



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

February 6, 2022

Reflection:

"The first thing I ask is that people should not make use of my name, and should not call themselves Lutherans but Christians. What is Luther? The teaching is not mine. Nor was I crucified for anyone...How did I, poor stinking bag of maggots that I am, come to the point where people call the children of Christ by my evil name?"

- Martin Luther

"We have a great need for Jesus, and a great Jesus for our need."

- Spurgeon

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

People: **I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.**

Minister: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

People: **Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.**

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^(sus)(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.

Psalm 139 (Far Too Wonderful)

Verse 1

You wrote the story of my life.
You go before; You fall behind.
Before a breath, beyond my death,
You are with me on the way to everlasting.

Chorus

I can't run; I can't hide.
Even darkness is a light.
From the lowest place to the highest praise,
You are worthy.
Amazing love - how can it be? -
Far too wonderful for me.
There's only one thing left to say:
You are worthy.

Verse 2

Search me, God, and know my heart.
Try me; know my anxious thoughts.
Find the wickedness in me
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Bridge

You formed me in my mother's womb.
You know my frame, my flesh and bone.
I'm wonderfully made.
I can't describe; it's way too high.
You see me through and through and call me loved -
What a wonderful grace.

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together
for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit
he also assures me
of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 119:17-24

Teresa Deckard

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Minister: Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we have rebelled against you and ignored your commandments. You love us as children, yet we run from you like prodigals, denying your authority in our lives and breaking your commandments.

All: Forgive us our Father, and have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, and have laid down your life for your flock. Yet we confess that we have strayed as sheep, and ignored our Shepherd. We have sought to be our own saviors through seeking our own pleasures, and pursuing our own selfish agendas.

All: Forgive us Lord Jesus, and have mercy upon us.

Minister: Spirit of Truth, you are the Comforter, and have come to lead us in paths of righteousness. Yet we confess that we resist your work in our lives, and grieve you continuously, failing to do the things you lead us to do, and deliberately pursuing things you lead us away from.

All: Forgive us O Lord, and have mercy upon us.

Minister: Hear us now as we individually confess our sins to you.

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession]

Minister: O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

All: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for your name's sake. Grant us repentant hearts, and keep us close to you. These things we ask for your glory, that your will might be done on earth, and in our lives, even as it is done in Heaven. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Colossians 1:13*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment; You are forever -
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor; You are eternal -
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty -
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.

Verse 2

We are the broken; You are the healer -
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Ending

Be unto Your name.

(Repeat)

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Verse 2

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Verse 3

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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 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	Women's Events Brainstorming	Fishbowl Room
Sun 2/6	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home
Tu 2/8	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 2/9	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 2/9	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 2/9	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 2/9	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F 2/11	6:30 PM	Youth Group Games	Swanson Home
Sat 2/12	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun 2/13	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 2/13	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 2/13	11:30 AM	Pancake Party	Fellowship Hall
Sun 2/13	6:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$21,346.15	\$23,360.75
Week of 01/30/22	\$4269.23	\$4125.00

Announcements

- **2022 Women's Events Brainstorming:** Please meet in one of the fishbowl rooms today 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.
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men, please note we are moving our meeting place and time. Instead of Wednesdays at New Life, we will be meeting for breakfast at Cracker Barrel on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Come join us at 7 AM to discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*.
- **Pancake Party:** In lieu of Second Sunday Lunch, the SILVERS invite New Life to a Pancake Party next 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.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Donation bottles for Human Life Services "Change for Life" event can be picked up from the lobby. Please note our last collection date is Sunday February 20th. Contact Susette Grim (717-487-9372) with any questions.
- **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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