



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 27, 2021

Reflection:

"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..." - Peter

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – from Psalm 92

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High.

People: **To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.**

Leader: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

People: **How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

Leader: *You, O LORD, are exalted forever.*

People: **The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.**

Prayer of Praise

God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth, and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle;
Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).
You are holy.

Chorus 2

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me;
Father, hold me, hold me.
The universe declares Your majesty;
You are holy, holy, holy, holy.

Chorus 3

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me;
Father, hold me, hold me.

Ending

Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth).

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Chorus

O praise Him, O praise Him;
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him; alleluia.
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice,

Verse 3

Thou flowing water pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear;
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light,

Verse 4

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others, take your part;
O sing ye: *alleluia.*
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care.

Verse 5

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him, alleluia.
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit - Three in One.

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 – Psalm 66

Wayne Blanding

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings.
You are my everything
And I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King.

Verse 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus Your name is power, breath, and living water -
Such a marvelous mystery.

Prayers of the People

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. We will resume passing the plates in July. Until then, tithes may be placed in the donation box in the back of the sanctuary.

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 14:8-23

⁸Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, ¹⁰said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵"Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

¹⁹But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²²strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

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

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations.

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains;
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures;
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in;
Now I surrender.

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see;
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King,
Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see;
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

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 6/27	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 6/27	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 6/30	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	New Life
W 6/30	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	See Announcements
W 6/30	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 6/30	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun 7/4	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 7/4	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$101,923.00	\$105,296.80
Week of 6/20	\$4,076.92	\$1,585.00

Announcements

- **Men's Breakfast** will still meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, but will now begin at 8:00AM and will study the life of David.
- **SILVERS!** Join us on Saturday July 17 at 11:00 AM for a fun 25-minute tour of the Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery in the quaint and beautiful little town of Lititz, PA. Adult cost is \$3.75. You will learn how to shape a pretzel, learn some history of the bakery, and tour the oven rooms, etc. Afterward we will enjoy lunch at Knight and Day Diner outside of Lititz. Please sign up at the information table in the hall. We will car pool from New Life at 9:45 AM. Those driving separate please inform Mary. Any questions call or ask Mary Brubaker 717-428-6380.
- **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 congregational meeting near the end of the year for the purpose of voting.
- **Women's Book Club:** This summer, women are 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.
- **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 to provide crafts, snack, and activities.
- **Bible Study Fellowship** is resuming in September and studying Matthew. Sign up online at bsfinternational.org. See Joe Heidler with questions.
- **2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip** will be at Codorus State Park from Thursday September 9 through Sunday September 12. Come when you can; leave when you need to. Book ASAP: if you want electric sites, book as close as possible to sites 87, 89, 90, 91, and 94; if you want 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 Class is offered for adults at 10:00 AM. (Children and youth are on break for the summer.)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Anyone interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text is welcome to join us 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 8:00 AM. We are discussing a number of male characters from the Bible. Contact Rob Rothermel.

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information.

Prayer Small Group: Anyone wishing to join us in prayer is welcome here at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 9:00 AM. Contact Sue Rothermel.

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Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

Community Group is designed to be a microcosm of the church. It is an intergenerational gathering of men, women, and children; whatever age or stage of life you find yourself in, you are welcome. Currently our one group meets at the Swanson's home (usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM) to enjoy food, fellowship, a discussion of the Scriptures, and prayer.

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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