



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

October 17, 2021

Reflection:

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. – The Apostle John

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 73

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;

you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

But for me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,

that I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Praise

Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days
Of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Chorus

Behold, He comes
Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call.
So lift your voice;
It's the year of Jubilee;
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes.

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world;
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah.
There is no god like Jehovah.
There is no god like Jehovah.
There is no god like Jehovah.

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King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
Til from Heaven You came running;
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus

Praise the Father,
Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit - three in one.
God of Glory,
Majesty,
Praise forever to the King of kings.

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died.

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose,
All of heaven held its breath,
Til that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.

By His blood and in His Name,
In His freedom I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me.

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Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Marlene Spark

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Nehemiah 8:10b*

This day is holy to our LORD. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

How Deep the Father's Love For Us



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 2. Be- hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 3. I will not boast in an - y-thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



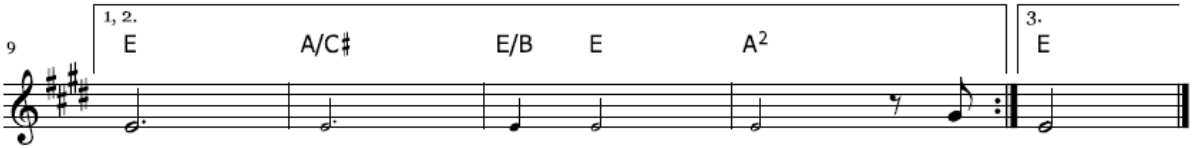
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Jeff and Heather Vaughn*

Sue Rothermel

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 – *John 3:16-21*

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Sermon: His Plan: God's Rescue Mission

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Vision, Mission, Values

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

Minister: 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

Only A Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of
heaven?
Who else could make every king bow
down?
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles? -
Only a Holy God.

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such
praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice? -
Only a Holy God.

Chorus

Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy.
Forever a Holy God,
Come and worship the Holy God.

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated? -
Only a Holy God.

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my
failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father? -
Only a Holy God,
Only my Holy God.

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Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 10/17	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/17	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 10/17	3:00 PM	Ultimate Frisbee	York Township Park, Pavilion 1
Sun 10/17	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home
Tu 10/19	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 10/20	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 10/20	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	New Life
W 10/20	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 10/21	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Sun 10/24	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/24	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$167,153.72	\$166,724.30
Week of 10/10	\$4,076.92	\$5,737.00

Announcements

- **Moms' Group:** Women, you are invited to join us for fellowship and Bible study. We are currently enjoying an inductive study of James. When we gather, we dig deep into God's Word, but there is no homework between meetings. While we meet, there are two classes for the children: A nursery/preschool class and an early elementary class. The early elementary class is currently studying Exodus. Know that your children will be shown the love of God as their teachers delight in them. We meet from 9:00 until 11:00 AM on Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall. Young children are welcome to stay with mom or attend class. Feel free to contact Joy Swanson (swansonjoy@gmail.com) for more details.
- **Nursery and 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.
- **Men's Book Discussion:** The early winter activity for the men of the church will be reading and discussing "Live Not by Lies," a book by Rod Dreher. It explores what Christians in America today can learn from the experiences of Christians in Eastern Europe. Pick up and read the book at your own pace; although anyone wanting to be part of a group order of the book may contact Pastor Erik by Oct 31st. We will discuss part one on Friday, Dec 3rd, at 7:30 PM, and we will discuss part two on Sunday, Jan 23rd at 7:30 PM.
- **Women's Conference:** On Friday, Nov 12th and Saturday, Nov 13th Providence Presbyterian Church is hosting a women's conference put on by Revive Our Hearts. Expect to drink deeply from God's Word, strengthening the roots of your faith as we learn how to stand firm together and face the future with confidence and hope. For more information, contact Britney Wood (britneywood88@gmail.com).
- **Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** Please consider filling a Christmas gift shoebox with appropriate gifts and toys for a child in another country. Boxes come with packing ideas and can be picked up from the lobby. The \$9 shipping donation may be paid online at samaritanspurse.org or to Barb Marsh. Boxes are due back to New Life no later than Sunday, November 14th. See Barb Marsh (908-581-2908) with questions.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School Class is offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.

Women's Bible Study: Meets Thursdays 9:30-11:00 AM 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 9:00 AM here at New Life.

Moms' Group: Meets at the church from 9:00-11:00 AM 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 8:00-9:00 AM. 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 9:00 AM. Contact Sue Rothermel at rothermelfam@gmail.com.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and studies 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 6:00-7:30 PM) 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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