



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

September 26, 2021

Reflection:

“The information contained in an English sentence or computer software does not derive from the chemistry of the ink or the physics of magnetism, but from a source extrinsic to physics and chemistry altogether. Indeed, in both cases, the message transcends the properties of the medium. The information in DNA also transcends the properties of its material medium.” - Stephen C. Meyer

“With odds standing at 1 chance in 10¹⁶⁴ of finding a functional protein among the possible 150-amino-acid compounds, the probability is 84 orders of magnitude (or powers of ten) smaller than the probability of finding the marked particle in the whole universe. Another way to say that is the probability of finding a functional protein by chance alone is a trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion, trillion times smaller than the odds of finding a single specified particle among all the particles in the universe.” - Stephen C. Meyer

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. - Psalm 33

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 99

Minister: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

***People:* Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.**

Minister: Let us praise your great and awesome name.

***People:* You are holy.**

Minister: You, our King, are mighty, You love justice.

***People:* You have done what is just and right.**

Minister: We will exalt You, our LORD and our God.

***People:* You are holy.**

Prayer of Praise

He Is Exalted



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on _ high, _ I will praise _ Him.



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name! _



_ He is the Lord, _ for - ev - er His truth shall reign.



Heav - en and earth _ re - joice in His ho - ly name. _



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high! _

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1. I sing the__ might - y pow'r of God that made__ the moun-tains rise, that
 2. I sing the__ good-ness of the Lord that filled__ the earth with food; He
 3. There's not a__ plant or flow'r be - low but makes__ Thy glo - ries known; And

5 A/C# F#m D/F# E A D F#m E^{SUS} E A



spread the__ flow - ing seas a - broad and built__ the loft - y skies. I__
 formed the__ crea-tures with His word and then__ pro-nounced them good. Lord,__
 clouds a - rise and tem-pests blow by or - der from Thy throne; While__

9 E/G# A D E A E/G# A D E N.C.



sing the wis - dom that or - dained the__ sun to rule the day; The
 how Thy won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye, if
 all that bor - rows life from__ Thee is__ ev - er in Thy care, and

13 A/C# F#m D/F# E A D F#m E^{SUS} E A



moon shines__ full at His com-mand and all__ the stars o - bey.
 I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze__ up - on the sky!
 ev - 'ry - where that we can be, Thou God,__ art pres - ent there.

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 19:1-7*

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Pardon our sins, merciful Lord. We have been hasty and short in prayer, and this first sin of the day leads to so many others. Keep us from robbing you of the true worship which your glory requires and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe out our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered and forgotten. Enable us to remember the blood that cleanses from all sin, and the grace which overwhelms all evil, 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.

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my list' - ning ears All
2 This is my Fa - ther's world: The birds their ca - rols raise, The
3 This is my Fa - ther's world: O let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
mor - ning light, the li - ly white, De - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the
This is my Fa - ther's world: Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the won - ders wrought.
rust - ling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev - ery where.
Lord is King.—let the hea - ven's ring! God reigns; let earth be glad! A - men.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment: Stories of New Life

Joe Heidler

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 1:18-23*

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

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 Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made.
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art;
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art;
How great Thou art!

Verse 2

And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin.

Verse 3

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim,
My God how great Thou art!

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 9/26	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 9/26	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu 9/28	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 9/29	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 9/29	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 9/29	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 9/30	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$154,922.96	\$152,821.30
Week of 9/12	\$4,076.92	\$3,224.00

Announcements

- **Children/Teen 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:** 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).
- **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.
- **NLPC 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.
- **SILVERS** take a walk in the park. Mark your calendar for Sat. Oct. 16 at 4pm. We will take a walk in the fall leaves at Rudy Park then enjoy a brown bag supper together.
- **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 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. 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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