

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 fully staffed nursery, located off of the fellowship hall, for ages 0-3.

Worshiping God

April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

Reflection

Jesus was the only One that ever raised the dead and He shouldn't have done it. He thrown everything off balance. If He did what he said, then it's nothing for you to do but throw away everything and follow Him, and if He didn't, then it's nothing for you to do but enjoy the few minutes you got left the best way you can.

— Flannery O'Connor

Those who celebrate the mighty resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, have an awesome responsibility. When we say, "Alleluia! Christ is risen," we are saying that Jesus is Lord of the world, and that the present would-be lords of the world are not. When we sing, in the old hymn, that "Judah's Lion burst his chains, and crushed the serpent's head," are we ready to put that victory into practice? ...Are we ready to speak up for the truth of the gospel over the dinner table, and in the coffee bar, and in the council chamber? Let's make no bones about it: if Easter isn't good news, then there is no good news. But if it is—if it is true that Jesus Christ is risen indeed—then Easter day, and the Easter message, is the true sun which, when it rises, puts all others suns to shame. — N.T. Wright

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Erik Swanson

Call to Worship—*from Colossians 1*

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: **For all things were created by him and for him.**

Leader: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: **And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning and firstborn from among the dead.**

Leader: Christ has supremacy in all things, for God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.

People: **Through Christ, God has reconciled all things to himself.**

Leader: Things on earth or things in heaven, visible and invisible; whether thrones or rulers or powers or authorities.

People: **He has reconciled them to himself, making peace through his blood shed on the cross.**

Prayer of Praise

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1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

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sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet,
My Savior on that cursed tree.

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb,
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God;
O praise His Name forevermore!
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God!

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King!

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night,
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

Confession of Faith—1 Corinthians 15:3-4

All: 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.

New Testament Gospel Reading - John 20:1-18

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

All: Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. In various ways we give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by holiness and love. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us up to a deeper experience of the Lordship of Christ. In your great power, show forth your glory in every area of our lives that we may be worthy of our calling to be your royal Sons and Daughters. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen!

Assurance of Grace - 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

Leader: 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.

Christ Is Risen

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame,
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us.
Freely You've bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death.
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead;
We are one with Him again.
Come awake, come awake,
Come and rise up from the grave.

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign;
Forever let Your church proclaim:

Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
The glory of God has defeated the night.
Singing O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
Our God is not dead; He's alive, He's
alive!

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 – Acts 2:22-41

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received

from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Sermon: God Has Made Jesus Both Lord and Christ

Rev. Erik Swanson

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

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lo - ving - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bo - dy lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: 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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun, 4/4	6:30 AM	Sunrise Service	New Life Lawn
Sun, 4/4	10:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
W, 4/7	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W, 4/7	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W, 4/7	5:30 PM	Parenting Seminar/Kids Honor Club	New Life
W, 4/7	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Th, 4/8	9:00 AM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th, 4/8	6:55 AM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
Sun, 4/11	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun, 4/11	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun, 4/11	11:30 AM	Men's Events Meeting	New Life

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$52,999.96	\$52,745.80
Week of 3/28	\$4,076.92	\$2,234.80

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 on April 11 at 11:30AM to hear what's coming up in 2021.
- **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.
- **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.

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- **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!
- **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 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.
- **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.

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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