



**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 5, 2022

## Reflection:

*“Our infirmities become the black velvet on which the diamond of God’s love glitters all the more brightly.” – Charles Spurgeon*

*“Mark then, Christian, Jesus does not suffer so as to exclude your suffering. He bears a cross, not that you may escape it, but that you may endure it. Christ exempts you from sin, but not from sorrow. Remember that, and expect to suffer.”- Charles Spurgeon*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Zephaniah 3, Psalm 33

*Will Pope*

*Minister:* Sing, O Daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel!

*People:* **Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem!**

*Minster:* The LORD has taken away your punishment,  
he has turned back your enemy.

*People:* **The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.**

*Minister:* The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.

*People:* **He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,  
he will rejoice over you with singing."**

*All:* **Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

## Prayer of Praise

## **Come; Now Is the Time to Worship**

Come; now is the time to worship.  
Come; now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship.  
Come just as you are before your God.  
Come.

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now.

# Goodness of God

## Verse 1

I love You, Lord.  
Oh Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days  
I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

## Chorus

All my life You have been faithful.  
All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

## Verse 2

I love Your voice.  
You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father;  
I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God.

## Bridge

Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now.  
I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after,  
It's running after me.

## **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 – *Acts 2:1-21***

*Joe Heidler*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. 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.” <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.”

# Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

## Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and  
freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and  
boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,  
For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine - I can sing *all  
is mine,*  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

## Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,  
For in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend  
me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh the night has been won and I shall  
overcome,  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

## Verse 3

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven.  
The future sure, the price it has been  
paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my  
pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the  
grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released; I can sing *I  
am free,*  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

## Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For he has said that he will bring me  
home,  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete still my lips  
shall repeat  
*Yet not I but through Christ in me.*

## Ending

When the race is complete still my lips  
shall repeat  
*Yet not I but through Christ in me.*  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.

# Prayers of the People

## Membership Vows

## 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 – Job 2-3:1, 20-26; 38:1-7; 40:6-14; 42:1-6

**2** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. **2** And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." **3** And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." **4** Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. **5** But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." **6** And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

**7** So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. **8** And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

**9** Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." **10** But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

**11** Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. **12** And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and



wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. <sup>13</sup> And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

**3** After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth....

<sup>20</sup> “Why is light given to him who is in misery, and life to the bitter in soul, <sup>21</sup> who long for death, but it comes not, and dig for it more than for hidden treasures, <sup>22</sup> who rejoice exceedingly and are glad when they find the grave? <sup>23</sup> Why is light given to a man whose way is hidden, whom God has hedged in? <sup>24</sup> For my sighing comes instead of my bread, and my groanings are poured out like water. <sup>25</sup> For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. <sup>26</sup> I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes.” ...

**38** Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: <sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup> Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. <sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?...

**40** <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: <sup>7</sup> “Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. <sup>8</sup> Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? <sup>9</sup> Have you an arm like God, and can you thunder with a voice like his? <sup>10</sup> “Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity; clothe yourself with glory and splendor. <sup>11</sup> Pour out the overflowings of your anger, and look on everyone who is proud and abase him. <sup>12</sup> Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low and tread down the wicked where they stand. <sup>13</sup> Hide them all in the dust together; bind their faces in the world below. <sup>14</sup> Then will I also acknowledge to you that your own right hand can save you....

**42** Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>2</sup> “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup> ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ <sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

**Sermon: “How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?”**  
**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 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**

# Only a Holy God

## Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? -  
Only a Holy God.

## Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice? -  
Only a Holy God.

## Chorus

Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing holy.  
Forever a Holy God,  
Come and worship the Holy God.

## Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? -  
Only a Holy God.

## Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father? -  
Only a Holy God.  
Only my Holy God.

## 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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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	11:45 am	VBS Planning Meeting	New Life
W. 6/8	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 6/8	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 6/11	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 6/12	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms & Fishbowl Rooms
Sun. 6/12	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/12	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 6/12	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Waldrop Home

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$94,769.24	\$105,125.28
Week of 5/29/22	\$4,307.69	\$1,945.00

## 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.
- **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 11:45 am 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 (717-515-2810) or sign up in the foyer.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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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