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**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**

November 7, 2021

**Reflection:**

*“Religion is not one thing among many that autonomous people choose to do; it is, rather, the direction that human life takes as people give themselves over to the gripping power of either the true God or false gods.” – Abraham Kuyper*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship –** *from Psalm 113 Joe Heidler*

*Minister:* Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD.

***People:* Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

*Minister:* From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

the name of the LORD is to be praised.

***People: The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.***

*Minister:* Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

**People: Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

*Minister:* He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

***People:* He seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.**

*Minister:* He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

***People:* Praise the LORD.**

**Prayer of Praise**

**Come Christians Join to Sing**



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**Affirmation of Faith –** *Psalm 100*

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

**Serve the Lord with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

**Know that the Lord, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**For the Lord is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**Scripture Reading –** *Ephesians 2:11-22**Wayne Blanding*

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

***All:* Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Lord God,**

**You have called us by your name and you have placed your love on us. We have sinned against you. We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive, we pray, for Jesus’ sake. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to follow you this week. 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.

**Stronger**

**Verse 1**

There is Love that came for us,

Humbled to a sinner's cross.

You broke my shame and sinfulness;

You rose again victorious.

**Verse 2**

Faithfulness none can deny,

Through the storm and through the fire,

There is truth that sets me free –

Jesus Christ who lives in me.

**Chorus**

You are stronger,

You are stronger.

Sin is broken;

You have saved me.

It is written,

*Christ is risen.*

Jesus, You are Lord of all.

**Verse 3**

No beginning and no end,

You're my hope and my defence.

You came to seek and save the lost;

You paid it all upon the cross.

**Bridge**

So let Your Name be lifted higher,

Be lifted higher,

Be lifted higher.

(REPEAT 4X)

**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 –** *Colossians 3:11-17*

**11**Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

**12**Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, **13**bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. **14**And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **15**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **16**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. **17**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Sermon: His People: Beloved and Called to Love** *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 I 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**

**Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

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**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**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Sun 11/7 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School for all ages | Classrooms and Fishbowl rooms |
| Sun 11/7 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun 11/7 | 6:00 PM | Community Group | Swanson Home |
| Tu 11/9 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study Fellowship | Zoom |
| W 11/10 | 8:00 AM | Men’s Group | Fishbowl Room |
| W 11/10 | 9:00 AM | Prayer Group | Library |
| W 11/10 | 9:00 AM | Mom’s Group | Fellowship Hall |
| W 11/10 | 9:00 AM | Morning Bible Study | New Life |
| W 11/10 | 7:00 PM | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Th 11/11 | 9:30 AM | Women’s Bible Study | Fishbowl Room |
| F 11/12 | 6:00 PM | New Attendees Gathering | Rishel Home |
| F 11/12 | 7:00 PM | Women’s Conference | Providence Presbyterian Church |
| Sat 11/13 | 9:00 AM | Women’s Conference | Providence Presbyterian Church |
| Sat 11/13 | 1:30 PM | Youth Group Mini Golf | Meet at New Life |
| Sun 11/14 | 9:00 AM | Sunday School for all ages | Classrooms and Fishbowl rooms |
| Sun 11/14 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun 11/14 | 11:30 AM | Second Sunday Lunch | New Life |

**Church Financial Summary**

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| **Category** | **Budget** | **Actual** |
| **Year to Date Offering** | $179,384.48 | $177,909.80 |
| **Week of 10/31** | $4,076.92 | $6,005.00 |

**Announcements**

* **New Attendees Gathering:** Newcomers are welcome to an evening of hors d’oeuvres on Fri. 11/12. Meet at the Rishel’s home (3330 Oakham Drive, York) from 6-8 PM.
* **Youth Group:** Grades 6-12 are invited to play mini golf and eat ice cream on Sat. 11/13. Drop off at New Life at 1:30PM; please send $10-12 per person.
* **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 NEXT SUNDAY. 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:**

*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 9:00-2:00, 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.

*Open House Christmas Party at the Swansons’***:**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.

*Christmas Eve Service***:** 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 <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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