



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

February 20, 2022

Reflection:

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. – Proverbs 27

David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die..." Nathan said to David, "You are the man!" – 2 Samuel 12

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – from Zephaniah 3

Will Pope

Minister: Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!

People: **Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!**

Minister: The LORD has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.

People: **The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.**

Minister: The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

People: **He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing."**

Prayer of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing.
O praise Him, alleluia,
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam.

Chorus

O praise Him, O praise Him.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise Him, alleluia.
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice.
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.

Verse 3

Thou flowing water pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear.
O praise Him, alleluia,
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light.

Verse 4

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, alleluia.
Praise, praise, the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit: Three in One.

God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation,
Of water earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high.

Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty.
You are holy, holy,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2

Early in the morning,
I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night.

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth).
You are holy.

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 – Galatians 6:1-5

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Minister: O King and Father, your Son died only to be raised. Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life and power.

All: Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.

Minister: For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable.

All: Now heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. 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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

F
D
Bm
A
D
G
D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
D
Bm
A
E7
A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
A
D
G
D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

F
Bm
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G
A7
D
7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Prayers of the People

Mission Moment

Marlene Spark

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 – 2 Samuel 12

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹Thus says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this

thing before all Israel and before the sun.”¹³ David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child who is born to you shall die.”¹⁵ Then Nathan went to his house.

And the Lord afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick.¹⁶ David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.¹⁷ And the elders of his house stood beside him, to raise him from the ground, but he would not, nor did he eat food with them.¹⁸ On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, “Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm.”¹⁹ But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” They said, “He is dead.”²⁰ Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate.²¹ Then his servants said to him, “What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food.”²² He said, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, ‘Who knows whether the Lord will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’²³ But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.”

²⁴ Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the Lord loved him²⁵ and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.

²⁶ Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and took the royal city.²⁷ And Joab sent messengers to David and said, “I have fought against Rabbah; moreover, I have taken the city of waters.²⁸ Now then gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called by my name.”²⁹ So David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah and fought against it and took it.³⁰ And he took the crown of their king from his head. The weight of it was a talent of gold, and in it was a precious stone, and it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.³¹ And he brought out the people who were in it and set them to labor with saws and iron picks and iron axes and made them toil at the brick kilns. And thus he did to all the cities of the Ammonites. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

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

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious -
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



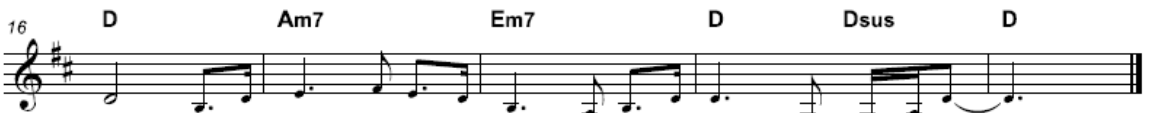
Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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 2/20	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
Tu 2/22	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 2/23	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 2/23	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 2/23	9:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 2/23	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W 2/23	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Th 2/24	7:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat 2/26	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun 2/27	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 2/27	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$29,884.61	\$35,430.75
Week of 02/13/22	\$4269.23	\$5410.00

Announcements

- **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 TODAY. See Susette Grim (717-487-9372) with any questions.
- **Men’s Breakfast:** Men, please note we have moved our meeting place and time. Instead of Wednesdays at New Life, we are 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*.
- **Missionary Presentations:** On Sunday February 27th during Sunday school Joel and Stephanie will share about their mission to Paris. On Sunday March 6th during Sunday school Matt C will share about his mission.
- **Women's Bible Study:** What do the 10 Commandments and the building of the tabernacle have to do with freedom? Come join us to find out. The spring study uses Jen Wilkin's *God of Freedom: Exodus 19-40*, a 10-Session study beginning on Thursday mornings March 17th 9:30 - 11:00 am at NLPC in the Fishbowl room. The study guide includes daily study questions and review as well as digital access to all of the video lectures for each study, which will be yours permanently to use as you wish. Please purchase the study guide on your own through Lifeway.com or Christianbooks. The cost of the study guide is \$24.99, but don't let the price hold you back. The church has *scholarships available* to cover the cost of the study guides. For more information or to sign-up, please contact Marlene Spark, who will provide you with more details and insure that you receive directions. (mjmarlene@hotmail.com or 717-428-3827 home number).
- **S.I.L.V.E.R.S.:** Mark your calendar! On Saturday March 19th we will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day together at Kelly’s Inn. Food, fun, and fellowship! Watch for more information next week.
- **New Adult Sunday School Class:** The trustworthiness of the Bible is foundational to the Christian faith. Starting March 20th, 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: Beginning March 17 on Thursdays (9:30-11:00 am) at the church we are meeting to study the Word using Jen Wilkin's, *God of Freedom: Exodus 19-40*. A group is currently studying Exodus 1-18, through Zoom meetings every Wednesday evening (7:00-8:30 pm). For more information, contact Marlene Spark.

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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