



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.

Worshiping God

September 19, 2021

Reflection:

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remould your minds from within.” - J.B. Phillip

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalms 46 and 105

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Minister: “Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

People: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

make known among the nations what he has done.

People: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

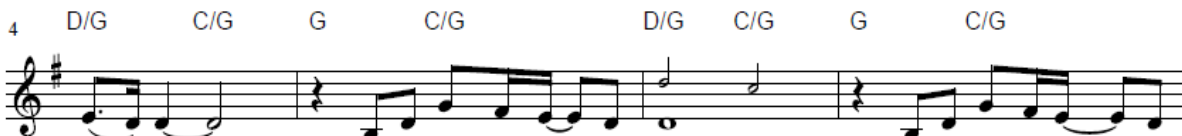
Prayer of Praise

Lord I Lift Your Name On High



Lord, I lift Your name _ on high;

Lord, I love to sing _ Your

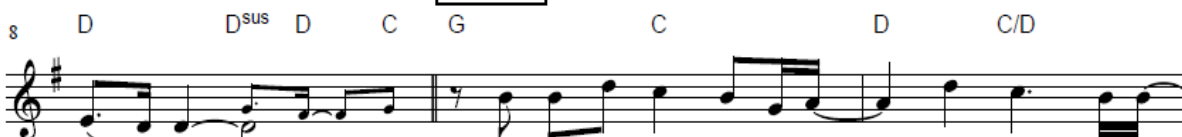


prais - es. _

I'm so glad You're in _ my life;

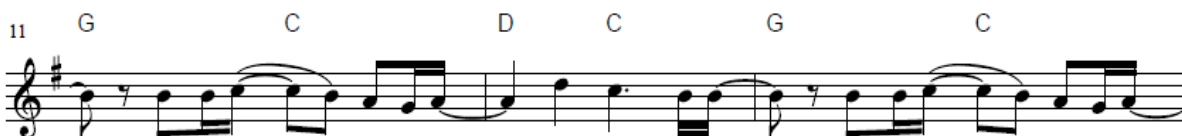
I'm so glad You came _ to

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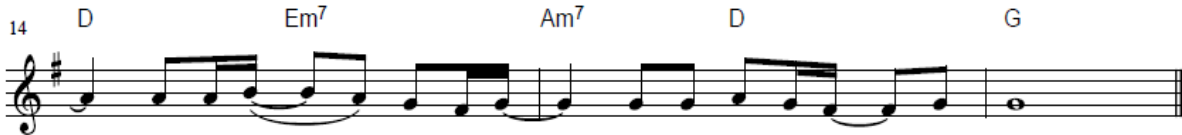


save _ us. _

You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, .



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _ From the cross _ to the grave, .



_ from the grave _ to the sky; _ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

Jesus Messiah

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross -
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven,
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn -
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Bridge

All our hope is in You.
All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.

Ending

Jesus, Messiah,
Lord of all.
The Lord of all.
The Lord of all.

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 – *Philippians 4:4-9*

Will Pope

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Father, you have called us to follow you and live counter-cultural lives. You have called us to let you shape our dreams, our goals, our desires and our hearts. But, Father, we come to you this morning confessing that we have allowed our world to shape us instead of you.

Where you desire us to serve, we have sought to be served.

Where you desire us to sacrifice, we have pursued comfort.

Where you have sought us to engage, we have remained aloof.

Where you have sought us as your children, we have lived as orphans.

Forgive us for our refusal to follow you. Grant that we would see the richness of pilgrimage with you and pursue you with our whole hearts. We pray in Jesus' name, 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.

Psalm 19

Verse

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You.

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

Chorus

You're my Rock and my Redeemer;
You're the reason that I sing.
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes.
Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment,
Lord, I want to be Your servant.
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, in Your eyes.

Ending

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment – Intersarsity (York College & 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 – *Romans 12:1-2*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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

To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo - ry— great things He has done! So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood— to ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He has taught us; Great things He has done, and great our re -

6 G A D D⁷ G D⁷ G G/B D



world that He gave us His Son, who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for
 - liev - er, the prom - ise of God. The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -
 - joic - ing through Je - sus, the Son. But pur - er and high - er and great - er will

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12 G G⁷ C G/D D⁷ G G



sin and o - pened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord! Praise the
 - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

18 G/B D/A G D D/C G/B D/A



Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re -

24 G D⁷ G G/B D



-joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus, the



Son, and give Him the glo - ry— great things He has done!

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 9/19	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
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	11:30 AM	Pig Roast Planning	New Life
Sun 9/19	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Township Park
Sun 9/19	6:00 PM	Community Group	Rishel Home
Tu 9/21	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 9/22	8:00 AM	Men's Group	Fishbowl Room
W 9/22	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 9/22	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 9/22	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 9/22	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 9/23	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Sun 9/26	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 9/26	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$150,846.04	\$149,597.30
Week of 9/12	\$4,076.92	\$4,360.00

Announcements

- **Cleaning Help Needed:** We currently have five volunteer cleaning teams, but one of those is a team of one. If you would like to fill this role of cleaning partner, please contact Marlene Spark (mjsmarlene@hotmail.com). We could use your help as early as this week!
- **Missions Team Member Needed:** The Missions Team is looking for a 5th 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)
- **Last Sunday for Directory Changes:** Please make any necessary additions or corrections to the draft on the information table.
- **Children's Sunday School** classes resumed today. This year, the elementary school is using a new curriculum called "Dwell," published by the Christian Reformed Church. The junior and senior high class (6-12th grade) is continuing its present Bible study.
- **Child Protection Plan Training:** Information regarding New Life's Child Protection plan will be presented after the service TODAY 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.
- **Voices Conference:** Providence PCA hosts an annual conference helping survivors of abuse find their voice. This year it is Sat. Oct. 9 from 8:30-3:00. Dr. Joan McConnell, who is the Women's Ministry Counselor at Westminster PCA, will be speaking on the theme of "Self-Care." Contact Joy Swanson (swansonjoy@gmail.com) for more details.
- **Pig Roast Planning Today:** Meet after church today to begin planning for our church pig roast! Invite friends and save the date of Sat. Oct. 9. 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.
- **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 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8am. We discuss a number of male characters from the Bible. 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. We will study the book of Matthew via Zoom. 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 6-7:30pm) 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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