



**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.

# Worshiping God

October 3, 2021

## Reflection:

*“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” – Hebrews 4*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – Psalm 100

*Wayne Blanding*

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.*

## Prayer of Praise

# The Lion and the Lamb

## Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds;  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

## Chorus

Our God is the Lion,  
The Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb,  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world.  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.

## Verse 2

So open up the gates;  
Make way before the King of kings.  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

## Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)?

# 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 wonderf'ly made.  
I can't describe; it's way too high.  
You see me through and through and call me loved.  
What a wonderful grace!

**Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading – Psalm 19:7-14**

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Nehemiah 8:10b***

This day is holy to our LORD. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

# Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come\_\_ to You\_\_ to re - ceive\_\_ the food\_\_ of Your  
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence,\_\_ ho - ly rev - er - ence,\_\_ true hu -  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new\_\_ our minds;\_ Help us grasp\_\_ the heights\_\_ of Your



ho - ly word.\_\_ Take Your truth, plant it deep\_\_ in us;\_\_ Shape and  
 -mil - i - ty.\_\_ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes\_\_ in the  
 plans\_\_ for us.\_\_ Truths un - changed from the dawn\_\_ of time,\_\_ that will



fash - ion us\_\_ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
 ra - di - ance\_\_ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
 e - cho down\_\_ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen\_\_ to-day\_\_ in our acts of love and our deeds of\_\_ faith.\_\_ Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 eyes\_\_ to see\_\_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.\_\_ Words of pow'r that can  
 prom - is - es;\_\_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with\_\_ us.\_\_ Speak, O Lord, till Your



-fill\_\_ in us\_\_ all Your pur - pos - es,\_\_ for Your glo - ry.  
 nev - er fail;\_\_ Let their truth\_\_ pre - vail\_\_ o - ver un - be - lief.  
 church\_\_ is built\_\_ and the earth\_\_ is filled\_\_ with Your glo - ry.





## **Prayers of the People**

### **Ministry 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 – 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Sermon: His Voice: The Word of the Lord**

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

**Series: Vision, Mission, Values**

**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.

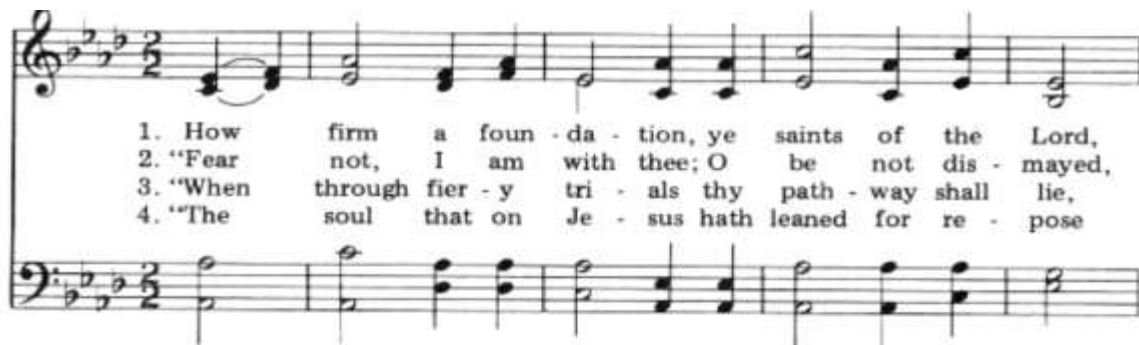
*All:* **Christ has died.**  
**Christ has risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

## **Communing Together**

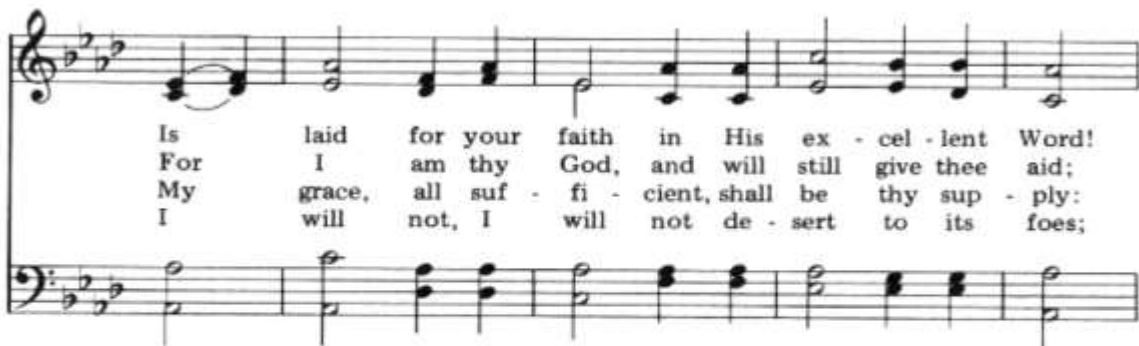
Allowing space for other family units, please come up front to take communion. After you have been served the bread and wine, please partake and dispose of the communion cup prior to returning to your seat. Use the extra time during communion as a time for prayer and reflection.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

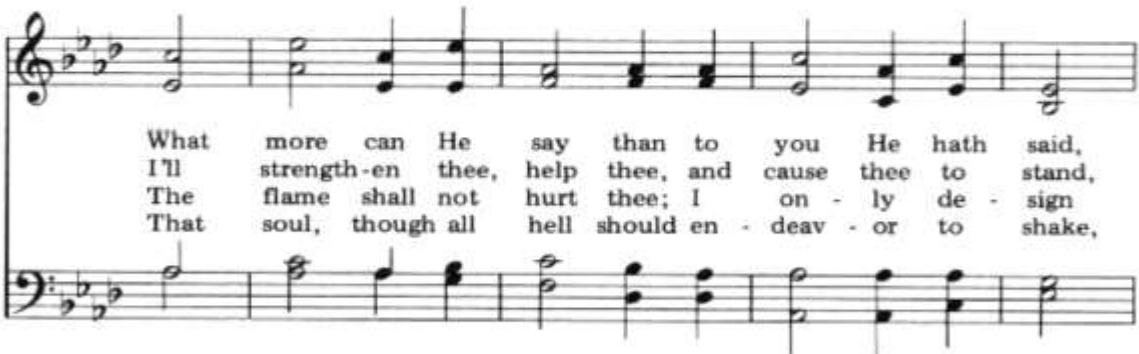
## How Firm a Foundation




1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

## Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

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 10/3	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/3	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 10/3	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home
Tu 10/5	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 10/6	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 10/6	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	New Life
W 10/6	9:00 AM	Prayer Small Group	Library
W 10/6	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W 10/6	7:00 PM	Missions Meeting	Fishbowl Room
Th 10/7	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Sat 10/9	8:30 AM	Voices Conference	Providence PCA
Sat 10/9	4:30 PM	Pig Roast	New Life
Sun 10/10	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/10	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 10/10	11:30 AM	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$158,999.88	\$154,887.30
Week of 9/26	\$4,076.92	\$2,066.00

## Announcements

- **Nursery and Sunday School Rosters** reflect the Children's Ministry Registration Forms that we have on file. If your child's name is not on the roster, please fill out the form in the second manila folder in the classroom. One form per child please.
- **Cleaning Help Needed:** One of our cleaning teams is a team of one. If you would like to fill this role of cleaning partner, please contact Marlene Spark (mjsmarlene@hotmail.com).
- **Voices Conference: Helping Survivors of Abuse Find Their Voice:** Saturday October 9th from 8:30 to 3:00 at Providence PPC. Our theme this year is "Self Care; Finding Healing in Christ" with speaker Dr. Joan McConnell. The cost is \$15 and includes refreshments and lunch. You can get tickets at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voices-helping-survivors-of-abuse-find-their-voice-self-care-tickets-170001750813>. See Joy Swanson for more details.
- **Oct. 9 Pig Roast:** Please invite your community to join New Life at 4:30pm for a pig roast dinner on Saturday October 9th. Meat, drinks, and paper goods will be provided; please bring a side or dessert to share. During this casual evening of fellowship, there will be various activities for families to participate in. Please come to this event!
- **Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>:** SILVERS meet in Rudy Park at the Song Bird picnic area at 4pm for a walk in the park. Bring a brown bag supper to enjoy after you work up an appetite. Maps are available at the sign in table. Questions? Call Alice Lomax at 717-881-7048 or Sue Ann Randall at 717-818-0836.
- **Women's Conference:** On November 12 and 13, Providence Presbyterian Church is hosting a women's conference put on by Revive Our Hearts. Expect to drink deeply from God's Word, strengthening the roots of your faith as we learn how to stand firm together and face the future with confidence and hope. For more information, contact Britney Wood at britneywood88@gmail.com.
- **Vida Nueva Fun(d) Run:** This virtual race on Sat. Oct. 16 supports our missionaries, the McMillans, in their quest to secure a down payment on a new church building in Madrid. There are a variety of ways to participate and help! See New Life's website for full details.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Sunday School Class is offered for all ages at 9am.

**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. Contact Marlene Spark (717-428-3827) for details.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Anyone interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text is welcome to join us at 9am here at New Life.

**Moms' Group:** Meets at the church from 9-11am on Wednesdays and is studying James. The children are welcome in the nursery/preschool class, the elementary school class, or study hall.

**Men's Group:** Meets at New Life every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 8 until 9am. Currently we are discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Contact Rob Rothermel at rrothe01@gmail.com for details.

**Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for information.

**Prayer Small Group:** Join us in prayer at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 9am. Contact Sue Rothermel at rothermelfam@gmail.com.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Meets Tuesdays at 7pm and studies the book of Matthew via Zoom. Sign up online at [bsfinternational.org](https://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 6-7:30pm) 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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