



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 31, 2021

Reflection:

*If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.
– The Apostle Paul*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – from Psalm 46:1-7

Wayne Blanding

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: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

***People:* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

Minister: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

***People:* Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

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

Prayer of Praise

Come; Now Is the Time to Worship

Come; now is the time to worship.
Come; now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue
Will confess, *You are God*.
One day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle,
You see my victory.
When all I see is a mountain,
You see a mountain moved;
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now,
For I am safe with You.

Chorus

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high.
O God, the battle belongs to You;
And every fear I lay at Your feet.
I'll sing through the night,
O God, the battle belongs to You.

Verse 2

And if You are for me,
Who can be against me?
For, Jesus, there's nothing
Impossible for You.
When all I see are the ashes,
You see the beauty.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.

Bridge

An Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God.
You shine in the shadows.
You win every battle.
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God.

Tag

O God, the battle belongs to You.

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 12:1-10

Kathleen Donovan-Snavely

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Father of all mercies,

Your son, our Lord, died to bring us to You. We confess that in our public and private worship we fail to glorify your name. We have damaged our witness to the world and dishonored your name by our apathy and selfishness. We repent, and ask your forgiveness.

Your son, our Lord, told us that the world would know we are your disciples by our love. We confess that we have hurt one another and robbed you of your glory. We have failed to love and forgive one another as you command. We have failed to reach out sacrificially and compassionately to those in need. We repent, and beg your forgiveness.

Your son, our Lord, calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him. We confess that we have selfish ambition, dishonesty and covetousness. We have failed to live in simplicity, contentment, and generosity. We repent, and seek your forgiveness.

Have mercy we pray. Do not treat us as our sins deserve, but have mercy according to your steadfast love. May your Spirit enable us to walk in your ways. All this we ask in Jesus' name, 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.

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning,
One with God the Lord Most High,
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is.
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is.
Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Bridge

Death could not hold You.
The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge

You have no rival.
You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom.
Yours is the glory.
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is.
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Ending

What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

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 – *Isaiah 45:22-25*

²² “Turn to me and be saved,
all the ends of the earth!
For I am God, and there is no other.

²³ By myself I have sworn;
from my mouth has gone out in righteousness
a word that shall not return:

‘To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear allegiance.’

²⁴ “Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
to him shall come and be ashamed
all who were incensed against him.

²⁵ In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall be justified and shall glory.”

Sermon: His Power: Our Strength Is In Him

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

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing.
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior,
The hope of nations.

Chorus

Savior, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save.
He is mighty to save.
Forever Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave.
Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2

So take me as You find me,
All my fears and failures.
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in.
Now I surrender.

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

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 10/31	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 10/31	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu 11/2	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	Zoom
W 11/3	9:00 AM	Mom's Group	Fellowship Hall
W 11/3	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	New Life
W 11/3	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 11/4	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Sun 11/7	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms
Sun 11/7	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 11/7	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$175,307.56	\$171,904.80
Week of 10/17	\$4,076.92	\$1,738.50

Announcements

- **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 (3330 Oakham Drive 17402) 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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