



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 6, 2022

Reflection:

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” – King David

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – *Isaiah 30:15, 18*

Pastor Erik Swanson

Minister: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

***People:* “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”**

Minister: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

***People:* For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.**

Prayer of Praise

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me;
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You;
There's nothing better than You.
Lord there's nothing;
Nothing is better than You.

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness -
My failures and flaws.
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend,
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing;
You give beauty for ashes;
You turn shame into glory;
You're the only one who can.

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens;
You turn bones into armies;
You turn seas into highways;
You're the only one who can.

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! — Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion — all is at rest, — I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

4 G C F/C C F⁶ G⁷



-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, — born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, — filled with His good - ness, lost in His

CHORUS

8 C C F C F C/E D



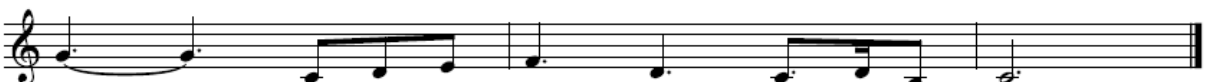
blood. — This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love. —
 love. —

12 G G⁷ C F/C



long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

14 C F⁶ G⁷ C



song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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 – *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

Kathleen Donovan-Snaveley

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you taught us to serve others as you have served us. And yet we are misled by our pride – we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected holiness, and ignored others. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness for your name's sake, Amen.

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.

Come Thou Fount

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D
A⁷
D
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F
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A⁷
D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be:

A⁷
D
A
D
G
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A⁷
D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷
D
G
D
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D
G
D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷
D
A
F
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G
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A⁷
D
F

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

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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 18:10-14*

¹⁰ "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

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

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Saviour,
The hope of nations.

Chorus

Saviour, He can move the mountains.
My God is mighty to save;
He is mighty to save.
Forever Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave;
Jesus conquered the grave.

Verse 2

So take me as You find me -
All my fears and failures;
Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in;
Now I surrender.

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King.

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 3/6	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
Tu 3/8	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 3/9	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 3/9	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 3/9	10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 3/9	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W 3/9	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
F 3/11	Evening	Youth Group: Spa Night	Renee Henry Home
Sat 3/12	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat 3/12	1:30 PM	Memorial Service for Dale Myers	New Life
Sun 3/13	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 3/13	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 3/13	11:30 AM	Second Sunday Lunch	New Life
Sun 3/13	6:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$38,769.23	\$41,545.75
Week of 02/27/22	\$4307.69	\$2915.00

Announcements

- **Memorial service for Dale Myers:** You are welcome to join us for a service honoring a former member, Dale Myers, on Saturday March 12th at 1:30 here at New Life.
- **Inquirer's Class:** If you are new to the church and want to learn more about it, or if you are interested in becoming a member, contact Pastor Erik for information on a class that covers the basic beliefs of the church.
- **Spring Church Directory:** Please make your updates or additions in the copy on the narthex table or email them to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- **Youth Group Events:**
 - Spa Night: Friday March 11th. Ladies only. Meet at Renee Henry's home.
 - Bowling: Friday March 25th from 7-9 PM. Suburban Bowlerama. \$15. Please RSVP.
- **Women's Bible Study (New information!):** What do the 10 Commandments and the building of the tabernacle have to do with freedom? Come join us for Jen Wilkin's 10-session *God of Freedom: Exodus 19-40* study. We will have two groups, one meeting at New Life beginning Thursday March 17th from 9:30-11:00 AM, and the other **meeting via Zoom beginning Monday March 21st from 7-8:30 PM**. There is still a space for you! Study guides are available 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. For help, questions, or to sign-up, please contact Marlene Spark (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** 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.
- **Easter Flowers:** Help make the church beautiful on Easter morning! A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Last day to place your order is Sunday March 27th. Please write *Easter flowers* as the memo on any checks and give payment to Barry Francisco.

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 (mjsmarlene@hotmail.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 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 10:00 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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