



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

August 8, 2021

Reflection:

*“Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.” – David*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 107

Joe Heidler

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD!

People: **For he is good; his love endures forever.**

Minister: Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

People: **For he is good; his love endures forever.**

Minister: Those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.

People: **For he is good; his love endures forever.**

Prayer of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness.
Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning
New mercies I see.
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me.

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God, my Father.
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be.

Verse 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy, and love.

Verse 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide,
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold -
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast.
For my Savior loves me so;
He will hold me fast.

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last.

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism #32

Q. Why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith and thus share in His anointing, so that I may as prophet confess His Name, as priest present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and as king fight with a free and good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eternally over all creatures.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 34

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Minister: Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall short of your glory.

People: Have mercy and forgive us.

Minister: Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

People: Have mercy and change us.

Minister: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

People: Have mercy and cleanse us.

Minister: Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are at times overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry.

People: Have mercy and deliver us.

Minister: In Christ, we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we are tempted by the false hopes and desires of this world.

People: Have mercy and forgive us.

Minister: Father, through the redeeming death of your son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

People: All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Isaiah 53:4-5*

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

C F C/G

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you - He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

6 G7 C C D7/A G/B

dark - ness you see? _____ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
 fol - low Him there; _____ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion - for
 all will be well: _____ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

CHORUS

13 C G/D D7 G Am7 G7/B C G G#7 Am

life more a - bun - dant and free! _____ Turn your eyes up - on Je -
 more _ than con - q'rors we are! _____
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____

20 C7/G F F# Gsus G C G7/D

-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____ And the things of

26 C/E G7 Am C7/G F Fm/Ab C/G G7 C

earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

Prayers of the People

Missions 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 – *Psalm 133*

¹Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
²It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
³It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

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

The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day: Christ on the road to
 2. Oh to see the pain writ-ten on Your face; Bear-ing the awe-some
 3. Now the day-light flees now the ground be-neath Quakes as its Mak-er
 4. Oh to see my name writ-ten in the wounds, For through Your suff-'ring,



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, Torn and beat - en, then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry ev - il deed
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. 1. 2. 3. This the power of the cross:
 crown-ing Your blood stained brow. 4. This the power of the cross:
 Fin - ished the vict - 'ry cry!
 Won through Your self - less love.



— Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame,
 — Son of God slain for us. What a name



— bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 — what a cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Benediction – from Numbers 6

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

Announcements

- **Women's Book Club:** This summer, we are reading *A Change of Affection* by Beckett Cook. On Saturday, August 21st at 9:30 AM, we will meet at the home of Marlene Spark for brunch and discussion. Please bring a dish to share if you can, otherwise just bring yourself! Please pass this information on to anyone who read the book and would like to join us. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Marlene at 717-676-8385.
- **SILVER'S Peach Festival** is Saturday, August 21st at 6:00 PM. Be a peach and sign up for the evening gathering to enjoy fellowship and indulge in a variety of peachy delights.
- **2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip** will be at Codorus State Park from Thursday, September 9th through Sunday, September 12th. 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 11th.

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) resumes in September. We will study the book of 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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