



**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

April 11, 2021

## Reflection:

*"We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to attend. In fact, to come awake. Still more, to remain awake." - C.S. Lewis*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 34

*Wayne Blanding*

*Leader:* I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.  
*People:* **My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

*Leader:* Glorify the LORD with me;  
*People:* **let us exalt his name together.**

*Leader:* *I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.*  
*People:* **Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

*All:* **Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together!**

## Prayer of Praise

G D A<sup>7</sup> D A G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
 Prone to wan - der— Lord, I feel it— prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A G D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**Confession of Faith – 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

**For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**Scripture Reading – John 10:22-30**

*Connie Kay*

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

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

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Loving Father,**

**Your word assures us of your love and your care. Yet we confess our anxiety and our fear. You tell us not to fret; we admit that we are often filled with fear. You remind us that you are able to save; we acknowledge that we at times act as if we must save ourselves. You tell us that although we face difficulty we will not be undone. We concede that we sometimes feel undone in the face of trials. Forgive us, we pray! Thank you for your promise that you will not forsake your people! Thank you for sending the Lord Jesus! Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Help us, by your power, to turn from evil and do what is good in your sight. Thank you that you promise a future for all who trust in you. In Jesus's name, Amen!**

**Assurance of Grace – 1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

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VERSE

C F C/G

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we  
 3. His Word shall not fail YOU - He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

6 G7 C C D7/A G/B

dark - ness you see? \_\_\_\_\_ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and  
 fol - low Him there; \_\_\_\_\_ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion - for  
 all will be well: \_\_\_\_\_ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

CHORUS

13 C G/D D7 G Am7 G7/B C G G#7 Am

life more a - bun - dant and free! \_\_\_\_\_ Turn your eyes up - on Je -  
 more - than con - q'rors we are! \_\_\_\_\_  
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! \_\_\_\_\_

20 C7/G F F#° Gsus G C G7/D

-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; \_\_\_\_\_ And the things of

26 C/E G7 Am C7/G F Fm/Ab C/G G7 C

earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Stories of New Life*

*Jerry and Susette Grim*

### 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 6:4-12**

<sup>4</sup>For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup>and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt. <sup>7</sup>For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it, and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated, receives a blessing from God. <sup>8</sup>But if it bears thorns and thistles, it is worthless and near to being cursed, and its end is to be burned.

<sup>9</sup>Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things - things that belong to salvation. <sup>10</sup>For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. <sup>11</sup>And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup>so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



**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**

# He Will Hold Me Fast

## Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.

## Chorus

He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast,  
For my Savior loves me so.  
He will hold me fast.

## Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight;  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

## Verse 3

For my life He bled and died;  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last.

**Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21**

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, 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun, 4/11	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 4/11	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun, 4/11	11:30 AM	Upcoming Men's Events Meeting	Fishbowl Room
W, 4/14	7:00 AM	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 4/14	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 4/14	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 4/14	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
W, 4/14	5:30 PM	Parenting Seminar / Kids' Honor Club	New Life
W, 4/14	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Th, 4/15	9:00 AM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th, 4/15	6:55 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 4/18	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 4/18	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun, 4/18	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Twp Park
Sun, 4/18	5:00 PM	SILVERS: Chili Cook-Off	Fellowship Hall

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$57,076.88	\$60,339.80
<b>Week of 4/4</b>	\$4,076.92	\$7,594.00

## Announcements

- **New Members Class:** If anyone is interested in a new members class, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **Upcoming Men's Events:** Join us after church today at 11:30AM to hear what's coming up in 2021.
- **Ultimate Frisbee! Third at Three!** The whole New Life community is invited to come out to York Township Park every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 PM for a game of Ultimate Frisbee.
- **A HOT EVENT!! SILVERS!** The Chili Cook-Off today at 5:00PM 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.
- **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](http://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](http://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!
- **Local Missions Meeting:** Anyone interested in the Servants (Faith Beyond the Pews Work Camp) local missions trip this year is invited to attend a meeting in the sanctuary after church on April 25.
- **Free Family-Friendly Movie Night:** We'll be showing *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World* for New Life and our community at large on Friday April 30 at 7:30PM! Snacks and drinks provided.

## 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.

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