

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,

Eik Inana

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

Worshiping God

August 22, 2021

Reflection:

"Your heart, mind, hands and feet are stamped with the imprint of the Creator." — Joni Earickson Tada

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

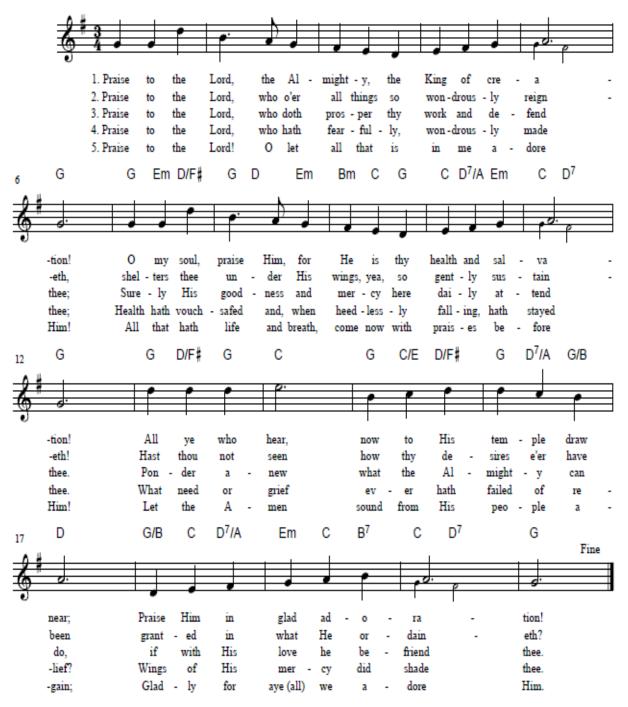
Call to Worship – from Zephaniah 3

Minister: People:	Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!
Minister:	The LORD has taken away your punishment,
	he has turned back your enemy.
People:	The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
	never again will you fear any harm.
Minister:	The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
People:	He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
·	he will rejoice over you with singing.

Prayer of Praise



Praise To The Lord The Almighty



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 – 1 Peter 3:8-12

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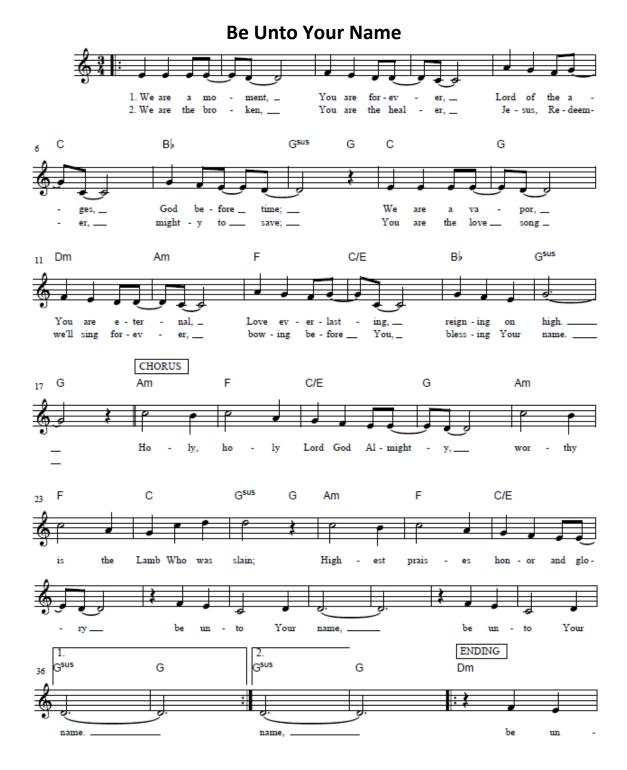
Reader:	This is the word of the Lord.
All:	Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us: restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, merciful Father, for his sake, That we may live a godly, righteous, and obedient life, to the glory of your holy 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.



Prayers of the People

Missions Moment – Peter and Sharon McMillan

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 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ² Great are the works of the LORD. studied by all who delight in them. ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; ⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice; All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne. Come let us adore Him. Behold our King; nothing can compare. Come let us adore Him.

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand Bearing all the guilt of sinful man? God eternal humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior risen now to reign.

Bridge

You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill the earth.) (REPEAT 6X) You will reign forever. (Let Your glory fill.)

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 8/22	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 8/22	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 8/25	8:00 AM	Men's Group	Fishbowl Room
W 8/25	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 8/25	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 8/25	10:30 AM	Moms' Group	See page 15
W 8/25	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat 8/28	10:00 AM	Men's Fellowship	National Civil War Museum
Sun 8/29	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 8/29	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 8/29	11:30 AM	Child Protection Plan Training	Fishbowl Room

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$134,538.36	\$136,354.80
Week of 8/15	\$4,076.92	\$3,484.00

Announcements

- **Men's Fellowship:** On Sat. Aug. 28 we will visit the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. The exhibits represent multiple perspectives on the war, through the lenses of men, women, slaves, freemen and freewomen. Contact Iren at 717-645-8565.
- **Child Protection Plan Training:** Information regarding New Life's Child Protection plan will be presented after the service on Aug. 29 and Sept. 19 at 11:30am. Meeting in the fishbowl room, the content of these two meetings is identical.
- **Community Movie Night!** We'll be watching *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* on Fri. Sept. 3 at 7:30pm. 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.
- Youth Group @ York Revolution: Youth grades 6-12 will be attending the York Revolution game on Sat. Sept. 4. RSVP to Pastor Erik to reserve a \$13 ticket. Meet outside the stadium at 6:00pm.
- Fall Sunday School Classes
 - Two adult classes will be offered starting Sept. 5. One will be a bible study of the book of Isaiah. The other will be a study of Christian doctrine, using John Frame's book "Salvation Belongs to the Lord."
 - Children's Sunday School classes resume on Sept. 19. This year, the elementary school will be using a new curriculum called "Dwell," published by the Christian Reformed Church. The junior and senior high class (6-12th grade) will continue its present bible study.
- **2nd Annual Fall Camping Trip** will be at Codorus State Park from Th. Sept. 9 through Sun. Sept. 12. Come and go as you please. Book ASAP. All of New Life is invited for a 6:00pm potluck dinner on Sat. Sept. 11.
- Fall Women's Bible Study: Beginning Th. Sept. 16, we will reading God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18 by Jen Wilkin. Sign up at the information table and contact Marlene Spark for more details. 717-428-3827
- NLPC Pig Roast: The men's ministry will be hosting dinner for the church on Sat. Oct. 9. All men of the church are invited to contact Jim Borch (443-995-5226) to be involved in the planning and cooking process. We need your help! The whole church (and friends!) are invited to join for dinner. Save the date, and keep your eye out for further announcements regarding things such as sign-ups for sides and desserts.
- New Directories: Please see the information table to make any additions/corrections.
- Thank you to whomever brightened the office with those beautiful flowers!

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School Class is offered for adults at 9:00am. (Children and youth are on break until Sept. 19.)

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays 9:30-11:00am and is reading *God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18* by Jen Wilken. Point of contact is Marlene Spark (717-428-3827).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Anyone interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text is welcome to join us at 9:00am 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 Wednesdays at 8:00am. 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 9:00am. 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 <u>bsfinternational.org</u>. 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 6:00-7:30pm) 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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