



**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 8, 2022

## Reflection:

*“The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple”.*  
– Psalm 119:130

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

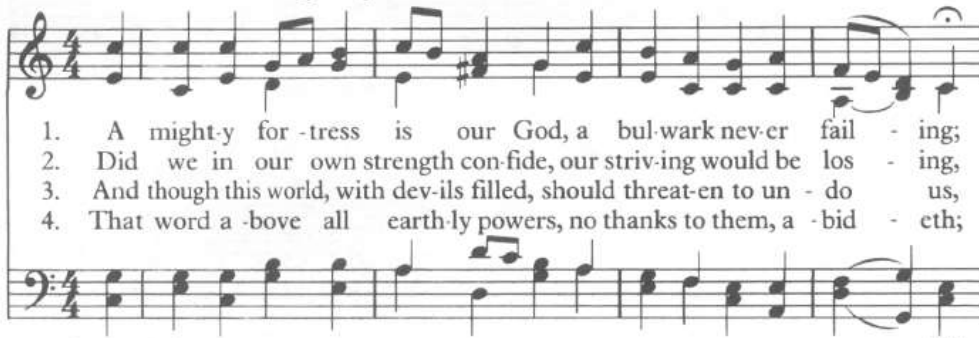
## Call to Worship – Psalm 40 and 41

*Wayne Blanding*

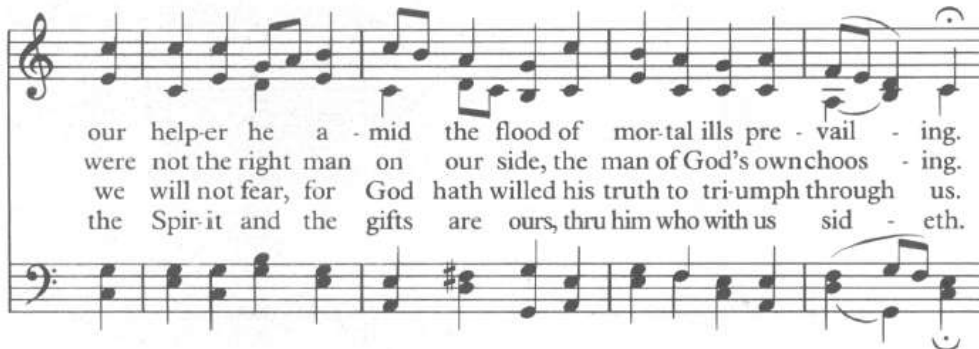
*Minister:* I waited patiently for the LORD;  
***People:* He turned to me and heard my cry.**  
*Minister:* He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
***People:* He set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.**  
*Minister:* He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
***People:* Many will see and fear  
and put their trust in the LORD.**  
***All:* Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!**

## Prayer of Praise

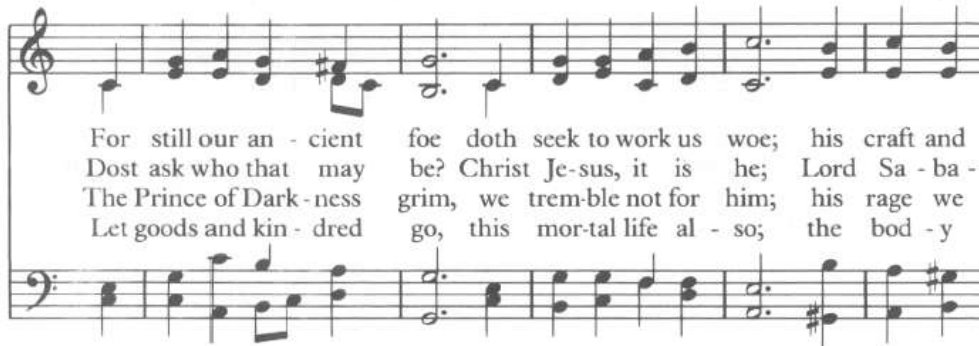
# A Mighty Fortress



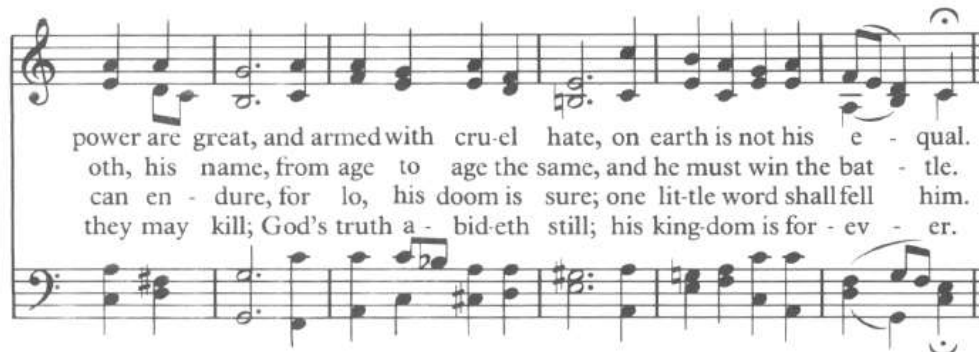
1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;  
2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing,  
3. And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,  
4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
the Spir-it and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-  
The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we  
Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y



power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.  
oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.  
can en-dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.  
they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

# Ancient of Days

## Verse

Blessing and honor, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days;  
From ev'ry nation, all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

## Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare Your glory,  
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne  
In worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.

## Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign  
Over all the earth,  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days;  
For none can compare  
To Your matchless worth,  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.

**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 – 2 Peter 3:14-18**

*Iren Snavelly*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

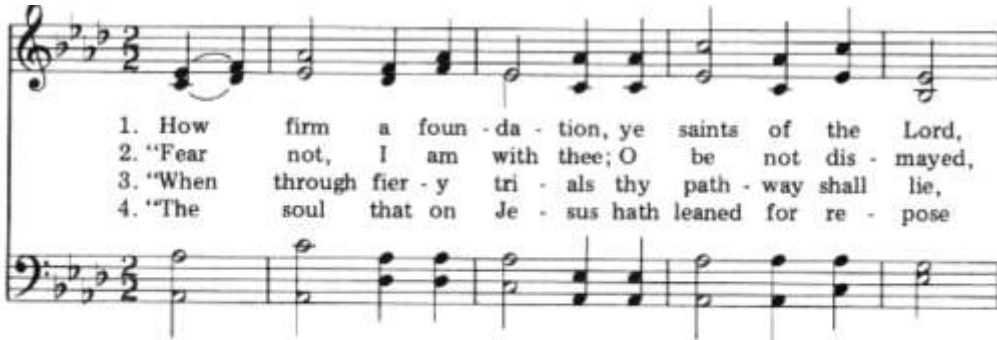
## **Prayer of Confession:**

**O Lord, you are enthroned in the heavens. There is no God but you. You are the God who sees; there is no deed, no word, and even no thought that you cannot see. All is laid open and bare before you. You know the secret sins, the secret deeds, the secret words, and the secret thoughts of all people. Who can hide from you? Lord, we are exposed before you; you see and know everything. You know how we have offended you and despised you by our deeds, words, and thoughts. We are before you, Lord, with no excuse. Have mercy, O Lord. We trust in the name of Jesus. Amen!**

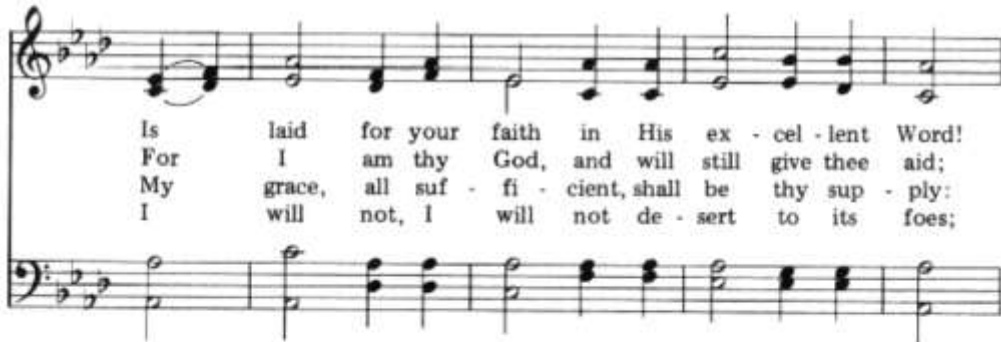
## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Ephesians 2:8-10***

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.

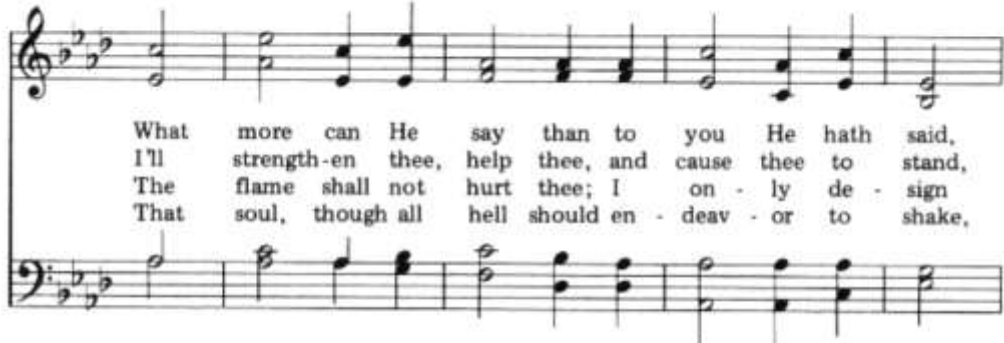
## How Firm a Foundation



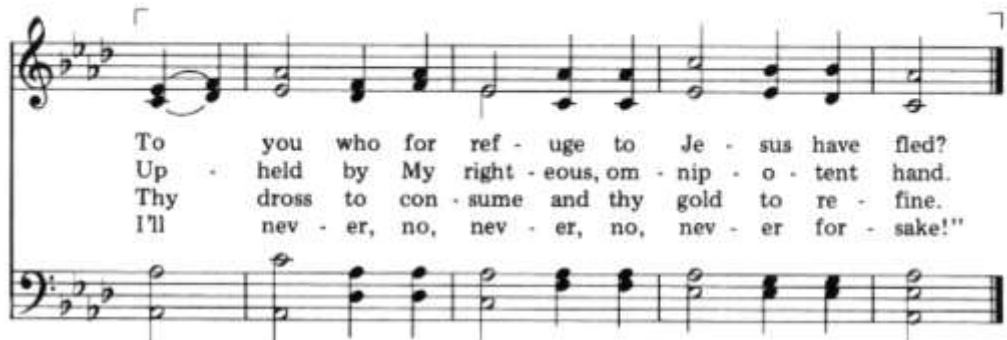
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"



# 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 – 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup> who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

<sup>20</sup> Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

<sup>22</sup> So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

**Sermon: “That’s Just Your Interpretation!”**

*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**

# By Faith

## Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

## Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,  
A place where peace and justice reign.

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise;  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

## Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death,  
And rise triumphant from the grave.

## Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

## Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.

## 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. 5/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 5/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/8	6:00 pm	Young Adults' Gathering	Waldrop Home
M. 5/9	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 5/10	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	New Life and/or Zoom
W. 5/11	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 5/11	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 5/11	5:30 pm	Parenting Seminar/Kids' Club	New Life
W. 5/11	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/12	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
F. 5/13	6:00 pm	New Attendees' Gathering	Rishel Home
Sat. 5/14	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 5/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 5/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/15	6:00 pm	Community Group	Swanson Home

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$77,538.47	\$89,492.75
<b>Week of 5/1/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$9,807.00

## Announcements

- **Servants' Outreach June 5-10:** Deadline to submit application for the work week is Thurs. May 12. Please apply online at: <https://www.servants.org/volunteer-application>. Additionally, 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.
- **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 meetings will be Sundays June 5 and July 3 at 4 pm at New Life. Please help in this ministry to New Life kids and to the community.
- **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 to an outdoor Spring Festival at New Life on Sat. May 21. 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. Rain date: Sun. May 22.
- **Nursery Volunteers Meeting:** Nursery volunteers, please meet in one of the fishbowl rooms at 11:30 on May 22 for a check in regarding nursery care best practices.
- **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 video titled "Back to the Mood for Good." 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 with Mark Deckard by May 31.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Sunday School Classed for all ages are offered 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 the study hall. For more information, contact Joy Swanson.

**Men's Group:** Meets at Cracker Barrel every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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.

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