



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

January 23, 2022

Reflection:

“The way of God is not that of ostentation but of ultimate success. Little is great where God is at work.” – R. T. France

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalms 40 and 41

Wayne Blanding

Minister: I waited patiently for the LORD;
People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**

Minister: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
People: **he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.**

Minister: He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.

People: **Many will see and fear
and put their trust in the LORD.**

All: **Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!**

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King

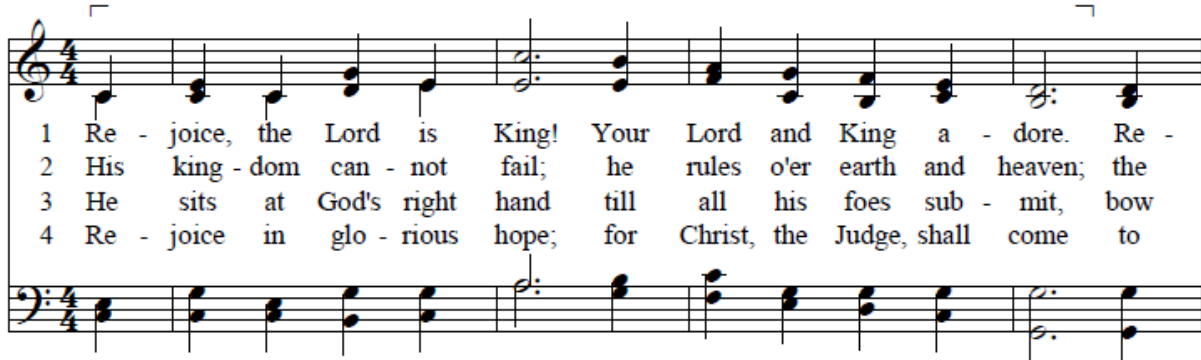
1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - for - ter, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise. Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al -
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
 prais - es be hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

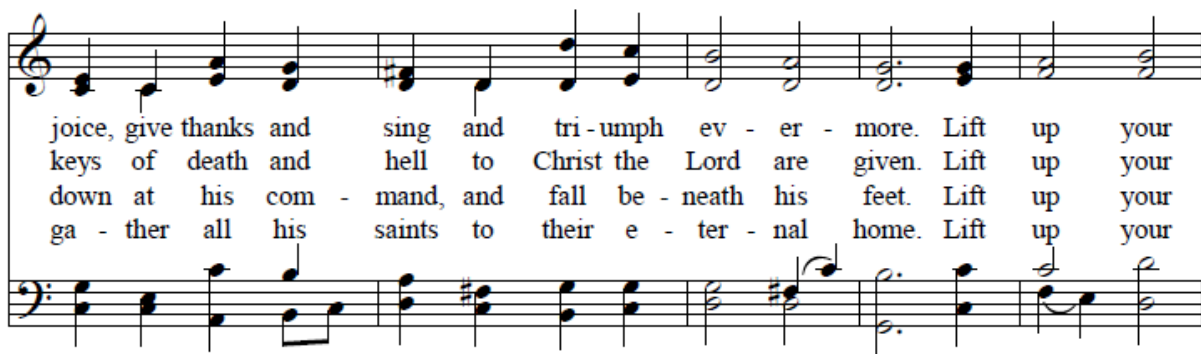
glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous;
 might - y aid our sure de - fense be made,
 might - y art, rule now in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

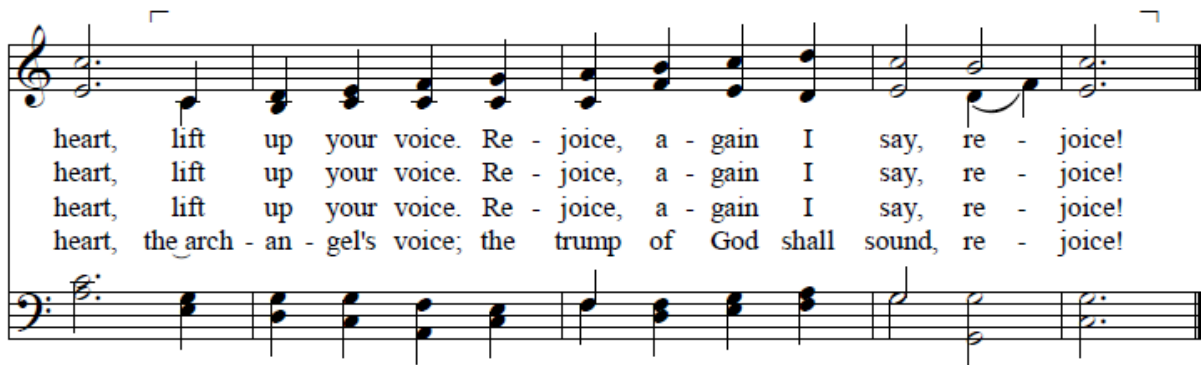
Rejoice the Lord Is King



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore. Re -
2 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
3 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, bow
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come to



joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more. Lift up your
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given. Lift up your
down at his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet. Lift up your
ga - ther all his saints to their e - ter - nal home. Lift up your



heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
heart, lift up your voice. Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
heart, the arch - an - gel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *Daniel 2:24-45*

Will Pope

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Faithful Lord,

We confess that we have walked by sight and not by faith.

We have served in our own strength instead of the strength which You supply;

We have relied on our own resources rather than trusting You to provide;

We have been consumed by worry, guilt, and restlessness because we seek to control our own lives rather than resting and relying on You for everything that we need for life and godliness.

Yet we know that even when we are faithless, You will remain faithful for You cannot deny Yourself.

Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, and by the power of Your Spirit work in us true and genuine repentance that gives life to true and genuine faith.

Grant us zealous hearts, fervent devotion, and tireless hope in the Gospel. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Ephesians 2:8-10*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Holly Wirt

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 – *Matthew 13:31-33*

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

Sermon: Surprising Growth
Series: Stories of the Kingdom

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

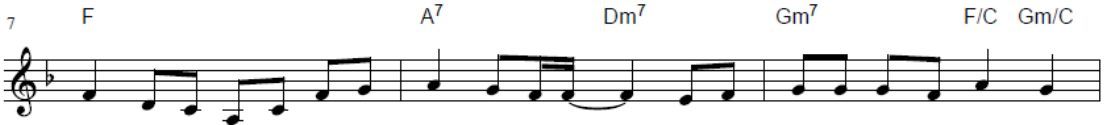
Hear the Call of the Kingdom



1. Hear the call of the king-dom, lift your
 (2. Hear the) call of the king-dom, to be
 (3. Hear the) call of the king-dom to reach



eyes to the King; — Let His song rise with-in you as a fra-grant of - fer - ing of how
 chil - dren of light — with the mer - cy of heav-en the hu - mil - i - ty of _Christ; Walk-ing
 out to the lost — with the Fa - thers com-pas-sion in the won-der of the _cross, bring-ing



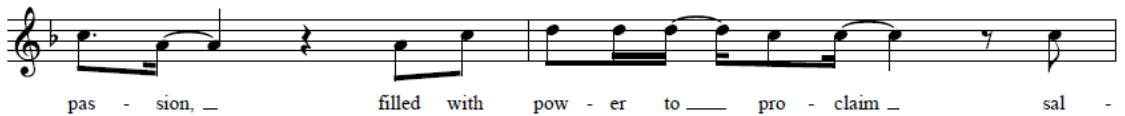
God, rich in mer - cy, came in Christ to re - deem — all who trust in His un - fail - ing
 just - ly be - fore Him, lov - ing all that is right, — that the life of Christ may shine through
 peace and for - give-ness, and a hope yet to come: — Let the na - tions put their trust in



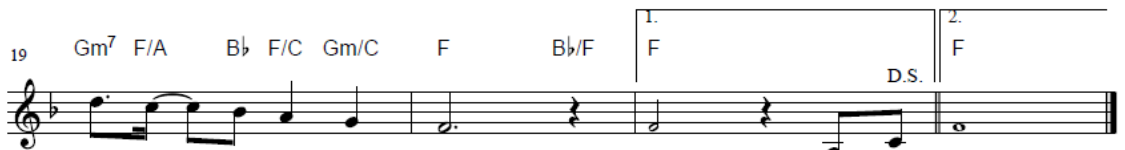
grace. 2. Hear the us. King of heav - en, — we will
 Him.



an - swer _ the call. _ We will fol - low, _ bring-ing hope to _ the world, _ filled with



pas - sion, _ filled with pow - er to _ pro - claim _ sal -



-va - tion _ in Je - sus name. 3. Hear the

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 1/23	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms
Sun 1/23	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 1/23	11:30 AM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sun 1/23	7:30 PM	Men's Book Discussion	Swanson Home
Tu 1/25	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 1/26	8:00 AM	Men's Group	Fishbowl Room
W 1/26	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 1/26	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 1/26	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 1/26	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 1/27	7:00 PM	Young Adults Gathering	Swanson Home
Sun 1/30	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms
Sun 1/30	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 1/30	11:30 AM	Short-term Mission Meeting	New Life
Sun 1/30	11:45 AM	Women's Events Brainstorming	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$12,807.69	\$11,069.75
Week of 01/16/22	\$4,269.23	\$4,190.00

Announcements

- **Inclement Weather Policy:** If weather is questionable, we will post any cancellation notice to both the website and the Facebook page no later than 8 AM Sunday morning. If you do not have internet access, please call a friend to inquire.
- **Congregational Meeting Today:** The annual congregational meeting agenda includes: looking back on highlights from 2021, looking ahead to ministries in 2022, and looking at the church's finances. The congregation will deliberate on and vote on a proposed change to the pastor's salary.
- **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 Sunday January 23rd at 7:30 PM. Meet at the Swanson home.
- **Young Adults Gathering on January 27th:** Mark your calendars for a gathering on Thursday January 27th at 7 PM for an evening of food, fellowship, and discussion. Meet at the Swanson's. We will be discussing Christianity and culture.
- **Short-Term Mission Trip Opportunity:** New Life hopes to send a team to Fairmont WV to do a week of children's and youth outreach. We are planning to try to go July 9th-16th. We will help lead a VBS for children and we will lead an evangelistically focused sports camp for youth. Accommodations are in bunkhouses at a Christian retreat center. A planning meeting will be held on January 30th, ten minutes after the service ends. Volunteer commitments are requested by February 6th. As a team, we will fundraise to cover the costs.
- **2022 Women's Events Brainstorming:** Please meet in one of the fishbowl rooms on Sunday January 30th at 11:45 to brainstorm women's fellowship events in 2022. Contact Holly Wirt for more information at holly_hursh@yahoo.com or 717-916-2113.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

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

Women's Bible Study: A winter Zoom-based study using Jen Wilken's *God of Deliverance: Exodus 1-18* is being held January through March. Also, beginning in March an in-person study will be held using the Jen Wilkin study guide, *God of Freedom: Exodus 19-40*. For more information please contact Marlene Spark at 717-428-3827 or mjmarlene@hotmail.com.

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 virtue of wisdom. 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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