

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,

Eik Inana

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

November 14, 2021

Reflection:

"What do you have that you did not receive?" - Paul

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." – James

"Diversity, not uniformity, is the mark of God's handiwork. It is so in nature; it is equally so in grace, and nowhere more so than in the Christian community." - F. F. Bruce

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – from Psalm 117

Joe Heidler

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Praise



Ancient of Days



Affirmation of Faith – Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Scripture Reading – *1 Corinthians 12:12-18*

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.*All:* Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Zechariah 13:1

On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

Be Unto Your Name



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 – Romans 12:3-8

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Sermon: His Gifts: One Body, Many Members 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 I Corinthians 11

| Minister: | Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith. |
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| 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

O Church Arise



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. |
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| All: | Thanks be to God! |

Postlude

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This Week at New Life

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
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| Sun 11/14 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School for all ages | Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms |
| Sun 11/14 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun 11/14 | 11:30 AM | Second Sunday Lunch | New Life |
| Tu 11/16 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study Fellowship | Zoom |
| W 11/17 | 9:00 AM | Mom's Group | Fellowship Hall |
| W 11/17 | 9:00 AM | Morning Bible Study | New Life |
| W 11/17 | 7:00 PM | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Th 11/18 | 9:30 AM | Women's Bible Study | Fishbowl Room |
| Th 11/18 | 11:00 AM | Mercy Team Meeting | New Life |
| Sat 11/20 | 5:30 PM | Brown Bag Supper and Game Night | New Life |
| Sun 11/21 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School for all ages | Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms |
| Sun 11/21 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun 11/21 | 3:00 PM | Ultimate Frisbee | York Twp Park - Pavilion 1 |
| Sun 11/21 | 6:00 PM | Community Group | Swanson Home |

Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
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| Year to Date Offering | \$183,461.40 | \$182,790.15 |
| Week of 11/7 | \$4,076.92 | \$4880.35 |

Announcements

- Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: These gift shoeboxes (located in the lobby) will be sent to children around the world. They come equipped with packing ideas, and the \$9 shipping donation may be paid at samaritanspurse.org or to Barb Marsh. Boxes are due back to New Life no later than TODAY. 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 for New Life family and friends. Bring a favorite table game, your own brown bag supper, and a dessert to share. Please sign up in the lobby. Questions? Call Mary Brubaker at 717-428-6380.

• Advent at New Life:

<u>Advent Reading Guides</u>: Individuals and families are invited to stop at the information table to pick up guides for advent readings.

<u>Make-Your-Own Advent Candle Wreath</u>: On Sun. 11/28 at 6PM at New Life, come join in an advent wreath making event. The cost is \$5 per person. To ensure adequate supplies, RSVP to Sarah Fox (717-712-3985) by Sun. 11/21. Help is needed ahead of time; contact Pastor Erik if you are willing to collect the greens for the wreaths. <u>Parents' Day Out and Kids' Christmas Party</u>: On Sat. 12/11 from 9:00-2:00, parents from New Life and the surrounding community can drop the kids off at New Life. While the parents have an opportunity for Christmas preparations, the kids will have a Christmas party. There will be games, crafts, snack and lunch, Christmas carols, and teaching on the real meaning of Christmas. Pre-registration is requested, although it will be possible to register at the door. Please prayerfully consider whom you can invite. <u>Open House Christmas Party at the Swansons'</u>: NLPC is invited to stop in at the Swansons' (55 Blueberry Lane, Red Lion) from 3-8 PM on Sat. 12/18. There will be a white elephant gift exchange at 4:30, and we will sing Christmas carols at 7:00. <u>Christmas Eve Service</u>: A "Lessons and Carols" service will be held on Christmas eve at 7PM.

• Men's Book Discussion: The early winter activity for the men of the church is reading and discussing "Live Not by Lies," by Rod Dreher. We will discuss part one on Fri. 12/3 at 7:30PM and 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 <u>bsfinternational.org</u>. 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. |
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| • 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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