

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.

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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 31, 2022

Reflection:

"The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear." - Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:17

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Praise



Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

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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 – *Revelation 20:11-21:5*

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

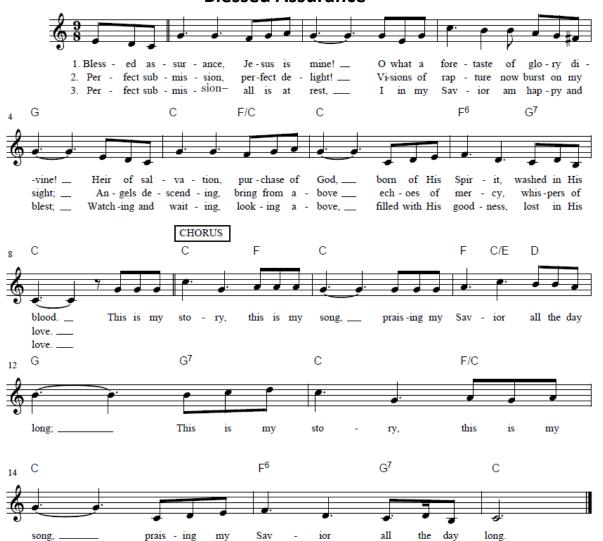
Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Blessed Assurance



Prayers of the People

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 – Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon: "What About Hell?" Holy Justice, Holy Love, and Wholly Glorious

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

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

Chorus

Glory, glory, hallelujah Since I laid my burdens down Glory, glory, hallelujah Since I laid my burdens down

Verse 1

I feel better, so much better Since I laid my burdens down I feel better, so much better Since I laid my burdens down

Verse 2

I won't treat you like I used to Since I laid my burdens down I won't treat you like I used to Since I laid my burdens down

Verse 3

I'm going home to be with Jesus Since I laid my burdens down I'm going home to be with Jesus Since I laid my burdens down.

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. 7/31	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
W. 8/3	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 8/3	10:00 am	Prayer Group	Library
W. 8/3	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/7	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 8/7	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$129,230.78	\$147,668.29
Week of 7/24/22	\$4,307.69	\$3,035.00

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 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.
- SILVERS activity TONIGHT 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: We will be holding this at William Kain Park on Sat. Aug. 13. Hiking or kayaking is available at 10:00 while the picnic will begin at 11:00. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer to mark which activities you are interested in and what food you can bring. Please contact Holly Wirt with questions.
- Men's Pool Party: Mark your calendars for Sun. Aug. 14 for a pool party at Iren Snavely's from 3pm-5pm. Sign up to bring a covered dish. If interested, please meet in the fishbowl room after the service today. Contact Rob Rothermel with any questions.

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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