



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.

Worshipping God

May 22, 2022

Reflection:

“Jesus today has many who love his heavenly kingdom, but few who carry his cross; many who yearn for comfort, few who long for distress. Plenty of people he finds to share his banquet, few to share his fast. Everyone desires to take part in his rejoicing, but few are willing to suffer anything for his sake. There are many that follow Jesus as far as the breaking of bread, few as far as drinking the cup of suffering; many that revere his morality, few that follow him in the indignity of his cross; many that love Jesus as long as they receive comfort from him; but should Jesus hide from them and leave them for a while, they fall to complaining or become deeply depressed.

Those who love Jesus for his own sake, not for the sake of their own comfort, bless him in time of trouble and heartache as much as when they are full of consolation.”

- Thomas a Kempis

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 71

Wayne Blanding

Minister: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

***People:* You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?**

Minister: You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

***People:* You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.**

Minister: I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;

***People:* I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

Minister: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

***People:* And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do
me hurt.**

Prayer of 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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer?



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #26

Q. What do you believe when you say,
“I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth”?

**A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt
he will provide
whatever I need
for body and soul,
and he will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends me
in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because he is almighty God;
he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 3:1-12

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – *adapted from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

Minister: Our gracious Father, You have taught us what love is.

People: **Yet we have neglected to learn from your word. Forgive us, we pray!**

Minister: You told us that love is patient and kind.

People: **Yet we are often impatient with those around us and are slow to show true kindness. Forgive us, we pray!**

Minister: You reminded us that love does not envy or boast.

People: **Yet we envy the things that are not ours and we brag about what is ours. Forgive us, we pray!**

Minister: You informed us that love is not arrogant or rude.

People: **Yet we think more highly of ourselves than we should and we are rude to those that get in our way. Forgive us, we pray!**

Minister: You showed us that love does not insist on its own way and is not irritable.

People: **Yet we get irritable when we do not get our way. Forgive us, we pray!**

Minister: You instructed us that love does not rejoice in the presence of wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

People: **Yet we secretly delight when evil things happen to our enemies instead of loving them as we ought. Forgive us, we pray!**

Minister: You demonstrated for us that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

People: **Yet we can only bear so much, our faith is frail, our hope is weak, and we desperately need the ability to endure! Forgive us, we pray!**

All: **And now, fill us with your Spirit, so that we might be enabled and empowered to love as you love. Hear us, we pray, for we come in Jesus' name.**

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Ephesians 2:8-10*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings.

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
Though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for every failing;
I am His forevermore.

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
Darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good.

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from
heaven,
And the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger,
Pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name.

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle,
Strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore.

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

Bridge

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
For His love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure;
Christ is mine forevermore.

Prayers of the People

Prayer for Graduates

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 – Colossians 3:1-14

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Sermon: “Christians Are Inauthentic!”

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 I 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.

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.

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.

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 – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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. 5/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 5/22	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/22	11:30 am	Nursery Volunteers' Meeting	Fishbowl Room
M. 5/23	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 5/25	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 5/25	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 5/25	5:30 pm	Parenting Seminar/Kids' Club	Fellowship Hall
W. 5/25	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/26	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat. 5/28	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat. 5/28	1:00 pm	Wirt Graduation Celebration	New Life
Sun. 5/29	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 5/29	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$86,153.85	\$101,053.75
Week of 5/15/22	\$4,307.69	\$6,156.00

Announcements

- **Nursery Volunteers' Meeting:** Nursery volunteers, please meet in one of the fishbowl rooms today at 11:30 for a refresh regarding nursery care best practices.
- **Graduation Celebration:** The Wirt Family would like to invite the saints of New Life to join with us as we celebrate Damien's high school graduation on Sat. May 28 at 1 pm. The ceremony will be held at the church building with food to follow.
- **Prayer Group:** Please be advised that our next meeting on Wed. June 1 will take place at the home of Connie Kay at our usual time of 10:00 am. The subsequent meeting on June 15 will meet back at the church. Please call Sue Rothermel with any questions.

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Announcements (continued)

- **Planetarium Visit:** You are invited to the Planetarium at the York Learning Center on Fri. June 3 for a free evening of learning about the heavens. We will hear two programs: a live presentation on the stars in the June night sky, and a recorded presentation "Back to the Moon for Good", with live updates on upcoming Moon projects. Both presentations are by Todd Ullery, Member of the York County Astronomical Society and a NASA Ambassador (volunteer). Go to 301 East 6th Avenue, York, and follow the signs to the Planetarium. **Arrive no later than 6:15** for a 6:30 start time, as it is customary at Planetariums to lock the outside doors so that the viewing experience is not interrupted by late arrivals. There will be a break between the two programs. The event should conclude by about 8 pm. There is room for 60, and this is an event for New Life and our invited guests. Please invite friends and please RSVP to Mark Deckard by May 31.
- **Men's Event – Gettysburg Battlefield Tour June 25:** Our Gettysburg experience will begin with a visit to the Museum to see nationally renowned exhibits, the "Cyclorama" painting, and a 15-minute film. Our guide, Bob Steenstra highly recommends this as a preliminary to the tour. Bob's tour of the Battlefield will be about 2 hours, with a group fee, ranging from \$31.50 per hour to \$66 per hour, depending on the number of people in the group. The total group price will be divided among the participants. So, if 7-15 people attend, the group fee will be \$83.00 divided by the number of attendees. If 10 people attend, the individual cost will be \$8.30. Iren Snavely and Rob Rothermel are coordinating the trip.
- **VBS Planning Meetings:** VBS this summer will be July 25-29. The theme will be "Jesus Does the Impossible." This science-themed VBS will explore learning about Jesus' miracles. Planning sessions will occur on Sun. June 5, and Sun. July 3 at 4 pm at New Life. Please help in this ministry to New Life kids and to the community.
- **Servants' Outreach June 5-10:** Volunteers are needed to donate a dessert for the Thurs. June 9 evening meal. If you are willing to donate a dessert, please see Barbara Henry or sign up in the foyer.
- **3rd Annual NLPC Camping Trip:** Reserve a site at Codorus State Park for the 3rd Annual NLPC Camping Trip from Fri. Sept. 16 through Sun. Sept. 18. Choose from sites as close as possible to sites 88/140 at Loop C. Early arrival on Thursday is an option. Come when you can; leave when you must. All of NLPC is invited to the community dinner at 5:30 pm on Sat. Sept. 17. Sunday worship at the camp site begins at 8:30 am.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School Classed for all ages are offered at 9:00 am.

Women's Bible Study: Meets to study the Word using Jen Wilkins' *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 here at 9:00 am.

Moms' Group: Meets at the church from 9:00-11:00 am on Wednesdays to study the virtue of wisdom. The children are welcome in the nursery/preschool class, the elementary school class, or the 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): Join us on Tuesdays at 7 pm at New Life to study the book of Matthew. 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: An intergenerational gathering of men, women, and children, is designed to be a microcosm of the church. All are welcome. Currently we meet at the Swansons' home on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Come to enjoy food, fellowship, a discussion of Scripture, and prayer. Bring a snack to share, or just bring yourself!

New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

Vision: *To see York and beyond to embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

Mission: *To receive the grace of God, to give 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 to 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 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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