



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

June 20, 2021

Reflection:

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

– Romans 1:16-17

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 22

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the LORD, praise him!

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.
So 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!)

Open Up the Heavens

Verse 1

We've waited for this day;
We're gathered in Your Name,
Calling out to You.
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
Will burn our hearts with truth.

Pre-Chorus

You're the reason we're here;
You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus

Open up the heavens- we want to see You;
Open up the floodgates- a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart,
Filling every part of our praise.

Interlude

Oo oo oo oo oo

Verse 2

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
We're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now;
Lord, unveil our eyes.

Bridge

Show us, show us Your glory;
Show us, show us Your power;
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.

Ending

Oo oo oo oo

Confession of Faith – 2 Timothy 2:11-13

The saying is trustworthy, for:

**If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—**

for he cannot deny himself.

Scripture Reading – Genesis 15:1-6

Kathleen Donovan-Snavely

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: we confess that we have not fully lived as those who are one with you. We have been more caught up in the world's allure than in the majesty of your glory; we have not made the truth of the gospel the center of our attention and hope; we have failed to make your concerns our own. Forgive us, and fill us with love and awe for your holy name, that we might show forth your great glory, O Lord; for you are three persons in one God, world without end. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me;
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You;
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing,
Nothing is better than You.

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness,
My failures and flaws,
Lord, You've seen them all
And You still call me friend;
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing;
You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory;
You're the only one who can.

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens;
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways;
You're the only one who can.

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 11:1-16*

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as

good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Sermon: The Hall of Faith
Series: Jesus Is Better

Pastor 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

By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness-
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand-
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail.
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.

Benediction – *Philippians 4:23*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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 6/20 | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| Sun 6/20 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| W 6/23 | 7:00 AM | Men's Group | Fellowship Hall |
| W 6/23 | 9:00 AM | Mom's Group | See Announcements |
| W 6/23 | 9:00 AM | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Sanctuary |
| W 6/23 | 7:00 PM | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Sun 6/27 | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School | Sanctuary |
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Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year to Date Offering | \$97,846.08 | \$103,711.80 |
| Week of 6/13 | \$4,076.92 | \$5,689.00 |

Announcements

- **Mom's Group** is meeting at a pool this summer. Bring your snack or lunch and join us at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings for fun in the pool and prayer time together. Contact Joy Swanson 717-501-6083 for location and more information.
- **Adult Ed Summer Class:** During Sunday School hour this summer, the adults are looking at the topic of evangelism.
- **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.
- **Hospitality Ministry Update:** Starting June 20 (today!), 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. 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 Class for adults at 10:00 AM. (Children and youth on break for the summer.)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning Moms' Group: We are meeting at a pool this summer. Bring your snack or lunch and join us at 10:30 on Wednesday mornings for fun in the pool and prayer time together. Contact Joy Swanson 717-501-6083 for location and more information.

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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