



**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 cursive script that reads "Erik Swanson".

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

# Worshiping God

March 20, 2022

## Reflection:

*Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.- Psalm 116*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship –

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

*Minister:* To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

*People:* **In you we trust, O God.**

*Minister:* Do not let us be put to shame, nor let our enemies triumph over us.

*People:* **No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame.**

*Minister:* Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.

*People:* **The troubles of our hearts have multiplied; free us from anguish.**

*Minister:* Look upon our affliction and distress and take away all our sins.

*People:* **Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame. For we take refuge in you.**

*Minister:* May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you.

*People:* **Redeem us, O God, from all our troubles!**

## Prayer of Praise

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed  
3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re - spon - sive  
4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at his

pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,  
from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,  
to his call, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe,  
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song

and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al  
and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you  
and crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -  
and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

# Goodness of God

## Verse 1

I love You, Lord;  
Oh Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

## Chorus

All my life You have been faithful;  
All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

## Verse 2

I love Your voice;  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night.  
You are close like no other;  
I've known You as a father;  
I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God.

## Bridge

Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
With my life laid down,  
I'm surrendered now.  
I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.

## **Affirmation of Faith – Colossians 1:15-20**

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## **Scripture Reading – Psalm 103**

*Blaine Marsh*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession:**

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God.  
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,  
And all our mind, and all our strength,  
We confess that our love for you is a diluted love,  
Made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.  
Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake.  
Enable us, by the power of your Spirit, to love you as we ought. Amen!**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 37:39-40**

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.  
The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

# Be Thou My Vision

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways; thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## Prayers of the People

### Missions 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 19:27-20:16*

<sup>27</sup>Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."



**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 – Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## **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 3/20 | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School for All Ages    | Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms |
| Sun 3/20 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service     | Sanctuary                   |
| Sun 3/20 | 2:00 PM  | Youth Group: Spa Day          | Renee Henry Home            |
| Sun 3/20 | 6:00 PM  | Community Group               | Swanson Home                |
| M 3/21   | 7:00 PM  | Women's Zoom Bible Study      | Zoom                        |
| Tu 3/22  | 7:00 PM  | Bible Study Fellowship        | New Life and/or Zoom        |
| W 3/23   | 9:00 AM  | Moms' Group                   | Fellowship Hall             |
| W 3/23   | 9:00 AM  | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | TV Room                     |
| W 3/23   | 10:00 AM | Prayer Group                  | Library                     |
| W 3/23   | 7:00 PM  | Music Team Rehearsal          | Sanctuary                   |
| Th 3/24  | 9:30 AM  | Women's Bible Study           | New Life                    |
| Th 3/24  | 7:00 PM  | Young Adult Gathering         | Swanson Home                |
| F 3/25   | 7:00 PM  | Youth Group: Bowling          | Suburban Bowlerama          |
| Sat 3/26 | 7:00 AM  | Men's Breakfast               | Cracker Barrel              |
| Sun 3/27 | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School for All Ages    | Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms |
| Sun 3/27 | 10:00 AM | Corporate Worship Service     | Sanctuary                   |
| Sun 3/27 | 11:30 AM | Kids' Club Volunteers Meeting | Fishbowl Room               |
| Sun 3/27 | 6:00 PM  | Easter Egg Stuffing Party     | New Life                    |

## Church Financial Summary

| Category                 | Budget      | Actual      |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Year to Date 2022</b> | \$47,384.62 | \$54,004.75 |
| <b>Week of 3/13/22</b>   | \$4307.69   | \$6344.00   |

## Announcements

- **Inquirer's Class:** If you are new to New Life or interested in membership, contact Pastor Erik for information on a class that covers the basic beliefs of the church.
- **Spring Directory:** Update the copy in the foyer or email [kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com).
- **Women's Bible Study:** Our in-person study began this past Thursday morning. Tomorrow at 7pm begins our Zoom study. Contact Marlene Spark.
- **Youth Group Events:**
  - Spa Day: TODAY from 2-5pm at Renee Henry's.
  - Suburban Bowlerama: Fri. March 25 from 7-9 PM. \$15. Please RSVP.
- **Easter Flowers:** Sign up in the foyer. Last day to place your order is next Sunday.
- **Parenting Class and Kids' Club:** Parents, what tools are in your parenting toolbox? Kids, do you want to go on a treasure hunt? Parents and kids are invited to our 8-week class on Wednesdays starting April 13. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and classes will begin at 6:00 (Nursery for 0-4, classes for 5-12). If anyone wants to volunteer to help in the kids' classes, please see pastor Erik. A planning meeting for volunteers is scheduled for Sun. March 27 at 11:30am, in one of the fishbowl classrooms.
- **Women's Fellowship:** Join us on Sun. April 10 at 5:00pm for a potluck dinner and book/movie discussion. Each person should choose a favorite book or movie to share with the group - what is it about, why does it have special meaning for you, etc?. If you have a copy, and are willing to loan it out, we can also do an exchange at the end of the evening. Contact Holly Wirt with any questions.
- **Easter at New Life:**
  - Easter Egg Stuffing Party will be held Sun. March 27 from 6-7pm. Come help stuff approximately 2000 eggs in preparation for our community outreach.
  - Community Egg Hunt, for children ages 0-10, will be on Sat. April 9 at 10:30am. Please sign up to volunteer for this event. Invite your family and community.
  - Palm Sunday service will be on April 10 at 10:00am.
  - Good Friday service will be on April 15 at 7:00pm.
  - Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:30am, followed by a potluck breakfast.
  - There will be no Christian education classes (adult or children) on Easter.
  - Our Easter service will be at 10:00am, as usual.
- **SILVERS activity Sat. April 23:** Enjoy **Chair Exercising** at New Life in the Fellowship Hall. **4-5pm exercise.** Bring your own weights if you have them. Light weights will be available to use. Work at your own pace and adapt where you need to. **Food and Fellowship at 5pm.** Bring a healthy side dish to share. Come join us. **It really is fun!** Sign up at the communications table. Any questions contact Mary Brubaker.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

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

**Women's Bible Study:** Meeting to study the Word using Jen Wilkin's, *God of Freedom: Exodus 19-40*. For more information, contact Marlene Spark (mjspark@hotmial.com).

**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. For more information, contact Joy Swanson (swansonjoy@gmail.com).

**Men's Group:** Meets at Cracker Barrel every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 7:00 AM. Currently we are discussing *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Contact Rob Rothermel.

**Youth Group:** Please contact the church office for information.

**Prayer Small Group:** Join us in prayer at New Life on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 10:00 AM. Contact Sue Rothermel.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at New Life and studies the book of Matthew via Zoom. Contact Joe Heidler 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 6:00-7:30 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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