



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 24, 2022

Reflection:

“The beginning for modern and postmodern people is the existence of God and the existence of truth. While these might seem like abstract issues, they are not in fact abstract. Rather, they are very practical. There is nothing more practical nor more basic than the conviction that there is truth that can be known. Without this conviction life becomes more and more intolerable, and more and more filled with alienation, the more consistently we live with the loss of truth.” – Francis Schaeffer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship – Jeremiah 10:6-7

Joe Heidler

Minister: There is none like you, O LORD;
 you are great, and your name is great in might.
 Who would not fear you, O King of the nations?
 For this is your due;
 for among all the wise ones of the nations
 and in all their kingdoms
 there is none like you.

Prayer of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



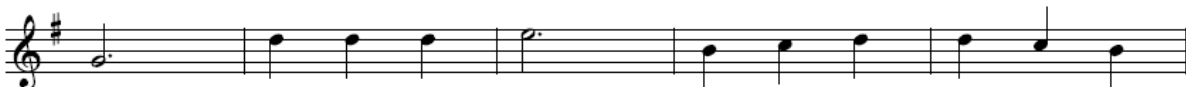
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

6 G G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C D7



-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va -
 -eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain -
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend
 thee; Health hath vouch - safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath stayed
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

12 G G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D7/A G/B



-tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
 -eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 thee. What need or grief ev - er hath failed of re -
 Him! Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

17 D G/B C D7/A Em C B7 C D7 G Fine



near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do, if with His love he be - friend thee.
 -lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.
 -gain; Glad - ly for aye (all) we a - dore Him.

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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 – John 8:31-38

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life in Christ here and now, and the hope of the resurrection for the life to come. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. 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.

Psalm 19

Verse

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You.

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

Chorus

You're my Rock and my Redeemer;
You're the reason that I sing;
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes.
Ev'ry hour, ev'ry moment,
Lord, I want to be Your servant.
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, in Your eyes.

Ending

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, my God.

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 – *Psalm 19*

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Sermon: “That’s Just Your Truth”

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Cultural Criticism and Christianity’s Beauty

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

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;
All creation rises to rejoice.

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne.
Come let us adore Him.
Behold our King; nothing can compare.
Come let us adore Him.

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave,
Jesus Savior risen now to reign.

Bridge

You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill the earth.)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever.
(Let Your glory fill.)

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 4/24	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 4/24	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 4/24	11:30 AM	Servants' Meeting	Sanctuary
M 4/25	7:00 PM	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu 4/26	7:00 PM	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W 4/27	9:00 AM	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W 4/27	9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W 4/27	5:30 PM	Parenting Seminar/Kids' Club	New Life
W 4/27	7:00 PM	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W 4/27	7:00 PM	Missions Meeting	New Life
Th 4/28	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study	New Life
Th 4/28	7:00 PM	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sun 5/1	9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms + Fishbowl Rooms
Sun 5/1	10:00 AM	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun 5/1	4:00 PM	VBS Planning Meeting	New Life
Sun 5/1	6:00 PM	Community Group	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$68,923.08	\$77,398.75
Week of 4/17/22	\$4,307.69	\$5,460.00

Announcements

- **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 **TODAY** 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.
- **SILVERS: *Wooden yew*** like to join *olive* your friends *fir* a Tuesday evening activity? *Oak*-a, the *date* is May 3 when we will visit the Wood Turner club. You don't have to *spruce* up to attend (and maybe we'll have *birch* beer!). They use *maple*, *pine*, *mahogany* and other trees to make *poplar* items. Don't be *sycamore* nights at home. Sign up today *ash* soon as possible!
- **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.
- **New Attendees Gathering:** Whether you have attended New Life for one week or one year, all new attendees are invited to gather for an evening of fellowship. Meet at the Rishels on Fri. May 13 from 6-8 PM for heavy hors d'oeuvres and fellowship. An RSVP by May 10 is requested but not required.
- **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 5 PM, with a pulled pork dinner served at 5:30 PM. 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 (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 with questions (jvheidler@comcast.net).

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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