

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.

our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcom 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

July 3, 2022

Reflection:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever..." - Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 107

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD!

People: For he is good; his love endures forever.

Minister: Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—

those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

People: For he is good; his love endures forever.

Minister: Those he gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

People: For he is good; his love endures forever.

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Fount



Wonderful Merciful Savior

Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for, Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace, You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way. Oh we hopelessly lost the way.

Verse 3

Almighty infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own,
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh we're falling before Your throne.

Affirmation of Faith – 2 Timothy 2:11-13

The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Scripture Reading – *John 15:1-17*

Kathleen Donovan-Snavely

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Lord God,

You have called us by your name and you have set your love on us. We have sinned against you. We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive, we pray, for Jesus' sake. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to follow you this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Speak, O Lord



Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment - Prayer for West Virginia Mission Trip

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 – Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Sermon: "Is Christianity Oppressive?" Part 1: Men, Women, and Christianity

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

O Church Arise



Benediction – *Philippians* 4:23

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

The Sending:

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*All songs are either public domain or licensed under CCLI #2410623.

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
W. 7/6	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 7/6	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 7/9	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 7/10	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 7/10	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/10	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$112,000.01	\$125,511.29
Week of 6/26/22	\$4,307.69	\$2,276.00

Announcements

- General Assembly Report: For any who are interested to learn more about this year's
 General Assembly, meet in the sanctuary 15 minutes after the service ends on July
 17th. Joe Heidler and Erik Swanson will give an informational update.
- 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 an 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 go to New Life's Short Term Mission Fund.
- VBS: From July 25-29, VBS students will explore the theme, "Jesus Does the Impossible". The final planning session will occur TODAY at 11:45 am at New Life. Please help in this ministry to New Life kids and to the community. Register for free tickets through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vacation-bible-school-jesus-does-the-impossible-july-25-29-tickets-360682750817. If you don't use the internet, feel free to register by calling Kelly at the office (717-855-2360).
- SILVERS activity July 31 Join us for an early supper, followed by an acapella hymn sing at Stumptown Mennonite Church in Leola. Gather at 3:00 pm in the New Life parking lot to carpool, or meet the group at Funck's Restaurant at 4:00 pm. (Reservations are required, so make sure to sign up in the foyer). After supper, the group will travel to the church by 6:00 pm to get good seats, as the church fills up quickly! The hymn sing begins at 7:00 pm. For questions, contact Mary Brubaker.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Adult Sunday School meets at 9:00 am in the Fishbowl Room. During the summer, children and youth do not meet for their Sunday School classes.

Women's Bible Study: Resumes in the fall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in the TV Room 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. 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): Resumes 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

New Life Presbyterian Church, (717) 855-2360 970 Cape Horn Rd, York PA 17402 kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com