



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 2, 2021

Reflection:

“Encouragement cannot take place in isolation. Thus, what they must do is gather for mutual encouragement.”- G. Guthrie

“To have found God and still to pursue Him is the soul’s paradox of love, scorned indeed by the too-easily-satisfied religionist, but justified in happy experience by the children of the burning heart. St. Bernard stated this holy paradox in a musical quatrain that will be instantly understood by every worshipping soul: “We taste Thee, O Thou Living Bread, and long to feast upon Thee still; we drink of Thee, the Fountainhead and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.” - A.W. Tozer

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Isaiah 60:1

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

Prayer of Praise

Be Still, My Soul

Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752

Jean Sibelius, 1899

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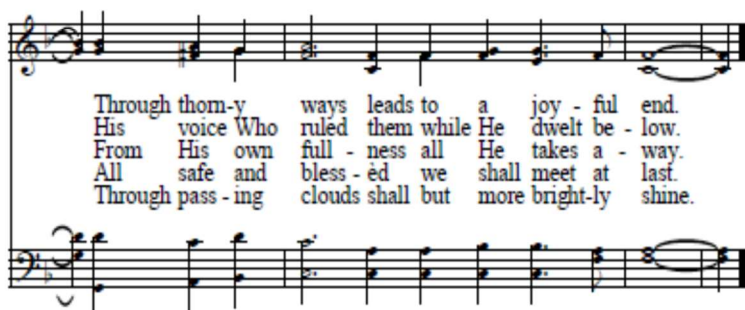
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa - tient-ly the cross of grief or
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take To guide the fu - ture, as He has the
3. Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de - part, And all is dark-ened in the vale of
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast - ening on When we shall be for - ev - er with the
5. Be still, my soul: be - gin the song of praise On earth, be leav-ing, to Thy Lord on



pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide; In ev - ery change, He
past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let no - thing shake; All now mys - ter - ious
tears, Then shalt thou bet - ter know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe thy
Lord. When dis - ap - point-ment, grief and fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's
high; Ac - know-ledge Him in all thy words and ways, So shall He view thee



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'n - y friend
shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds shall know
sor - row and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy Je - sus can re - pay
pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
with a well pleased eye. Be still, my soul: the sun of life di - vine



Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.
Through pass - ing clouds shall but more bright-ly shine.

His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord; His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new every morn,
Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

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 – Hebrews 4:14-16

Blaine Marsh

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession:

**HOLY LORD,
I have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find thy mind in thy Word,
of neglect to seek thee in my daily life.
My transgressions and short-comings,
present me with a list of accusations,
But I bless thee that they will not stand against me,
for all have been laid on Christ;
Go on to subdue my corruptions,
and grant me grace to live above them,
Let not the passions of the flesh nor lustings of the mind
bring my spirit into subjection,
but do thou rule over me in liberty and power.**

Assurance of Grace – Matthew 5:7

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Amazing Grace— How Sweet the Sound

Chords: G, Em, C, G

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D, G, D, G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C, G, Em, G/D, D7, G

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Commissioning Prayer*

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 10:19-25*

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

Blessed Assurance

1 Bles-sed as - su - rance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sa - vior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an - gels des - cen - ding, bring from a - bove
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Refrain

born of his Spi - rit, washed in his blood.
 e - choes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sa - vior all the day long.

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 6/6	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 6/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 6/9	7:00 AM	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 6/9	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 6/9	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 6/9	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	New Life
W 6/9	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun 6/13	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 6/13	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 6/13	11:30 AM	Church-Wide Picnic	New Life Lawn

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$89,692.24	\$93,398.80
Week of 5/30	\$4,076.92	\$1,997.00

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.
- **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. 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: 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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