶as he says also in another place,

*“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Sermon: Jesus' Great Sympathy

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

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ... to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Rev. 1:5, 6

1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
 2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
 3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta - tion threat - en hard to bear us down!
 4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
 5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;

He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
 called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:
 when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:

he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"

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, 3/7	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
W, 3/10	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 3/10	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 3/10	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Th, 3/11	9:00 AM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th, 3/11	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sat, 3/13	7:00 AM	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
Sat, 3/13	7:00 PM	Movie Night: <i>Greater</i>	Fellowship Hall
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$36,692.28	\$37,005.00
Week of 2/28	\$4,076.92	\$4,208.00

Announcements

- **Women's Winter Book Club:** We have independently been 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 TONIGHT 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.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Children 10 and younger are invited to join in an egg hunt on Saturday April 4th at 10:30. Please invite your community. To help, please see the sign-up sheet on the information table.
- **Local Missions Opportunity - June 6-11, 2021:** The local Servants ministry assists with home maintenance and repair by partnering 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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