



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

January 30, 2022

Reflection:

“In this knowledge of Christ, there is an excellency above all other knowledge in the world; there is nothing more pleasing and comfortable, more animating and enlivening, more ravishing and soul contenting; only Christ is the sun and center of all divine revealed truths, we can preach nothing else as the object of our faith, as the necessary element of your salvation, which doth not some way or other, either meet in Christ, or refer to Christ; only Christ is the whole of man’s happiness, the Sun to enlighten him, the Physician to heal him, the Wall of Fire to defend him, the Friend to sustain him, the Pearl to enrich him, the Ark to carry him, the Rock to support him.”

- Isaac Ambrose

“Every good thing we could think or desire is to be found in this same Jesus Christ alone. For, he was sold, to buy us back; captive, to deliver us; condemned, to absolve us; he was made a curse for our blessing, sin offering for our righteousness; marred that we may be made fair; he died for our life; so that by him fury is made gentle, wrath appeased, darkness turned into light, fear reassured, despisal despised, debt canceled, labor lightened, sadness made merry, misfortune made fortunate, difficulty easy, disorder ordered, divisions united, ignominy ennobled, rebellion subjected, intimidation intimidated, ambush uncovered, assaults assailed, force forced back, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, the abyss sunk into the abyss, hell transfixed, death dead, mortality made immortal.”

- John Calvin

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Revelation 5

Wayne Blanding

Minister: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

People: **To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!**

Prayer of Praise

Come, People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come, people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice, let ev'ry tongue rejoice.
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ rejoice.

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all.

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Holy, holy is He.
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings.
You are my everything
And I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color,
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King.

Verse 3

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water -
Such a marvelous mystery.

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 – *Philippians 3:1-11*

Kathleen Donovan-Snavely

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

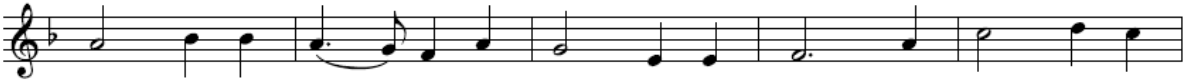
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

My Jesus I Love Thee



1. My Je - sus, I love ___ Thee; I know Thou art mine. For
 2. I love Thee be - cause ___ Thou hast first lov - ed me, and
 3. I'll love Thee in life; ___ I will love Thee in death, and
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll

5 F Bb/F F C C⁷ F F/A Bb F/A



Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My gra - cious Re -
 pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree. I love Thee for -
 praise Thee as long ___ as Thou lend - est me breath. And say when the
 ev - er a - dore ___ Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the

10 C⁷/G F C F Bb F/C C



-deem - er, my Sav - ior art Thou: _____ If
 wear - ing the thorns ___ on Thy brow: _____ If
 death ___ dew lies cold ___ on my brow: _____ If
 glit - ter - ing crown ___ on my brow: _____ If

13 F Bb/F F F/C C⁷ F



ev - er I loved ___ Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 ev - er I loved ___ Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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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 – *Matthew 13:44-46*

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Sermon: Incomparable Worth
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 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

How Rich a Treasure We Possess

Verse 1

How rich a treasure we possess
In Jesus Christ our Lord.
His blood, our ransom and defense;
His glory, our reward.
The sum of all created things
Are worthless in compare,
For our inheritance is Him
Whose praise angels declare.

Verse 2

How free and costly was the love
Displayed upon the cross.
While we were dead in untold sin
The Sov'reign purchased us.
The will of God the Father
Demonstrated through the Son,
The Spirit seals the greatest work,
The work which Christ has done.

Verse 3

How vast and measureless the flood
Of mercy unrestrained.
The penalty was paid in full;
The spotless Lamb was slain.
Salvation, what a priceless gift
Received by grace through faith.
We stand in robes of righteousness;
We stand in Jesus' Name.

Ending

For Yours is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory.
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory.
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory.
Amen, amen, amen.

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 1/30	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 Missions Meeting	Sanctuary
Tu 2/1	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 2/2	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 2/2	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 2/2	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun 2/6	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl rooms
Sun 2/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 2/6	11:45 AM	2022 Women's Events Brainstorm	Fishbowl room
Sun 2/6	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$17,076.92	\$20,786.75
Week of 01/23/22	\$4,269.23	\$7,626.00

Announcements

- **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 today, 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 next Sunday February 6th 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.
- **Youth Group Events:**
 - **Friday February 11th 6:30-9:30 PM:** Games and activities at the Swansons'.
 - **February 18th-20th:** Presbytery-wide winter youth retreat.
- **Pancake Party:** In lieu of Second Sunday Lunch, the SILVERS invite New Life to a Pancake Party on Sunday February 13th after the worship service. Toppings will be provided, but to share in the fun, bring your favorite topping or brunch dish. Contact Mel King (717-487-5386) with any questions.
- **Men's Bowling:** Men, join us for an afternoon of bowling from 3-5 PM at Suburban Bowlerama on Saturday February 19th. Afterward we'll be enjoying a meal at Montego Bay Cuisine. Contact Iren Snavelly (717-645-8565) or Rob Rothermel (717-495-9984) for more details.
- **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.

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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