



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

April 3, 2022

Reflection:

Zeal for good works is as inseparable from true faith, as light is inseparable from true flame. And to prove this truth, it suffices to know that the spirit of Christ, through true faith, dwells in the heart; and whoever has the spirit of Christ loves God and Christ, and is intent with all zeal upon the imitation of Christ; not indeed with the purpose of its being the means of eternal salvation, but only to become a member in unison with his Head, to preserve the decorum of the children of God, and to glorify God and Christ in his body and in his spirit. - Juan de Valdés

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 96:1-9

Joe Heidler

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Minister: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

All: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

Prayer of Praise

O Worship the King

Chords: G D G C D7 G D

1 O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove,
 2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,

Chords: G D G C C D7 G

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
 whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove!

Chords: D D7 G D G D7

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,

Chords: G D G C G D7 G

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!
 in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come, all you weary;
Come, all you thirsty;
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water;
Come and thirst no more.

Verse 2

Come, all you sinners;
Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness;
Find what you're looking for.

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures;
Bring your addictions;
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross.
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms.

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated,
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved; God so loved the world.

Bridge

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love.

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save.

Verse 4

Bring all your failures;
Bring your addictions;
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross.
Jesus is waiting.
God so loved the world.

Affirmation of Faith – from 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 87

Mark Deckard

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 – Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

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 22:1-14*

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Sermon: Come to the Wedding Feast

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Stories of the Kingdom

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.

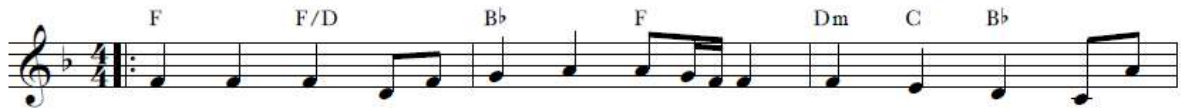
All: **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

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

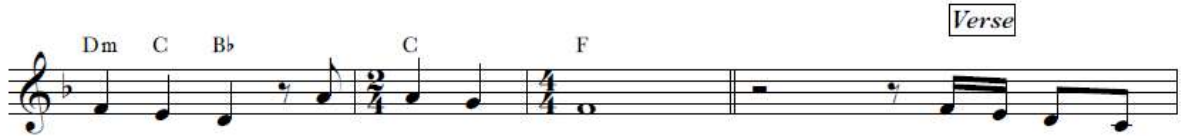
We Will Feast in the House of Zion



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our



hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther

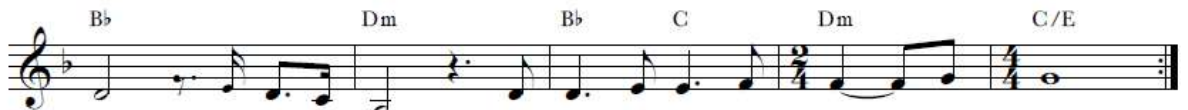


We will feast and weep no more.

1. We will not be
2. In the dark of
3. Ev - ery vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
 night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised
 bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the



sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up
 mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be ___ my strength.
 gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring ___ sha - lom

Benediction – Number 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 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
M 4/4	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu 4/5	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 4/6	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 4/6	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 4/6	10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 4/6	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 4/7	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	New Life
Sat 4/9	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat 4/9	10:30 AM	Community Egg Hunt	New Life
Sun 4/10	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 4/10	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 4/10	11:30 AM	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun 4/10	5:00 PM	Women's Fellowship Gathering	Marlene Spark Home
Sun 4/10	6:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$56,000	\$61,402.75
Week of 3/27/22	\$4307.69	\$2374.00

Announcements

- **Easter at New Life:**
 - Community Egg Hunt, for children ages 0-10, will be on Sat. Apr. 9 at 10:30am. Please sign up to volunteer for this event and invite friends!
 - Palm Sunday service will be on Apr. 10 at 10am.
 - Good Friday service will be on Apr. 15 at 7pm.
 - 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 10am, as usual.
- **Women's Fellowship:** Join us on Sun. Apr. 10 at 5pm for a potluck dinner and book/movie discussion. Come ready to talk about why your favorite has special meaning for you. 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.
- **Parenting Class and Kids Club:** 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.
- **Inquirer's Class:** The Inquirers class will meet at New Life on Sat. Apr. 23 and Sat. May 7 from 10am-12pm each time. Even if you can only come one week, please join us!
- **SILVERS Sat. Apr. 23:** Enjoy **Chair Exercising** at New Life at 4pm. **Food and Fellowship** at 5pm. Bring a healthy side dish to share. Sign up in the foyer. Any questions contact Mary Brubaker.
- **Spring Festival:** Invite your friends and community to come out to a spring festival at New Life on Sat. May 21. Held outdoors, the event starts at 5pm, with a pulled pork dinner served at 5:30pm. Games, bounce house, and activities available for family fun.
- **Local Service and Outreach June 5-10:** Servants' summer work camps are week-long mission opportunities in York County that focus on residential home repair for people in need. Projects range from painting and yard work to bathroom modifications and wheelchair ramps. More importantly, participants spend the week serving Christ through serving others; building relationships with our homeowners and each other, transforming lives through meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs, and providing hope to their community. There will be an informational meeting on Sun. Apr. 24 at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Please consider attending this meeting as there are various opportunities for involvement. Please contact Barbara Henry for more details.

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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