



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshipping God

February 27, 2022

Reflection:

Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite. What would grace be if it were not cheap?... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him. Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God. – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:17

Will Pope

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Praise

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to You,
We turn to You.
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for You,
We long for You.

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day.
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away).

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You,
We turn to You.
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new,
You make us new.

Ending

Hosanna, hosanna.

As It Is in Heaven

Verse 1

Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Come and let Your glory, come
And let Your glory fall.
Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
The rocks cry out Your fame.
Come and let Your glory, come
And let Your glory fall.

Pre-Chorus

I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song.
I will sing, sing a new song
To the Lord.

Chorus

Let Your Kingdom come.
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Ev'ry heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven.

Verse 2

God give us, new ev'ry morning,
Mercy as daily bread,
In the name of Jesus,
In the name of Jesus we pray.
And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand,
In the name of Jesus,
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Father, we pray.

Bridge

For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever, amen.
And the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever, amen.

Ending

As it is in Heaven.

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 – Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by holiness and love. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us up to a deeper experience of the Lordship of Christ. In your great power, show forth your glory in every area of our lives that we may be worthy of our calling to be your royal Sons and Daughters. 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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Ending

Worship Your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Prayers of the People

Mission Moment

Joel and Stephanie

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 13:51-52

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Sermon: A Gracious Host

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me

with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

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 2/27	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 2/27	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu 3/1	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 3/2	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 3/2	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 3/2	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W 3/2	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Sun 3/6	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 3/6	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 3/6	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$34,461.54	\$38,630.75
Week of 02/20/22	\$4307.69	\$3200.00

Announcements

- **Missionary Presentations:** This morning during Sunday school Joel and Stephanie shared 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 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 Christianbook.com. 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. (mjsmarlene@hotmail.com or 717-428-3827 home number).
- **Game Night:** On Friday March 18th at 5:30 PM bring your favorite games and come to New Life! A simple dinner will be served (donations requested), and then spend the evening playing games and visiting.
- **S.I.L.V.E.R.S.:** On Saturday March 19th, we will meet at **Lion's Pride Restaurant** (updated location) in Red Lion. Lunch at 1:30 with fun and fellowship. Sign up today! Questions – contact Sue Ann Randall 818-0836 or Alice Lomax 881-7048.
- **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.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School Class is offered for all ages at 9:00 AM.

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 9:00 AM here at New Life.

Moms' Group: Meets at the church from 9:00-11:00 AM 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 Cracker Barrel every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:00 AM. Currently we are discussing *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. 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 7:00 PM 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 6:00-7:30 PM) 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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