



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

July 17, 2022

Reflection:

*“Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute?”
– Psalm 94*

*“The wheels of justice turn slowly, but grind exceedingly fine”
– Paraphrased Greek Proverb*

*“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.”
– Psalm 89*

Welcome and Announcements

Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 146

Minister: Let us praise the LORD from the depths of our hearts. Let us sing praise to God as long as we live.

People: **Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God, the maker of the earth, the skies, the sea and everything in them.**

Minister: The LORD remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: **The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those that are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.**

Minister: The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

People: **The LORD reigns forever. Let us praise the LORD!**

Prayer of Praise

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin. He
 5. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your
 6. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be

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great Re - deem - er's praise; The glo - ries of my
 -sist me to pro - claim; To spread thru all the
 bids our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and

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God and King; The tri - umphs of His grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean - His blood a - vailed for me.
 Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
 saints a - bove - The Church in earth and heav'n.

Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

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 – Psalm 94

Iren Snavelly

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by holiness and love. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us up to a deeper experience of the Lordship of Christ. In your great power, show forth your glory in every area of our lives that we may be worthy of our calling to be your royal Sons and Daughters. 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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Holly Wirt

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 – Isaiah 61:1-11

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
⁵ Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
⁶ but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;

they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,
and in their glory you shall boast.

⁷ Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;
they shall have everlasting joy.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice;
I hate robbery and wrong;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.

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

The Lion and the Lamb

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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

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This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 7/17	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 7/17	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/17	11:45 am	General Assembly Report	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/17	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
W. 7/20	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 7/20	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 7/23	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 7/24	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 7/24	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$120,615.39	\$139,474.29
Week of 7/10/22	\$4,307.69	\$6,797.00

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 today. 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 to members of 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:** If you shop at Giant, would you consider buying gift cards from New Life? For every one we sell, we net 5% which then goes to our Short-Term Mission Fund. See Sue Ann Randall, Wayne Blanding, Barry Francisco, or Kelly Steenstra with questions or to purchase cards.
- **VBS:** From July 25-29, VBS students will explore the theme, "Jesus Does the Impossible". **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.
- **Volunteer Demo Project:** Saturday morning July 30 @ 8:00 (ok to join late!!!) we will be dismantling the rear deck, removing nails and stacking the lumber. Your help is greatly appreciated. Bring sledge hammers, crow bars and claw hammers. RSVP to Steve Harman.
- **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.
- **Ladies' Picnic:** Mark your calendars for Sat. Aug. 13 for kayaking, hiking, and/or a picnic at William Kain Park. See Holly Wirt for details.
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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>

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