



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

May 29, 2022

Reflection:

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." - Genesis 8:22

"The regularities that scientists describe are the regularities of God's own commitments and actions... So-called natural law is really the law of God or word of God, imperfectly and approximately described by human investigators." - Vern Poythress

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 86

Wayne Blanding

Minister: We will praise you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts; we will glorify your name forever. For you have delivered us from the power of death.

People: **Bring joy to your servants, O Lord, for to you we lift up our souls. There is none like you; no deeds can compare with yours.**

Minister: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you. They will bring glory to your name, for you alone are God.

People: **Teach us now your way, O Lord, and we will live in your truth. Give us undivided hearts that we may fear and praise your great name.**

Prayer of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

G
D
Bm
A
D
G
D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
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G
D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

G
Bm
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7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All cre - a - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 O ru - shing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
 3 O flo - wing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 All you who are of ten - der heart, for - gi - ving o - thers, take your
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bur - ning sun with gol - den
 long, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ri - sing morn in praise re -
 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
 part, sing — prai - ses, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

beam, and sil - ver moon with sof - ter gleam, O — praise him, O —
 joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice: O — praise him, O —
 bright pro - vi - ding us with warmth and light, O — praise him, O —
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O — praise him, O —
 Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One, O — praise him, O —

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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 – Mark 4:31-41

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

We confess and grieve our coldness, poverty, emptiness, imperfect vision, languid services, prayer-less prayers, and praise-less praises. Allow us not to grieve or resist you.

Come as power, to expel every rebel lust, to reign supreme and keep us yours;

Come as teacher, leading us into all truth, filling us with all understanding;

Come as love, that we may adore you, and love you above all;

Come as joy, to dwell in us, move in us, animate us;

Come as light, illuminating the Scripture, molding us in its laws;

Come as sanctifier, for body, soul and spirit are wholly yours;

Come as helper, with strength to bless and keep, directing our every step;

Come as beautifier, bringing order out of confusion, loveliness out of chaos.

We surrender our lives to you, asking for you to transform our lives, and may others see your glory in and through our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment; You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor; You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.

Verse 2

We are the broken; You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Ending

Be unto Your name.
(REPEAT)

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 8

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Sermon: “Hasn’t Science Disproved the Bible?”
Series: Cultural Criticism and Christianity’s Beauty

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

Shout to the Lord

Verse

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

Chorus

Shout to the Lord,
All the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty,
Praise to the King.
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You;
Forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You.

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. 5/29	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 5/29	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 6/1	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 6/1	10:00 am	Prayer Group	Kay Home
W. 6/1	5:30 pm	Parenting Seminar/Kids' Club	Fellowship Hall
W. 6/1	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F. 6/3	6:15 pm	Planetarium Visit	York Learning Center
Sun. 6/5	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 6/5	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/5	4:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting	New Life

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$90,461.54	\$103,180.28
Week of 5/22/22	\$4,307.69	\$2,126.53

Announcements

- Adult Size Bikes Wanted:** Richard Smith, RUF-International, is again spearheading a drive to provide used bikes for New International Students arriving for the Fall 2022 semester at Penn State Main Campus. Do you have a bike you no longer ride to donate? The bike needs to be in “good” working order. Volunteers can take care of things like flat tires, oiling, and general clean-up. If you have a bike to donate, contact Marlene Spark to arrange for transfer. This is a great way to care for the Internationals in our country.
- 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:** For those who wish, our Gettysburg experience can begin with an optional (but highly-recommended) visit to the Museum to see nationally renowned exhibits, the "Cyclorama" painting, and a 15-minute film for a price of \$19 per person. Afterwards we will continue with a Licensed Battlefield Guided tour with Bob Steenstra. Bob's tour will be about two hours, with a group fee depending on the number of people in the group. We are hoping that at least ten of you will be interested in joining us, in which case the cost will be less than \$10 per person. For more information or to sign up, contact Iren Snavelly or Rob Rothermel.
- **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: We are on hiatus for the summer. We will convene again in the fall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Anyone interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text is welcome to join us here at 9:00 am.

Moms' Group: Currently operating on our summer schedule. 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): We will begin again in the fall. 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 are on break for the summer, but during the year 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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