



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 5, 2021

Reflection:

Meanwhile, we are to learn that the church need never expect to be preserved from the common ills of mankind, as long as this world endures; but that God is still on the throne, Christ is still at the centre of all things, and his people are indestructible.

– Michael Wilcock

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 30:1-4

Minister: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the
pit.
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

Prayer of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach,
To gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

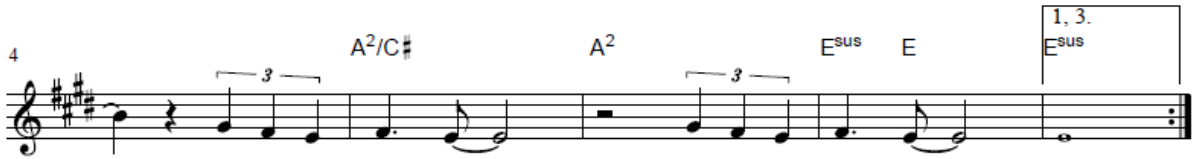
Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands-
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing-
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age,
"Our God is all in all."

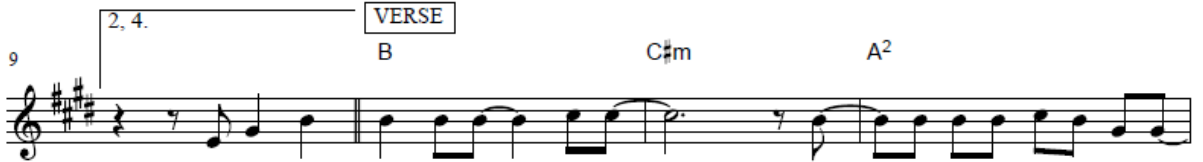
Open the Eyes of My Heart



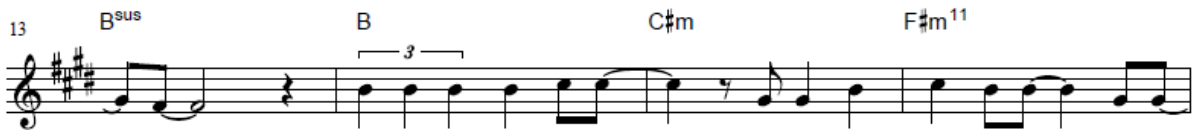
O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart; .



_ I want to see You, _ I want to see You _



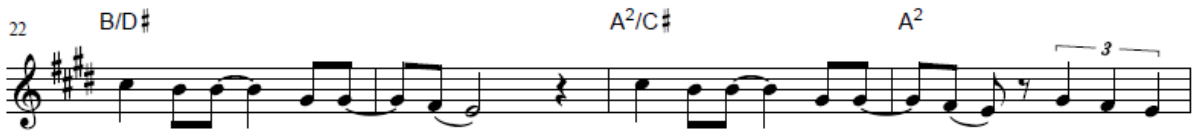
To see You high and lift - ed up, _ shin - ing in the light of Your glo -



- ry. _ Pour out Your pow'r and love; _ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -



- ly. _ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ I want to



see You. _ see You. _

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 – *Matthew 22:34-40*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Kathleen Donovan-Snavely

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O God our Father,

You have given us all that we need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is our life, he is our righteousness, he is our peace, he is our protection, he is our hope, and he is our strength. Our lives belong to Jesus. His blood purchased our salvation. We have peace with you and with other believers because of our Lord. We know our lives are held in His hand. We have confidence for the future because of him. He has given us His Spirit and His Word. We believe this, Father, with gratitude and thanksgiving. We also confess our lack of faith. We fail at times to live as if these things our true. We believe lies and half-truths rather than clinging wholeheartedly to your promises in Christ. We act sometimes as if our righteousness depends on us, rather than being your gracious gift. We can be quick to take offense at others, rather than living as ambassadors of peace. Rather than live by faith in your word, we often live in fear of the other voices in our lives. At times we forget that salvation is entirely a gift from you. Sometimes we act as if it is our strength, not yours, that matters. We confess this unbelief, and we cast ourselves once again on your mercy. Lord, we believe! Help our unbelief. We ask this as we trust in Jesus' name and as we rely on the strength of the Holy Spirit. 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.

I See the Lord

I see the Lord _ seat - ed on _ the throne _ ex -

4 A^{sus} A D A/C# Em D/F# G

-alt - ed, and the train of His robe _ fills the tem - ple with glo -

8 $E^7/G\#$ D/A Em^7/A D/A

-ry; And the whole earth _ is filled, _ and the whole earth _ is filled, .

12 Em^7/A Bm^7 $Gmaj^7$ Em/G

_ and the whole earth _ is filled _ with His glo -

CHORUS

16 D D Em/D D Em^7/D

-ry. Ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _ ho - ly, _

21 Bm^7 D/F# G

1.	A^{sus} A
2.	A^{sus} A D^{sus}/A D

ho - ly is the Lord. _____ Lord _____ of lords.

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 – *Revelation 7:9-17*

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come;
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King.

Verse 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv'lous mystery.

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 9/5	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 9/5	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 9/8	8:00 AM	Men's Group	Fishbowl Room
W 9/8	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 9/8	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Sanctuary
W 9/8	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 9/8	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 9/9 thru	Sun 9/12	2 nd Annual Fall Camping Trip	Codorus State Park
Sat 9/11	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner	Codorus State Park
Sun 9/12	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School	Sanctuary
Sun 9/12	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$142,692.20	\$141,377.30
Week of 8/29	\$4,076.92	\$1,675.00

Announcements

- **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)
- **New Directories:** Please see the information table to make any additions/corrections.
- **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.
- **Community Potluck Dinner:** In lieu of second Sunday lunch, all are invited to a potluck dinner at Codorus State Park at 6pm on Sat. Sept. 11 somewhere around campsite 87/89. A group from New Life will be camping there for the weekend. Feel free to come out for the day on Saturday or to come out just in time for dinner. Bring a dish to share, and bring your own camp chair. Paper goods provided.
- **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:** Sign up today for the **ALPACA ADVENTURE** on Sat. Sept. 18. Visit Painted Spring Farm to learn about these interesting creatures up close and personal. Following the \$5 visit and tour of the farm, we will have lunch at Genova's Italian Restaurant in Spring Grove. For more information or questions, call Sue Ann Randall at 818-0836 or Alice Lomax at 881-7048.
- **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.

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. 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 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 2nd and 4th 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. 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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