



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshipping God

August 15, 2021

Reflection:

*“God has a way of giving by the cartloads to those who give away by shovelfuls.”
– Charles Spurgeon*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 31:23-24

*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

Holy, Holy, Holy

F
D
Bm
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D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
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A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet,
My Saviour on that cursed tree.

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb,
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God,
O praise His Name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord, our God.

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night,
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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 – *Numbers 6:22-27*

Blaine Marsh

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners; we seek to glory ourselves and we live for ourselves instead of seeking you above all and glorying in you alone. On our own, we would have no right to come into your presence. In Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. 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.

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing *all
is mine*,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Savior, he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend
me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won and I shall
overcome,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Verse 3

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.
The future sure, the price, it has been
paid;
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the
grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released; I can sing *I
am free*,
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me
home;
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
Yet not I but through Christ in me.
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment – *InterVarsity (York College and Penn State York)*

Wayne Blanding

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 13:20-25*

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²² I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³ You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with all of you.

Sermon: The Blessing
Series: Jesus Is Better

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer, Hith - er by Thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

4 D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me
 come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus
 be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to

9 D F#m G G/D D D F#m G D A⁷

some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 8/15 | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| Sun 8/15 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| W 8/18 | 9:00 AM | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | New Life |
| W 8/18 | 10:30 AM | Moms' Group | See page 15 |
| W 8/18 | 7:00 PM | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Sat 8/21 | 9:30 AM | Women's Book Club Brunch | Spark Home |
| Sat 8/21 | 6:00 PM | SILVERS Peach Party | Fellowship Hall |
| Sun 8/22 | 9:00 AM | Adult Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| Sun 8/22 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |

Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year to Date Offering | \$130,461.44 | \$132,870.80 |
| Week of 8/1 | \$4,076.92 | \$3,869.00 |
| Week of 8/8 | \$4,076.92 | \$3,835.00 |

Announcements

- **Brunch for Women’s Book Club:** This Saturday August 21st at 9:30 AM, Women’s Book Club will meet at the home of Marlene Spark for brunch and discussion of *A Change of Affection* by Beckett Cook. 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.
- **Peach Festival:** SIGN UP for the SILVER’s peach event on Saturday, August 21st at 6:00 PM. Prepare your favorite peach recipe – salads, main dishes, desserts or beverages to share. You don’t want to miss this mouthwatering peach party.
- **Men’s Fellowship:** Men, mark your calendars for August 28. As a group, we will visit the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, sharing rides as desired. The exhibits represent multiple perspectives on the war, through the lenses of men, women, slaves, freemen and freewomen. Come ready to wonder, ask questions, and explore as we view sculpture, other kinds of art, and artifacts.
- **Child Protection Plan Training:** Information regarding New Life’s Child Protection plan will be presented on Aug 29th and Sept 19th at 11:30 AM. Meeting in the fishbowl room, the content of these two meetings is identical.
- **Community Movie Night!** Invite your neighbors and friends to come watch *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* on Friday, Sept 3rd at 7:30 PM. Bring your own chair/blanket to this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain). Snacks/drinks will be provided. To help with the event, see Pastor Erik.
- **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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