



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

June 26, 2022

Reflection:

“Exercise your thoughts upon this very thing, the eternal, free, and fruitful love of the Father, and see if your hearts be not wrought upon to delight in him.” – John Owen

“Your life doesn’t disprove Christ’s love; his life proves it.” – Dane Ortlund

Welcome and Announcements

Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

People: **I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.**

Minister: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

People: **Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.**

Prayer of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - for - ter, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise. Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al -
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
 prais - es be hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - erign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous;
 might - y aid our sure de - fense be made,
 might - y art, rule now in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, no sud - den
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

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earth, through all its puls - es move; stoop to my weak - ness,
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel vis - i -
 • own, soul, heart, and strength and mind. I see thy cross—there
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris - ing
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; the bap - tism of the

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might - y as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 tant, no o - p'ning skies; but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 • teach my heart to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 doubt, the reb - el sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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 – *Revelation 19:11-16*

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Pardon our sins, merciful Lord. We have been hasty and short in prayer, and this first sin of the day leads to so many others. Keep us from robbing you of the true worship which your glory requires and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe out our sins, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, remembered and forgotten. Enable us to remember the blood that cleanses from all sin, and the grace which overwhelms all evil, in Jesus’ name. Amen

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

For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹² 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. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me to safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayers of the People

Membership Vows

Ray and Renee Henry

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 – Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, ²“Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. ⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

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

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made,
I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed.

Chorus

Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art!
How great Thou art!

Verse 2

And when I think
That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross,
My burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died
To take away my sin.

Verse 3

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home,
What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim:
My God, how great Thou art!

Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. 6/26	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 6/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 6/29	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 6/29	10:00 am	Prayer Group	Library
W. 6/29	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 6/30	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sun. 7/3	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 7/3	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/3	11:45 am	VBS Planning Meeting	New Life

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$107,692.31	\$123,235.29
Week of 6/19/22	\$4,307.69	\$2,680.00

Announcements

- **Piano Available:** New Life's current baby grand piano is being replaced and needs a new home. We have a tentative offer of \$1000 from a local used piano dealer, but first want to offer it the congregation for purchase. While it is not in perfect condition, in a private home with steadier humidity levels, its condition should stabilize and offer years of playability. Please contact Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) with any questions about the piano's condition and availability.
- **Women's Summer Book Club:** The women's summer book club will be reading *Defying Jihad* by Esther Ahmad. See Connie Kay with any questions.
- **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. If you have a "good" working order bike to donate, (they can take care of things like flat tires, oiling, and general clean-up), contact Marlene Spark to arrange for transfer.
- **VBS:** VBS this summer, "Jesus Does the Impossible," will be July 25-29. The final planning session will occur on TODAY 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>
- **SILVERS activity July 31** will be Stumptown Mennonite Church Hymn Sing in Leola. Come join 500+ people to sing acapella music from the hymnal. It's amazing! Come join us! Need to car pool? We'll leave New Life at 3 pm or meet us at Funck's Restaurant in Leola at 4 pm. Restaurant reservations are needed. We aim to be at Stumptown Mennonite Church for the Hymn Sing by 6 pm (to get good seats). It fills up quickly after 6 pm. The Hymn Sing begins at 7 pm. Questions: contact Mary Brubaker.

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 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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