



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

August 29, 2021

Reflection:

*Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- Psalm 1:1-3*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

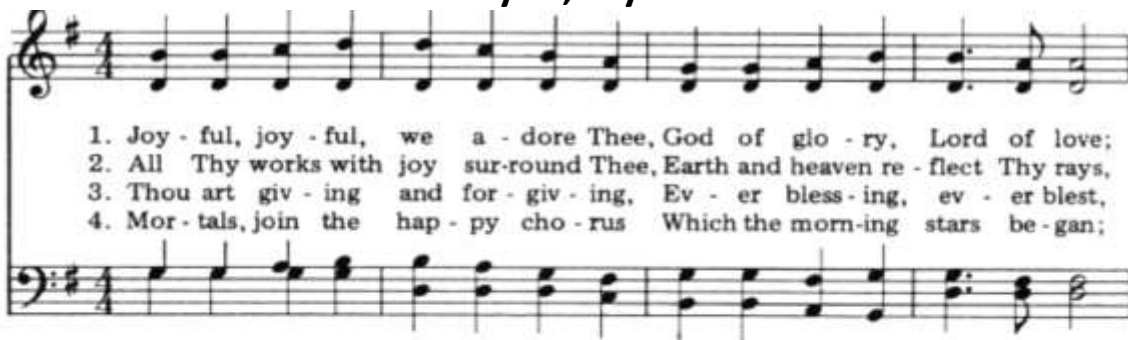
Call to Worship – from Psalm 139

Joe Heidler

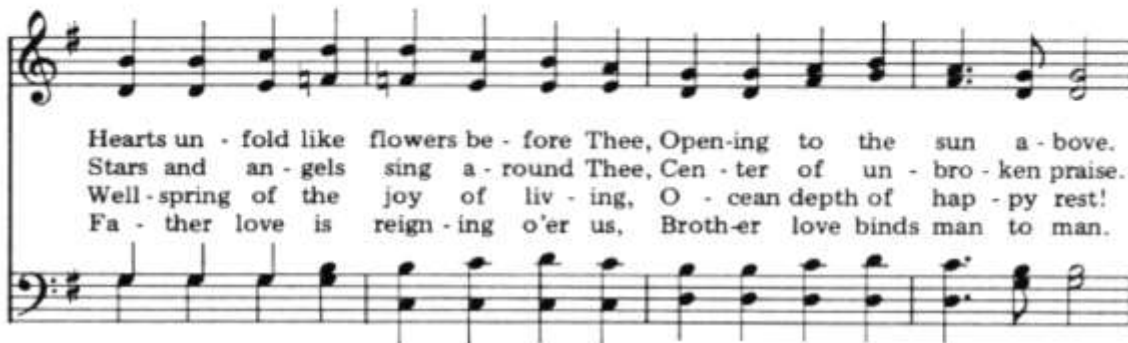
O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

Prayer of Praise

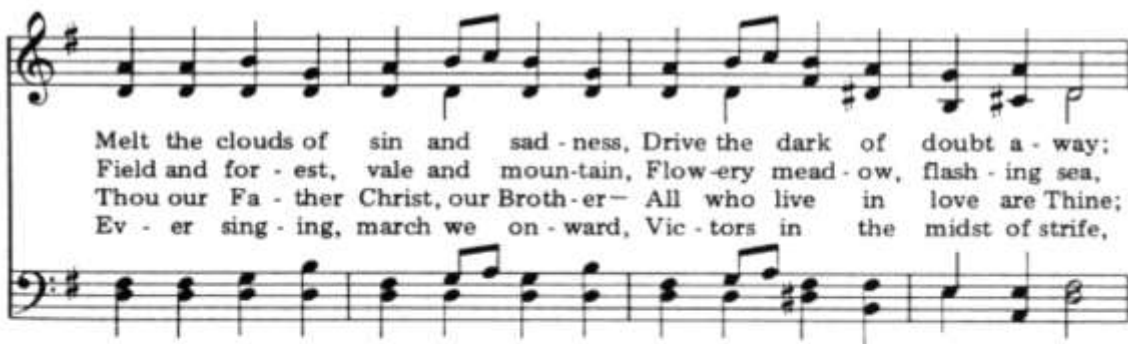
Joyful, Joyful



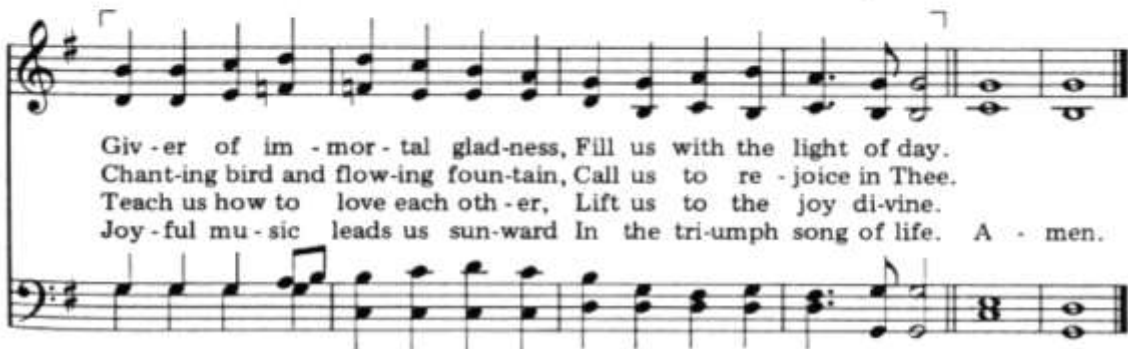
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle,
You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved;
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You.

Chorus

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high.
O God, the battle belongs to You.
And every fear I lay at Your feet.
I'll sing through the night.
O God, the battle belongs to You.

Verse 2

And if You are for me,
Who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing
Impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes,
You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.

Bridge

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God.
You shine in the shadows;
You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God.

Tag

O God, the battle belongs to You.

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 – Proverbs 1:7, Proverbs 9:10

Marlene Spark

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father,

You have not left us alone. As your Son promised, you have given us your Spirit. We are in need of daily guidance. Yet, we confess that we often fail to listen to you. We have a tendency to grieve the Spirit by going our own way. Rather than wait upon you and listen to your word, we often go off on our own. We repent of this sin, and we ask that you would guide us. Please direct our path. Lead us. We submit our lives to you, for we come 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.

Seek Ye First

C C^{sus} Em F C



1. Seek ye _____ first the _____ king - dom of God
 2. Man shall not live by _____ bread _ a - lone
 3. Ask and it shall be _____ giv - en un - to you,

5 F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C C^{sus}



and His _____ right - eous - ness, _____ and all these
 but by _____ ev - 'ry _____ word _____ that pro -
 seek and _____ ye shall _____ find, _____ knock and the

10 Em Em⁷ F C



things shall be add - ed un - to you -
 -ceeds from the mouth _____ of _____ God -
 door shall be o - pened un - to you -

13 F C F/C C G^{7sus} G⁷ C



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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 – *Psalms 112*

Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

² His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

⁷ He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

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

In Christ Alone

G D G A D/F#

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious -
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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 8/29	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 Training	Fishbowl Room
W 9/1	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 9/1	10:30 AM	Moms' Group	See page 15
W 9/1	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F 9/3	7:30 PM	Community Movie Night	New Life Lawn
Sat 9/4	6:00 PM	Youth Group: Baseball Game	York Revolution
Sun 9/5	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 9/5	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$138,615.28	\$139,702.30
Week of 8/15	\$4,076.92	\$3,347.50

Announcements

- **Child Protection Plan Training:** Information regarding New Life's Child Protection plan will be presented after the service today and on 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 be 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
- **SILVERS!!** Mark your calendar for the ALPACA ADVENTURE on Sat. Sept. 18, including lunch at Genova's in Spring Grove. Sign up next Sunday. Questions? Call Sue Ann Randall at 717-818-0836 or Alice Lomax at 717-881-7048.
- **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.

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 September 14. 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 6:00-7:30pm) 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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