



# 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 13, 2022

## Reflection:

*“Jesus announced God’s kingdom, and this would lead many of his hearers to expect a cataclysmic disruption of society... yet things went on apparently as before. It was to this impatience that the parable was primarily directed. God’s kingdom does bring division, and that division is final, but while it is already present in principle, its full outworking is for God to bring about in the final judgment.” R. T. France*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 2

*Minister:* Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

*People:* **The kings of the earth take counsel together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.**

*Minister:* He who sits in heaven laughs. The Lord holds them in derision.

*People:* **He will terrify them in his fury saying, “I have established my King on my holy hill.”**

*Minister:* Now therefore, O kings, be wise. Be warned O rulers of the earth.

*People:* **Serve the Lord with fear. And rejoice with trembling.**

*Minister:* Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the way.

*People:* **Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

## Prayer of Praise

## **Come; Now Is the Time to Worship**

Come; now is the time to worship.  
Come; now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship.  
Come just as you are before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still, the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B♭(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B♭(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name,  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## **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 Savior 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 – 2 Peter 3:8-13**

*Sue Ann Randall*

*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.**

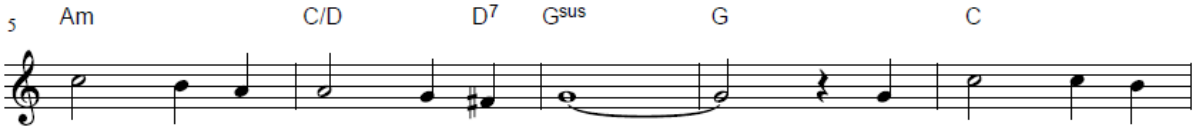
**Assurance of Forgiveness – Colossians 1:13**

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

# It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let  
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

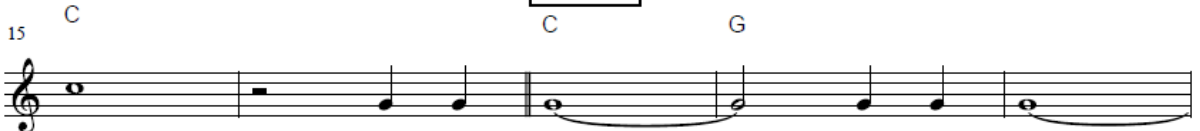


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; \_\_\_\_\_ What - ev - er my  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; \_\_\_\_\_ That Christ hath re -  
 sin - not in part, but the whole; \_\_\_\_\_ Is nailed to the  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; \_\_\_\_\_ The trump shall re -



lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my  
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my  
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my  
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my

**CHORUS**



soul." It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul, \_\_\_\_\_  
 soul.  
 soul!  
 soul.



— it is well, it is well with my soul.

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Ministry Moment**

## **Membership Vows**

*Mark and Teresa Deckard  
Mark and D Flaharty*

## **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 13:24-30, 36-43, 47-50**

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Sermon: Waiting on Justice**  
**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**

# How Great Thou Art

## Verse 1

O Lord my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made:  
I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed.

## Chorus

Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God to Thee,  
*How great Thou art;*  
*How great Thou art!*  
Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God to Thee,  
*How great Thou art;*  
*How great Thou art!*

## Verse 2

And when I think  
That God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die,  
I scarce can take it in -  
That on the cross,  
My burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin.

## Verse 3

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home,  
What joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim,  
*My God how great Thou art!*

## 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 2/13	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
Tu 2/15	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 2/16	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 2/16	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 2/16	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F 2/18 – Sun 2/20		Presbytery Youth Retreat	
Sat 2/19	3:00 PM	Men's Bowling	Suburban Bowlerama
Sun 2/20	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 2/20	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 2/20	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$25,615.38	\$30,020.75
<b>Week of 01/30/22</b>	\$4269.23	\$6,660.00

## Announcements

- **Pancake Party:** In lieu of Second Sunday Lunch, the SILVERS invite New Life to a Pancake Party TODAY after the worship service.
- **Men's Bowling:** Men, join us for an afternoon of bowling from 3-5 PM at Suburban Bowlerama on Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Susette Grim (717-487-9372) with any questions.
- **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. Come join us at 7 AM to discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*.
- **Missionary Presentations:** On Sunday February 27<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school Joel and Stephanie will share about their mission to Paris. On Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> during Sunday school Matt C will share about his mission.
- **New Adult Sunday School Class:** The trustworthiness of the Bible is foundational to the Christian faith. Starting March 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a new adult Sunday School class on "Inspiration and Canon." We will look at the Bible's understanding of its own authority, and we will look at how the church recognized what books were to be received as God's word.
- **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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 8:00-9:00am. Currently we are discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Contact Rob Rothermel at [rrothe01@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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