



**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

July 11, 2021

## Reflection:

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."- C. S. Lewis*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 121

*Wayne Blanding*

*Minister:* I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

**People:** **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

*Minister:* He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber.

**People:** **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

*Minister:* The LORD is your keeper. The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**People:** **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

*Minister:* The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life.

**People:** **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

## Prayer of Praise

# O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin. He  
 5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your  
 6. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be

3 F C<sup>7</sup>/E F C F F/A

great Re - deem - er's praise; The glo - ries of my  
 -sist me to pro - claim; To spread thru all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your  
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and

6 Bb F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

God and King; The tri - umphs of His grace.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean - His blood a - vailed for me.  
 Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.  
 saints a - bove - The Church in earth and heav'n.

# Faith of Our Fathers

1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of  
 2. Our fa - thers chained in pri - sons dark were still in  
 3. Faith of our fa - thers; We will strive to win all  
 4. Faith of our fa - thers; We will love both friend and

6 G A<sup>7</sup> D G (D<sup>7</sup>/A) G C D<sup>7</sup>

dun - geon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with  
 heart and con - science free; How sweet would be their chil - dren's  
 na - tions un - to Thee; And through the truth that comes from  
 foe in all our strife; And preach Thee, too, as love knows

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

**CHORUS**

joy when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our  
 fate, if they, like them, could die for Thee.  
 God man - kind shall then be tru - ly free.  
 how by kind - ly words and vir - tuous life.

fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!

**Affirmation of Faith – *Colossians 1:15-20***

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**Scripture Reading – *Romans 4:1-8***

*Sue Ann Randall*

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

*All:* Thanks be to God!

**Prayer of Confession:**

**O God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. Forgive us, we pray. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. We depend upon your Spirit alone. And now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness – *Psalms 32:1-2, 5***

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

# Take My Life and Let It Be

1. Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
 2. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of Thy love;  
 3. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold— Not a mite would I with - hold;  
 5. Take my will and make it Thine— It shall be no long - er mine;  
 6. Take my love— my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treas - ure store;

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C F F/A B $\flat$  F/A

Take my mo - ments and my days— Let them flow in  
 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag -  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as  
 Take my heart— It is Thine own; It shall be Thy  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly

cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 -ful for Thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 -es from Thee, filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 Thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
 roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
 all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

## Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – CASA

*Kathleen Donovan-Snavely*

### Offering Our Gifts

The deacons will be passing the offering plates today. 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 11:17-40*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.



<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**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 1 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**

# To God Be the Glory

## Verse 1

To God be the glory - great things He has done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

## Chorus

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory - great things He has done!

## Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood -  
To every believer, the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

## Verse 3

Great things He has taught us;  
Great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

## Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

### 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 7/11	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 7/11	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 7/11	11:30 AM	Second Sunday Lunch	New Life
W 7/14	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Bubble Room 2
W 7/14	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 7/14	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	New Life
W 7/14	10:30 AM	Mom's Group	See page 15
W 7/14	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun 7/18	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 7/18	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$ 110,076.84	\$ 114,276.80
<b>Week of 7/4</b>	\$4,076.92	\$ 6,175.00

## Announcements

- **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 at 717-428-6380.
- **RUF-International Penn State ~ Pedals for a Purpose 2021:** This program was such a success in 2020 as an outreach to international students that Richard Smith is planning it again. If you have any good used bikes to donate please **contact Marlene Spark** at 717-676-8385 for pick-up/delivery arrangements. Please note that RUF will be able to perform minor maintenance (tires, chains), but nothing major (wheels, gear cables). Monetary donations are also welcome! The bikes are needed by the end of July, so respond soon!
- **Women's Book Club:** This summer, women are reading *A Change of Affection* by Beckett Cook. Contact Connie Kay at conversemkay@gmail.com 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](https://bsfinternational.org). Contact Joe Heidler with questions at 717-808-0291.
- **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 9:00 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 at 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 at rrothe01@gmail.com.

**Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for information at kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.

**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 at rothermelfam@gmail.com.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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