



**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 cursive script that reads "Erik Swanson".

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

# Worshiping God

September 12, 2021

## Reflection:

*“Every culture - even the culture of Christendom - is developed by people who are broken. Awareness of this foundational truth ought to result in great humility as we consider our cultures and their underlying assumptions. With the exception of Jesus Christ, every human born on this planet, every influencer and imbiber of culture anywhere, in every age since Eden, have chosen to live with self as center.”*

– Diane Langberg

## Welcome and Announcements

*Wayne Blanding*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 65:1-4

*Minister:* Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

*People:* **O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.**

*Minister:* When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

*People:* **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of  
your temple!**

## Prayer of Praise

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -  
2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow  
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to

joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your  
down at his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your  
ga - ther all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!  
heart, the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

# Jesus, What a Beautiful Name

♩=52

VERSE

D

Em<sup>7</sup>

D/F#

G

D/F#

G



1. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name.  
 2. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name.  
 3. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name.

Son \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Son of  
 Truth \_ re - vealed, my fu - ture  
 Res - cued my soul, my strong -

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D/A

Bm<sup>7</sup>

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Man, Lamb that was slain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 sealed, healed \_ my pain. \_\_\_\_\_  
 -hold, lifts me from shame. \_\_\_\_\_

Joy \_ and peace, strength \_ and hope,  
 Love \_ and free - dom, life \_\_\_\_\_ and warmth,  
 For-give-ness, se - cur - i - ty, pow - er and love,

11

F#

Bm

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grace that blows all fear a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 grace that blows all fear a - way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 grace that blows all fear a - way. \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus,  
 Je - sus,  
 Je - sus,

14

G/A

A

D



what a beau - ti - ful name. \_\_\_\_\_  
 what a beau - ti - ful name. \_\_\_\_\_  
 what a beau - ti - ful name. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Affirmation of Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11***

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Scripture Reading – *Psalms 1***

*Sue Ann Randall*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Prayer of Confession:**

**O God our Savior, We come before you today as foolish sheep who find it our natural inclination to wander far from you. You have set your love upon us, chosen us, and saved us, but we find it hard to trust you and prefer to turn to our own wisdom and understanding. You lead us in green pastures for your own name's sake, but we reject the feast that you lay before us and try frantically to fill ourselves up with things that cannot satisfy. You lead us by still waters to restore our souls, yet we recklessly dabble with strong currents of temptation and are easily swept away by torrents of sinful cravings and lust. You call us to straight paths of righteousness, but we scorn your warnings, ignore your guidance, and rebel against your discipline. Father, we stray from you and turn to our own ways; forgive us for our many sins. Jesus, you are our sacrificial lamb. You are the Great Shepherd, who laid down your life for your beloved sheep, and you are the tender shepherd who gathers us in your arms and carries us. Thank you for your kindness! Holy Spirit, help us to see where the path of blessing lies, and give us hearts that are eager to travel that path. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Titus 2:11-14***

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

# You Are My King (Amazing Love)

## Verse

I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted;  
You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well;  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again.

## Chorus

Amazing love,  
How can it be  
That You, my King,  
Would die for me?  
Amazing love,  
I know it's true.  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do I honor You.

## Ending

You are my King.  
You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

## Prayers of the People

### 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 – *Acts 9:10-19a*

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup> and taking food, he was strengthened.



**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**

# Amazing Grace

Chords: G Em C G

1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound —  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D G D G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost  
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did  
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield  
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought  
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C G Em G/D D7 G

but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!  
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun 9/12	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl rooms
Sun 9/12	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu 9/14	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 9/15	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 9/15	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 9/15	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 9/16	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Sat 9/18	9:15 AM	Alpaca Adventure	Painted Spring Farm
Sun 9/19	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl rooms
Sun 9/19	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 9/19	11:30 AM	Child Protection Plan Training	Fishbowl Room
Sun 9/19	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Township Park
Sun 9/19	6:00 PM	Community Group	Rishel Home

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$146,769.12	\$145,237.30
<b>Week of 8/29</b>	\$4,076.92	\$3,860.00

## Announcements

- **Missions Team Member Needed:** The Missions Team is looking for a 5<sup>th</sup> member. The missions team oversees the missions budget and all aspects of screening and keeping up with missionaries. Please see Marlene Spark, the missions team chair, for more information. (717-428-3827)
- **New Directories:** Please make any necessary additions or corrections to the draft on the information table.
- **Fall Sunday School Classes**
  - **Two adult classes** are offered starting Sept. 5. One is a Bible study of the book of Isaiah. The other is 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 (6-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will continue its present Bible study.
- **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!!** Don't miss this event!! ALPACA ADVENTURE on September 18 is a \$5 visit to Painted Spring Farm where you can learn about and hang out with these amazing, friendly animals. Browse in the shop of Alpaca goods, then enjoy lunch at Genova's in Spring Grove. SIGN UP today. Contact - Sue Ann Randall 818-0836 or Alice Lomax 881-7048 for more information. Call Mary Brubaker at 717-428-6380 for info on carpooling, which will leave the church at 9:15 AM.
- **Child Protection Plan Training:** Information regarding New Life's Child Protection plan will be presented after the service on Sept. 19 at 11:30am in the fishbowl room.
- **UF Third at 3:00:** Youth and all interested adults are invited to come out to York Township Park on Sun. Sept. 19 at 3pm for a game of Ultimate Frisbee. Meet by the main pavilion/playground.
- **NLPC Pig Roast:** Invite friends, save the date of Sat. Oct. 9, and keep your eye out for further announcements regarding sides and desserts. Men, please contact Jim Borch (443-995-5226) to help with this church dinner.
- **Save the Date!** A missions team Fun(d) Run fundraiser is scheduled for Sat. Oct. 16. Please mark your calendars. More details TBA.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Sunday School Class is offered for adults at 9am. (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. 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 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Moms' Group** meets at the church from 9-11am on Wednesdays. We will study James. The children are welcome in the nursery/preschool class, the elementary school class, or study hall.

**Men's Group:** meet at New Life every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 8am. We will discuss 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:** Join us in prayer at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 9am. Contact Sue Rothermel at rothermelfam@gmail.com.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)** resumes Tues. Sept. 14 at 7pm. We will study the book of Matthew via Zoom. Sign up online at [bsfinternational.org](http://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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