



**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

June 12, 2022

## Reflection:

*“We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to attend. In fact, to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.” - C.S. Lewis*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Will Pope*

## Call to Worship – Psalm 115:16-18

*Minister:* The heavens are the LORD's heavens,  
but the earth he has given to the children of man.  
The dead do not praise the LORD,  
nor do any who go down into silence.  
But we will bless the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Praise

# Better Is One Day

## Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
O Lord almighty,  
For my soul longs and even faints for You;  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

## Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts,  
Better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere  
(Than thousands elsewhere).

## Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek:  
To see Your beauty,  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells.  
(REPEAT)

## Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen;  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You,  
I will draw near to You, to You.

## Bridge

Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day, better is one day,  
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

# Desert Song

## Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry;  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need:  
My God is the God who provides

## Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire,  
In weakness or trial or pain:  
There is a faith proved of more worth  
than gold,  
So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

## Chorus

I will bring praise;  
I will bring praise.  
No weapon formed against me shall  
remain.  
I will rejoice;  
I will declare:  
God is my victory and He is here.

## Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way:  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ,  
So firm on His promise I'll stand.

## Bridge

All of my life, in ev'ry season  
You are still God.  
I have a reason to sing;  
I have a reason to worship.  
(REPEAT)

## Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favour and providence flow:  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again -  
The seed I've received I will sow.

## **Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Scripture Reading – *Zephaniah 3:14-20***

*Sue Ann Randall*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, you taught us to serve others as you have served us. And yet we are misled by our pride – we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected holiness, and ignored others. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness for your name’s sake, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Romans 10:11-13***

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”<sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.<sup>13</sup> For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

# He Will Hold Me Fast

## Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold -  
He must hold me fast.

## Chorus

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

## Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight -  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight -  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His Promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

## Verse 3

For my life He bled and died -  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied -  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life -  
He will hold me fast.  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last.

## Prayers of the People

### 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 – Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



**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**

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness;  
Great is Thy faithfulness.  
Morning by morning  
New mercies I see.  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me.

## Verse 1

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father.  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not;  
Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be.

## Verse 2

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness,  
Mercy and love.

## Verse 3

Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow -  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside.

## **Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 6/12	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 6/12	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/12	11:30 am	VBS Planning Meeting	New Life
Sun. 6/12	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Waldrop Home
W. 6/15	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 6/15	10:00 am	Prayer Group	Library
W. 6/15	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/19	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 6/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$99,076.93	\$111,910.28
<b>Week of 6/5/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$6,785.00

## Announcements

- **Giant Gift Card Fundraiser:** New Life is instituting a new, ongoing fundraising opportunity. The Giant grocery store chain has a program that sells gift cards to not-for-profits at a 5% discount. Anyone can then purchase those gift cards for their face value and then use them whenever they shop at Giant. If you shop at Giant and are willing to purchase a gift card at its face value, New Life nets 5%. Gift cards are currently in \$50 and \$100 denominations. To purchase gift cards, please see Sue Ann Randall, Wayne Blanding, Barry Francisco, or Kelly Steenstra. All proceeds will go to New Life's Short Term Mission Fund.
- **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.
- **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:** 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. The final planning session will occur on Sun. July 3 at 11:45 am at New Life. Please help in this ministry to New Life kids and to the community. **Register through Eventbrite:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vacation-bible-school-jesus-does-the-impossible-july-25-29-tickets-360682750817>

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Adult Sunday School is offered at 9:00 am. Children/Youth Sunday School is breaking for the summer.

**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 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):** 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 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 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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