



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.

Worshipping God

May 16, 2021

Reflection:

"We might say that as High Priest he does what the Old Covenant could not do by cleansing the heart from sin. As Mediator he undoes what the Old did, by removing the condemnation pronounced on the sinner." - Cockerill

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Joe Heidler

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Prayer of Praise

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Ending

Worship Your holy name,
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of
 2. For my par - don this I see: noth - ing but the blood of
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of
 4. This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of

Je - sus. What can make me whole a - gain?
 Je - sus. For my clean - sing this my plea:
 Je - sus. Naught of good that I have done:
 Je - sus. This is all my right - eous - ness:

Refrain

Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. O pre - cious
 noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

is the flow that makes me white as snow;— no o - ther

fount I know; noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Confession of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer #1

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 51

Wayne Blanding

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

**Gracious God,
You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Lord! We belong to you! Yet we confess that we are quick to forget your work of redemption. We are slow in remembering what you have done. When we forget, we go our own way. We live in fear and pride rather than living in trust and humility. In failing to remember, we both sin against you and we harm others. Have mercy, we pray! We call to mind your mighty deeds of redemption! We remember our Lord's life, his sacrificial death, and his glorious resurrection! We remember that you have given your Spirit. Help us, we pray, to remember daily what you have done, so that we might walk in the freedom which you have purchased for us. This we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen!**

Assurance of Grace – Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Andy and Becky Lomax*

Marlene Spark

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 in the 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 9:15-28

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so 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.

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

G D G A D/F#

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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 5/16	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun 5/16	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 5/16	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Township Park
Tues 5/18	8:00 PM	Hospitality Meeting	Zoom
W 5/19	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W 5/19	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 5/19	5:30 PM	Parenting Seminar / Kids’ Honor Club	New Life
W 5/19	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat 5/22	9:00 AM	Women’s Retreat	Trinity PCA
Sat 5/22	9:00 AM	Men’s Bike Ride	Brillhart Station
Sat 5/22	9:30 AM	SILVERS: Elva Hurst Chalk Drawing	Carpool from church
Sun 5/23	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun 5/23	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$77,461.48	\$84,209.80
Week of 5/9	\$4,076.92	\$5,502.00

Announcements

- **Officer Nominations:** The session is opening officer nominations from May 23 - June 27. Although elder candidates are the greater need, nominations may be made for elder or deacon. More information on the process is available at the information table. After nominations, there will be training, examination by the session, and a called congregational meeting near the end of the year for the purpose of voting.
- **Palmer's new address!** 142 Williams Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
- **Transportation help:** Interested in great conversation during a short car ride to church? Ron Shank needs a ride to Sunday School and church. There are a variety of possibilities for how you could help. Interested drivers may call the Donovan/Snavelys at 717-580-6135 or 717-645- 8565 or e-mail at kthln.donovan@gmail.com or ilsnavely@gmail.com .
- **Women's Book Club:** Reading *A Change of Affection* by Beckett Cook. See Connie Kay for details or for help ordering a book (\$14.50). Dinner/discussion is TBD in August.
- **Sunday Morning Greeter Ministry:** Help requested. Contact Pastor Erik if interested.
- **Cleaning Team Help Needed:** Contact Steve Harman.
- **Hospitality Meeting:** If you are interested in serving the snack after worship, please attend the Zoom meeting on Tuesday May 18 at 8:00 PM.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84819273742?pwd=bEhEUncyN2UyeGNEdlJGMVBpczY5QT09>
- **Upcoming Men's Events: Men's Bike Ride:** Meet at 9:00 AM at Brillhart Station on Saturday May 22. Contact Rob Rothermel for more details. **Men's Boating Trip:** Meet at the Lake Marburg main boat launch at Codorus State park at 10:30 AM on Saturday June 5. A handful of boats will be available for those who want them. Please bring your own lunch, water, and sunscreen.
- **CEF 5 Day Club:** Mark your calendars for August 2-6, 9:30-11:30 AM, for a Children's Evangelism Fellowship 5 Day Club at New Life. Help is needed for the second hour, as we provide crafts, snack, and activities.
- **Bible Study Fellowship:** Beginning again in September and studying Matthew. Sign up online at bsfinternational.org. See Joe Heidler with questions.
- **2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip:** A group from New Life will be going camping at Codorus state park from Thursday September 9 through Sunday September 12. Come when you can; leave when you need to. A group of people has already booked sites: if you want to book electric sites, book as close as possible to sites 87, 89, 90, 91, and 94; if you want book non-electric, book as close as possible to 140-142 or 84-86. All of New Life is invited for a 6:00 PM potluck dinner on Saturday September 11.

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 Moms' Group: This group gathers to study Larry Crabb's book, *Connecting*. We sense our need for connection more than ever during this COVID time. Come learn God's vision for the people in His body to connect to Him and one another. Classes for children as well. Contact Joy Swanson.

Men's Group: Men meet 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.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for more information.

Prayer Small Group: This group meets at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 9:00 AM. Contact Sue Rothermel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Beginning again in September and studying Matthew. Sign up online at bsfinternational.org. See Joe Heidler with questions.

Discipleship Groups: 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 microcosms of the church are intergenerational gatherings of men, women, and children. Whatever age or stage of life you find yourself in, you are welcome in a community group. Come to the Swanson's home to enjoy food, fellowship, a discussion of the Scriptures, and prayer. This group meets on the first and third Sundays 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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