



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

December 26, 2021

Reflection:

*“Redeemer of the nations, come;
Virgin’s Son, here make Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.”*
- Ambrose

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 98

Minister: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Minister: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

People: **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.**

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

All: **O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him!**

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Praise

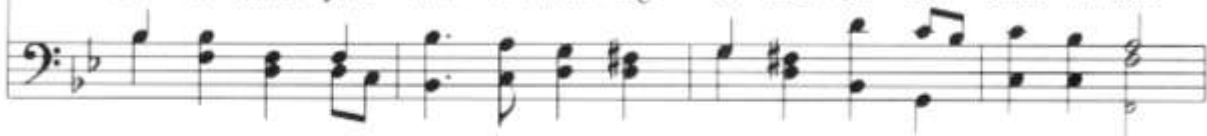
Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star;
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



Joy Has Dawned



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre -
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the
 4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a

4 D/A A D Em D/F# G A Bm G



-a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry
 an - gels; As the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a
 glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the
 ran - som, rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y

8 A D D/F# G D/F# Em⁷ A Bm Em⁷



na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of
 sta - ble. Hands that set each star in ___ place, shaped the earth in
 sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is
 Cham - pi - on! What a Sav - ior, what a ___ Friend, what a glo - rious

12 D/A A D Em D/F# G A Bm⁷ Em⁷



glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of
 dark - ness. Cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and
 with ___ us; Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll
 mys - ter - y: Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of

16 A D Em D/F# G A D



Mar - y.
 help - less.
 win ___ us.
 his - to - ry.

Affirmation of Faith – *Galatians 4:4-7*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

What Child Is This?

1 What Child is this who, laid to rest On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come pea - sant, king to own Him;

The first system of the musical score for 'What Child Is This?'. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear, for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lo - ving hearts en - throne Him.

The second system of the musical score. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Chorus

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

The chorus section of the musical score, starting with the word 'Chorus' in italics above the treble staff. The melody and bass line continue. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

The final system of the musical score. It concludes the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Prayers of the People

Covenant Baptism – Roxlyn Ann Marie King

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.

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Scripture Reading – *Isaiah 42:1-17*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the
nations.

² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the
earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched
them out,
who spread out the earth and what
comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ "I am the Lord; I have called you in
righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep
you;
I will give you as a covenant for the
people,

a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to
pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them."

¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth,

you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,

the coastlands and their inhabitants.

¹¹ Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,

the villages that Kedar inhabits;

let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,

let them shout from the top of the

mountains.

¹² Let them give glory to the Lord,

and declare his praise in the

coastlands.

¹³ The Lord goes out like a mighty man,

like a man of war he stirs up his zeal;

he cries out, he shouts aloud,

he shows himself mighty against his

foes.

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace;

I have kept still and restrained myself;

now I will cry out like a woman in labor;

I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills,

and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,

and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ And I will lead the blind

in a way that they do not know,

in paths that they have not known

I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into

light,

the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,

and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to

shame,

who trust in carved idols,

who say to metal images,

“You are our gods.”

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

Go Tell It on the Mountain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ _ is born.

VERSE



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo a - bove the earth, rang
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and



-hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. ____
 out the an - gel chor - us that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. ____
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn. ____

Benediction – Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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 12/26	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W 12/29	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
W 12/29	7:00 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Library
Sun 1/2	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms
Sun 1/2	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 1/2	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$207,922.92	\$212,239.75
Week of 12/19	\$4,076.92	\$5,939.00

Announcements

- **Christianity Explored Dinner and Discussion:** Advent and Christmas focus on the good news: Jesus came to seek and save! Please prayerfully consider whom you can invite to join you in a bible study of Mark called "Christianity Explored". This outreach-focused study will explore the fundamentals of Christianity: Jesus' identity, mission, and call. This study is geared for the person willing to consider the claims of Christianity. If interested, contact Pastor Erik. The hope is to have enough interest to offer this class starting some time mid-January. The class will meet for dinner and discussion. A host family who is willing to provide dinner for eight weeks is needed.
- **Short Term Missions Opportunities in 2022:** Interested in the possibility of a short-term missions trip? Join the conversation on Sun. 1/9 at 11:45. Meet in one of the fishbowl rooms.
- **SILVERS:** Come join us at New Life for a movie night!
Date: Saturday, January 15
Time: 6:30 PM
Snacks and beverages will be provided.
SILVERS – Mark your calendar and sign up next Sunday.
Looking forward to seeing you there!
- **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 two on Sun. 1/23 at 7:30pm.

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 2nd and 4th 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 1st and 3rd 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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