

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

April 17, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Reflection

“If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him.” — A.W. Tozer

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship—*from Psalm 1 and 1 Peter 1*

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: **Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Minister: and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade —kept in heaven for you,

People: **who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Prayer of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

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sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Easter Song

Verse

Hear the bells ringing; they're singing
That we can be born again.
Hear the bells ringing; they're singing
Christ is risen from the dead.
The angel up on the tombstone said
He is risen just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead.

Chorus

Joy to the world!
He is risen; alleluia!
He's risen; alleluia!
He's risen; alleluia, alleluia!
(Alleluia!)

Affirmation of Faith—1 Corinthians 15:3b-4

All: 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 - Acts 10:34-43

Teresa Deckard

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

All: Lord God, You have called us by your name and you have placed your love on us. We have sinned against you. We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive, we pray, for Jesus's sake. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to follow you this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 53:4-5

Minister: 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.

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds - His hands, His feet -
My Savior on that cursed tree.

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb -
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God!
O praise His Name forevermore!
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God!

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white;
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

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 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 28:1-15*

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹²And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Sermon Notes

Christ Is Risen from the Dead

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us.
Freely You've bled for us.

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling over death by death!
Come awake, come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!
Christ is risen from the dead;
We are one with Him again!
Come awake; come awake!
Come and rise up from the grave!

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin,
You bowed to none but heaven's will.
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown,
No burden great can hold You down.
In strength You reign;
Forever let Your church proclaim:

Bridge

O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
The glory of God has defeated the night.
Singing O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
O church, come stand in the light.
Our God is not dead; He's alive, He's alive!

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 I Corinthians 11

Leader: 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.

Special Music: Behold the Lamb

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb, silent before His
accusers
As thorns are pressed into His brow.
They lift Him up - oh see the spikes that
hold Him -
Redeeming blood flows down.

Verse 2

Behold the Lamb carrying all our
transgressions.
He freely takes our place,
Endures the lash, the mocking, and the
laughter
Of those He dies to save.

Bridge

But look again -
The cross stands empty now
And He is risen.

Chorus

Behold the Lamb; see Him crowned with
glory.
Behold the Lamb; cast your crowns
before Him
Crying Holy, holy is the Lamb!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)



1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!

CHORUS



Wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a -
Vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord!
He tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord!



-rose, with a might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose a vic - tor from the



dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -



-rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: 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 4/17	10:00 AM	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary
M 4/18	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu 4/19	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 4/20	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 4/20	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 4/20	10:00 AM	Prayer Group	Library
W 4/20	5:30 PM	Parenting Seminar/Kids' Club	New Life
W 4/20	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th 4/21	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Sat 4/23	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat 4/23	10:00 AM	Inquirer's Class	New Life
Sat 4/23	4:00 PM	SILVERS Chair Exercise	Fellowship Hall
Sun 4/24	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Room
Sun 4/24	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 4/24	11:30 AM	Servants Meeting	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date Offering	\$64,615.39	\$71,938.75
Week of 4/10	\$4,307.69	\$5,241.00

Announcements

- **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.
- **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. 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.
- **VBS Planning Meetings:** VBS this summer will be July 25-29th. The theme will be "Jesus Does the Impossible." This science-themed VBS will explore learning about Jesus' miracles. Planning meetings will be Sundays May 1, June 5, and July 3 at 4 PM at New Life. Please help in this ministry to New Life kids and to the community.
- **Cinco de Mayo and Silent Auction Fundraiser:** Mark your calendars for Fri. May 6 from 5:30-7:30pm for a Cinco De Mayo dinner and Silent Auction. This fundraiser for our summer mission trip is open to all, but Eventbrite tickets (or RSVP to Sue Ann Randall) are required. There will be a suggested donation for dinner, and there will be plenty of time to bid on the items you desire. Please contact Sue Ann if you have any items or services to donate. Please invite your community to come out to this event.
- **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. Please consider signing up to help.

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 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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