

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 24, 2022

Reflection:

"I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life." – Psalm 119:93

Welcome and Announcements

Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 57

| Minister: | Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. |
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| People | I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. |
| Minister: | I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me. |
| People: | He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness. |
| All: | Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth. |

Prayer of Praise



Your Will Be Done

Verse 1

Your will be done my God and Father As in heaven so on earth My heart is drawn to self-exalting Help me seek Your kingdom first As Jesus walked so shall I walk Held by Your same unchanging love Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted I may never fully know The fearful weight of true obedience It was held by him alone What wondrous faith to bear that cross To bear my sin what wondrous love My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 3

When I am lost when I am broken In the night of fear and doubt Still I will trust in my good Father Yes to the one great King I bow As Jesus rose so I shall rise In ransomed glory at the throne My heart restored with all Your saints I sing Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 4

As we go forth our God and Father Lead us daily in the fight That all the world might see Your glory And Your Name be lifted high And in this Name we overcome For You shall see us safely home Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done

Ending

And in this Name we overcome For You shall see us safely home Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray Father not my will but Yours be done Father not my will but Yours be done Father not my will but Yours be done

"Your Will Be Done" words and music by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson © CityAlight Music Used by Permission. CCLI License #2410623 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 – Song of Songs 8:4-7

Blaine Marsh

Reader:This is the word of the Lord.All:Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Lord God,

You are faithful and loving. You have shown us your faithfulness in keeping your promises, and you have shown us your sacrificial love in sending your Son. We confess that at times we are faithless and selfish. We fail, often, to reflect your character. Forgive us, we pray, for we trust in Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may serve you in newness of life. We ask this through the name of Jesus, 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.

Take My Life and Let It Be 1. Take life ____ and __ let be my it ed, _____ con se crat 2. Take my hands _ the and ___ let them move at im pulse ___ 3. Take my voice ____ and ___ let me sing al ways, on _ ly_____ gold-4. Take my sil ver ____ and my Not a mite _ would ____ Thine— 5. Take my will_ and ___ make it It shall be ____ no _____ love-_ 6. Take my my ____ Lord, Ι pour at Thy feet __ its _____ F/C F С F F/A F/A B♭ С 4 to ____ Thee; days-_ Lord. Take and my Let them flow my mo ments _ in of Thy _ love; Take feet swift and my and let them be_ beau - ti my ___ King; for Take mv lips and ____ let them be __ filled with mes sag with - hold; Take my in tel lect and ev - 'ry pow'r Ι -use _____ as Take my heartshall long - er ____ mine; It_ is Thine own; ____ It be Thy Take my - self, and _ I will treas - ure __ store; be ___ ev - er, on ly C/G F F/C B F/C С F С Dm 8 . less ____ cease praise, ____ let them flow in ____ cease less praise. -ful ____ for ____ Thee, ____ swift and beau ti ful for Thee. _ filled with from Thee. -es _____ from ____ Thee, ____ mes sag es Thou _ shalt ___ ev 'ry pow'r Thou shalt choose. choose, ____ _ as _ throne, ____ al shall be al throne. roy it Thy ____ roy all ____ for ____ Thee, ____ all for Thee. ev _ er, on ly, ____

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – West Virginia Report

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 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. ⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Sermon: "Is Christianity Oppressive?" Part 3: Repression and Sexual Expression

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. |
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| 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

I Surrender All



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 |
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| Sun. 7/24 | 9:00 am | Adult Sunday School | Fishbowl Room |
| Sun. 7/24 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| M. 7/25 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School | New Life |
| Tu. 7/26 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School | New Life |
| W. 7/27 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School | New Life |
| W. 7/27 | 7:00 pm | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Th. 7/28 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School | New Life |
| Th. 7/28 | 7:00 pm | Young Adults' Gathering | Swanson Home |
| F. 7/29 | 9:00 am | Vacation Bible School | New Life |
| Sat. 7/30 | 8:00 am | Deck Demolition | New Life |
| Sun. 7/31 | 9:00 am | Adult Sunday School | Fishbowl Room |
| Sun. 7/31 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 7/31 | 3:00 pm | SILVERS: Stumptown Hymn Sing | New Life Car Pool |

Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
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| Year to Date 2022 | \$124,923.08 | \$144,633.29 |
| Week of 7/17/22 | \$4,307.69 | \$5,159.00 |

Announcements

- **Prayer Group:** Due to VBS, our next meeting will be August 3rd.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet this week due to VBS.
- **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 is 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: This coming 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.

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. |
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| • | 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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