



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 4, 2021

Reflection:

“True wisdom consists in two things: Knowledge of God and Knowledge of self.”

– John Calvin

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – from Psalm 31

Love the LORD, all you his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful

but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Praise

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for You;
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence -
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere,
(Than thousands elsewhere).

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek:
To see Your beauty,
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells.
(REPEAT)

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God;
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen;
Come once again to me -
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You, to You.

Bridge

Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day, better is one day,
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

Psalm 139 (Far Too Wonderful)

Verse 1

You wrote the story of my life -
You go before, You fall behind.
Before a breath, beyond my death
You are with me on the way to everlasting.

Chorus

I can't run, I can't hide;
Even darkness is a light.
From the lowest place to the highest praise
You are worthy.
Amazing love, how can it be?
Far too wonderful for me,
There's only one thing left to say:
You are worthy.

Verse 2

Search me, God, and know my heart;
Try me, know my anxious thoughts.
Find the wickedness in me
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Bridge

You formed me in my mother's womb;
You know my frame, my flesh and bone -
I'm wonderfully made.
I can't describe, it's way too high;
You see me through and through and call me loved -
What a wonderful grace.

Confession 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 – *Jeremiah 1:4-8*

Jenn Ryan

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace – *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.

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
3 High King of hea - ven, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
I e - ver with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - e - ver be - fall,

wa - king or sleep - ing, thy pre - sence my light.
high King of hea - ven, my Trea - sure thou art.
still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Prayers of the People

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 – *Psalms 139*

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light about me be night,”
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.

¹³For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.

¹⁹Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!
O men of blood, depart from me!
²⁰They speak against you with malicious intent;
your enemies take your name in vain.
²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
²²I hate them with complete hatred;
I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Words by
Walter Chalmers Smith

Music
Traditional Welsh Melody

♩ = 100

VERSE

(Optional chords
in parentheses)

B♭ Gm C Dm F/C C F B♭ Gm

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

6 C Dm F/C C F Dm C/E F Dm

-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

11 Am F/A (C^{sus})(C) C F B♭ Gm C Dm F/C C F

An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

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 7/4	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 7/7	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 7/7	10:30 AM	Mom's Group	See Announcements
W 7/7	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$ 105,999.92	\$ 108,101.80
Week of 6/27	\$4,076.92	\$ 2,805.00

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. Contact Rob Rothermel at rrothe01@gmail.com for more information.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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. 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.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is resuming in September and studying Matthew. Sign up online at bsfinternational.org. Contact Joe Heidler at jvheidler@comcast.net with questions.

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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