



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

October 24, 2021

Reflection:

The ultimate difference between God's wisdom and man's wisdom is how they relate to the glory of God's grace in Christ crucified. God's wisdom makes the glory of God's grace our supreme treasure. But man's wisdom delights in seeing himself as resourceful, self-sufficient, self-determining, and not utterly dependent on God's free grace.

– John Piper

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgression.*

- King David

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – from Psalm 145

Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Minister: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

People: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Prayer of Praise

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone: cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love;
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Interlude

He is Lord, Lord of all.

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

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Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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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 – 2 Corinthians 9:8

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

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 – *Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the
inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret
heart.
⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.
⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken
rejoice.
⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your
ways,
and sinners will return to you.
¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O
God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of
your righteousness.
¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
¹⁶ For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I
would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt
offering.
¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God,
you will not despise.
¹⁸ Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
¹⁹ then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt
offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Sermon: His Grace: The Basis of Forgiveness

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

Your Grace Is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along.

Chorus 2

Your grace is enough.
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing, Your grace is enough.
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

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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 10/24	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/24	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu 10/26	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 10/27	8:00 AM	Men's Group	Fishbowl Room
W 10/27	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 10/27	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 10/27	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	New Life
W 10/27	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 10/28	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Sun 10/31	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/31	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$171,230.64	\$170,166.30
Week of 10/17	\$4,076.92	\$3,442.00

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 9-11AM 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.
- **New Attendees Gathering:** New to the New Life Community? Join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres and fellowship on Fri. 11/12. Meet at the Rishel's home from 6-8PM.
- **Women's Conference:** On Fri. 11/12 and Sat. 11/13, 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 Sun. 11/14. See Barb Marsh (908-581-2908) with questions.
- **Game Night:** On Sat. 11/20, SILVERS will host a Brown Bag Supper and Game Night at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall for New Life Church family and friends. Join the fun of playing Corn Hole and the Clothespin Drop games as well as any favorite table game you bring! Provide your own brown bag supper and a dessert to share. Drinks provided. Please sign up at the Information Table. Any questions call Mary Brubaker 717-428-6380.
- **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 Sun. 10/31. We will discuss part one on Fri. 12/3 at 7:30PM, and we will discuss part two on Sun. 1/23 at 7:30PM.

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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