



**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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

# Worshiping God

May 30, 2021

## Reflection:

*"It is easy to sing when we can read the notes by daylight; but he is the skillful singer who can sing when there is not a ray of light by which to read,— who sings from his heart, and not from a book that he can see, because he has no means of reading, save from that inward book of his own living spirit, whence notes of gratitude pour forth in songs of praise." - Spurgeon*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 73

*Joe Heidler*

*Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.  
My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.  
For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;  
you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.  
But for me it is good to be near God;  
I have made the Lord God my refuge,  
that I may tell of all your works.*

## Prayer of Praise

## **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart;  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God;  
Come.

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God,  
One day every knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now!

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,  
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

**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 40**

*Joy Swanson*

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

*All:* Thanks be to God!

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord God Almighty,**

**Your word is truth: you are utterly faithful to your word. Who is a God like you? What other person is like you, one in whom there is no gap between word and deed! You are truly set apart from all others!**

**As we come into your presence, we are undone. We have unclean lips, and we live among a people of unclean lips. The sins of our tongues are many: we have spoken when we ought to have listened. We have spoken rashly and carelessly. We have spoken words of anger, which we cannot take back. We have failed to allow all of our words to be spoken in love. At times we have gossiped, slandered, and spoken lies. We have made cutting remarks, marring others who have been made in your image and likeness. We have spoken our mind, when it was none of our business to speak. These and countless other evils have flowed from our lips. Our words have caused untold harm, and before you all is known! Have mercy, we pray! It is not within our power to undo what we have spoken; we ask that you would take away all iniquity!**

**Thank you for sending Jesus Christ our Lord, the Living Word. Thank you that His Word is true. Thank you that He speaks “peace” to all who confess their sins and trust in Him. It is in His name that we come. Please enable us, by the power of your Spirit, to tame our tongues: to be slow to speak and always to speak in love. 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.

VERSE

G C G/D D G C G

1. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious \_ Lord; No  
 2. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, stay Thou \_\_\_ near \_\_\_ by; Temp -  
 3. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ pain; Come  
 4. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly \_\_\_ One; O

CHORUS

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

ten - der voice like Thine can peace \_\_\_ af - ford. I need Thee, O I  
 -ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou \_\_\_ art \_\_\_ nigh.  
 quick - ly and a - bide or life \_\_\_ is \_\_\_ vain.  
 make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed \_\_\_ Son!

10 G/D D D<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>/G G G/B

need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee; O

13 C G G/B C<sup>6</sup> G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come \_\_\_ to Thee!

## 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 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 10:1-18*

<sup>1</sup>For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. <sup>2</sup>Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? <sup>3</sup>But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. <sup>4</sup>For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body have you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,  
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.



<sup>10</sup>And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

<sup>11</sup>And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

<sup>15</sup>And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, declares the Lord:  
I will put my laws on their hearts,  
and write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

**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**

# Stronger

## Verse 1

There is Love that came for us,  
Humbled to a sinner's cross.  
You broke my shame and sinfulness,  
You rose again victorious.

## Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny,  
Through the storm and through the fire,  
There is truth that sets me free,  
Jesus Christ who lives in me.

## Chorus

You are stronger,  
You are stronger,  
Sin is broken,  
You have saved me.  
It is written  
Christ is risen,  
Jesus, You are Lord of all.

## Verse 3

No beginning and no end,  
You're my hope and my defense,  
You came to seek and save the lost,  
You paid it all upon the cross.

## Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher,  
Be lifted higher,  
Be lifted higher.  
(REPEAT 4X)

**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun 5/30	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 5/30	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 6/2	9:00 AM	Mom’s Group	Fellowship Hall
W 6/2	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 6/2	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat 6/5	10:30 AM	Men’s Boating Trip	Codorus State Park
Sun 6/6	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 6/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

**Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$85,615.32	\$91,401.80
<b>Week of 5/23</b>	\$4,076.92	\$4,164.00

## Announcements

- **Adult Ed Summer Class:** During the Sunday School hour, the adults will look at the topic of evangelism this summer.
- **Officer Nominations:** Elder and deacon nominations are open through June 27. 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.
- **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.
- **Upcoming Men's Event: 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.
- **Church-Wide Picnic:** Second Sunday lunches will resume the second Sunday of June (June 13). Assuming the weather is nice, we will have our potluck outdoors on that day.
- **SILVERS!** Come join the fun on Saturday June 19 at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord. Enjoy the scrumptious food from the smorgasbord or the menu, then browse through the gift shop. Follow the Covid-19 guidelines. Please sign up at the information table by Sunday June 13. We will car pool from New Life at 3:00 PM. If you have any questions contact Mary at 717-428-6380.
- **Hospitality Ministry Update:** Starting June 20, we will resume our normal practice of hospitality after worship. Please expect to find a variety of kinds of snacks being served, as a reflection of the good diversity of the hospitality team. If you are willing to join the hospitality team, see Sandy Leader or Suzanne Harman.
- **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](https://bsfinternational.org). See Joe Heidler with questions.
- **2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip:** Codorus State Park from Thursday September 9 through Sunday September 12. Come when you can; leave when you need to. Book ASAP. (See New Life News or the *Upcoming Events* tab of the website for booking details.) 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](https://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.

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