



**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

November 21, 2021

## Reflection:

*“Acknowledge that I am the true God, and that I differ widely from idols, which are useless and dead weights; for you have known and experienced my power by constant benefit, which I have not ceased to confer upon you from the womb.”*

*– John Calvin, paraphrasing Isa 46:1-3*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship – from Psalm 66

Pastor Erik Swanson

*Minister: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.*

*People: **All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name.***

*Minister: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.*

*People: **He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.***

*Minister: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.*

*People: **For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.***

*Minister: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,*

*People: **But you brought us to a place of abundance.***

## Prayer of Praise

# Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

6 C Dm F/C C F Dm C/E F Dm

-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high  
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as  
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

11 Am F/A (C<sup>SUS</sup>)(C) F B $\flat$  Gm C Dm F/C C F

An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

# Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

## Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death? -  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? -  
That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? -  
What comes apart from His command,  
And what will keep us to the end? -  
The love of Christ in which we stand.

## Chorus

O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal.  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess -  
Christ, our hope in life and death.

## Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul? -  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? -  
In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

## Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing? -  
Christ He lives, Christ He lives.  
And what reward will heaven bring? -  
Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord;  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore.

**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 – Daniel 4:34-37**

*Blaine Marsh*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord God,**

**To you every heart owes allegiance, before you every knee should bow, on you every mind should meditate, for you every hand should labor. We confess, Father, our frequent failures and the shortcomings of our sin. At times our hearts are enticed by other loyalties. On occasion we serve others besides you; we find that our minds do not stay focused on you, and we acknowledge too much of self in the work of our hands. Have mercy, we pray! Do not give us over to our idols! By the power of your Spirit, soften our hearts, transform our wills, renew our minds, and direct our hands! We ask 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 Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true Word  
 3. Rich - es I heed not nor man's emp - ty praise  
 4. High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won

5 Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
 Thou mine in - her - it - ance now O bright heaven's ways  
 May I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun

9 Thou my best thought by day or by night  
 Thou my great Fa - ther and Thy true son  
 Thou and Thou on own heart what - ev - er my be - heart  
 Heart of my my own heart what - ev - er my be - heart fall

13 Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light  
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with Thee one  
 High King of hea - ven my trea - sure Thou art  
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all

## Prayers of the People

## Ministry Moment

*Wayne Blanding*

## 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 46*

Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;  
their idols are on beasts and livestock;  
these things you carry are borne  
as burdens on weary beasts.

<sup>2</sup> They stoop; they bow down together;  
they cannot save the burden,  
but themselves go into captivity.

<sup>3</sup> “Listen to me, O house of Jacob,  
all the remnant of the house of Israel,  
who have been borne by me from before  
your birth,  
carried from the womb;

<sup>4</sup> even to your old age I am he,  
and to gray hairs I will carry you.

I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.

<sup>5</sup> “To whom will you liken me and make  
me equal,  
and compare me, that we may be  
alike?

<sup>6</sup> Those who lavish gold from the purse,  
and weigh out silver in the scales,  
hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a  
god;  
then they fall down and worship!

<sup>7</sup> They lift it to their shoulders, they carry  
it,  
they set it in its place, and it stands  
there;

it cannot move from its place.  
If one cries to it, it does not answer  
or save him from his trouble.

<sup>8</sup> “Remember this and stand firm,  
recall it to mind, you transgressors,  
<sup>9</sup> remember the former things of old;  
for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me,  
<sup>10</sup> declaring the end from the beginning  
and from ancient times things not yet  
done,

saying, ‘My counsel shall stand,  
and I will accomplish all my purpose,’  
<sup>11</sup> calling a bird of prey from the east,  
the man of my counsel from a far  
country.

I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;  
I have purposed, and I will do it.

<sup>12</sup> “Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,  
you who are far from righteousness:  
<sup>13</sup> I bring near my righteousness; it is not  
far off,  
and my salvation will not delay;  
I will put salvation in Zion,  
for Israel my glory.”



**Sermon: His Timing: Trusting His Plan**

*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**

# Shout to the Lord

## Verse

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship You.

## Chorus

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth, let us sing!  
Power and majesty,  
Praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands.  
Forever I'll love You;  
Forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise  
I have in You.

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home
Tu 11/23	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 11/24	8:00 AM	Men's Group	Fishbowl Room
W 11/24	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 11/24	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 11/24	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
Th 11/25		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Sun 11/28	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms
Sun 11/28	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 11/28	6:00 PM	Make Your Own Advent Wreath	Fellowship Hall

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date Offering</b>	\$187,538.32	\$186,875.15
<b>Week of 11/14</b>	\$4,076.92	\$4,085.00

## Announcements

- **Deacons' Offering:** On 11/28, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the deacons will take up an offering for the deacons' fund.
- **Poinsettia Order:** A sign-up sheet for ordering poinsettias will be on the information table until Sun. 11/28. The cost is \$13 per plant.
- **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.
- **Congregational Meeting:** The elders have scheduled a congregational meeting for Sun. 12/12 at 11:45am. The only item on the agenda is for the congregation to discuss and then vote on William Pope as an elder candidate. Only members may join the discussion and voting; regular attenders and visitors are more than welcome to be present! We do not anticipate the meeting to last more than about 15 minutes. Please mark your calendars.
- **Advent at New Life:**
  - Advent Reading Guides: Individuals and families are invited to stop at the information table to pick up guides for advent readings.
  - Make-Your-Own Advent Candle Wreath: 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.
  - Parents' Day Out and Kids' Christmas Party: On Sat. 12/11 from 9:00am-2:00pm, 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.
  - Open House Christmas Party at the Swansons': NLPC is invited to stop in at the Swansons' (55 Blueberry Lane, Red Lion) from 3pm-8pm on Sat. 12/18. There will be a white elephant gift exchange at 4:30, and we will sing Christmas carols at 7:00.
  - Christmas Eve Service: A "Lessons and Carols" service will be held on Christmas eve at 7pm.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Sunday School Class is offered for all ages at 9am.

**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. 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 9am here at New Life.

**Moms' Group:** Meets at the church from 9:00-11:00am on Wednesdays and is studying the book of *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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 8:00-9:00am. 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 7pm at New Life and studies the book of Matthew via Zoom. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 6:00-7:30pm) 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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