



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

March 27, 2022

Reflection:

Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is he the best of several ways; he is the only way. – A.W. Tozer

*The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. – Psalm 118*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – *Daniel 2:20-22 and 2 Corinthians 4:6*

Pastor Erik Swanson

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.
He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;
he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.

⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning -
One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You, our Christ.

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is,
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a beautiful Name it is;
Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great; Your love was greater.
What could separate us now?

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is,
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a wonderful Name it is;
Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Bridge

Death could not hold You;
The veil tore before You;
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again.

Bridge

You have no rival;
You have no equal;
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom;
Yours is the glory;
Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is,
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.
What a powerful Name it is;
Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Ending

What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus.

Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord ___ of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and ___ man the Son. Thee will I
 robed in the bloom - ing ___ garb of spring. Je - sus is
 and all the twin - kling ___ star - ry host. Je - sus shines
 Son of ___ God and ___ Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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 – *Isaiah 55:6-13*

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

O God, I have tasted your goodness, and it has both satisfied me and made me thirsty for more. I am painfully conscious of my need for further grace. I am ashamed of my lack of desire. I am so often complacent and self-centered. Forgive me, I beg. O God, the Triune God, I want to want you; I long to be filled with longing; I thirst to be made more thirsty still. Show me your glory, I pray you, so that I may know you indeed. Begin in mercy a new work of love within me. Say to my soul, “Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.” Then give me grace to rise and follow you up from this misty lowland where I have wandered so long.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Psalms 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.

Take My Life and Let It Be



1. Take my life ___ and ___ let it be con - se - crat - ed, ___
 2. Take my hands _ and ___ let them move at the im - pulse ___
 3. Take my voice ___ and ___ let me sing al - ways, on - ly ___
 4. Take my sil - ver ___ and my gold— Not a mite _ would _
 5. Take my will ___ and ___ make it Thine— It shall be ___ no ___
 6. Take my love— _ my ___ Lord, I pour at Thy feet _ its ___

4 F/C C F C F F/A B♭ F/A



Lord, to ___ Thee; Take my mo - ments _ and my days— _ Let them flow in
 of Thy _ love; Take my feet and ___ let them be ___ swift and beau - ti -
 for my ___ King; Take my lips and ___ let them be ___ filled with mes - sag -
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use ___ ev - 'ry pow'r as
 long - er mine; Take my heart— It ___ is Thine own; ___ It shall be Thy
 treas - ure ___ store; Take my - self, and ___ I will be ___ ev - er, on - ly

8 C/G F F/C C Dm B♭ F/C C F



cease - less ___ praise, ___ let them flow in ___ cease - less praise.
 -ful ___ for ___ Thee, ___ swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 -es ___ from ___ Thee, ___ filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Thou ___ shalt ___ choose, ___ ev - 'ry pow'r as ___ Thou shalt choose.
 roy - al ___ throne, ___ it shall be Thy ___ roy - al throne.
 all ___ for ___ Thee, ___ ev - er, on - ly, ___ all for Thee.

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 21:23-46*

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

³³ “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Sermon: The Authority of Jesus
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

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

(Repeat)

Chorus

Christ alone: cornerstone;
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm He is Lord,
Lord of all.

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

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 3/27	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	2:00 PM	Youth Group: Spa Day	Renee Henry Home
Sun 3/27	6:00 PM	Easter Egg Stuffing Party	New Life
M 3/28	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu 3/29	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 3/30	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 3/30	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 3/30	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 3/31	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	New Life
Sun 4/3	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 4/3	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 4/3	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$51,692.31	\$59,028.75
Week of 3/20/22	\$4307.69	\$5024.00

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.
- **Youth Group Events:**
 - Spa Day: TODAY from 2-5 PM at Renee Henry's
- **Easter Flowers:** Sign up in the foyer. Last day to place your order is TODAY.
- **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 13th. 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 TODAY at 11:30 AM, in one of the fishbowl classrooms.
- **Women's Fellowship:** Join us on Sunday April 10th at 5:00 PM 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. RSVP to Marlene Spark.
- **Easter at New Life:**
 - Easter Egg Stuffing Party will be held TODAY from 6-7 PM. Come help stuff approximately 2000 eggs in preparation for our community outreach.
 - Community Egg Hunt, for children ages 0-10, will be on Saturday April 9th at 10:30 AM. Please sign up to volunteer for this event. Invite your family and community.
 - Palm Sunday service will be on April 10th at 10:00am.
 - Good Friday service will be on April 15th at 7:00pm.
 - Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 AM, followed by a potluck breakfast.
 - There will be no Christian education classes (adult or children) on Easter.
 - Our Easter service will be at 10:00 AM, as usual.
- **SILVERS activity Saturday April 23th:** Enjoy **Chair Exercising** at New Life in the Fellowship Hall. **4-5 PM 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 5:00 PM.** 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.

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.

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 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 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 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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