



# 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

August 14, 2022

## Reflection:

*“Whether life or death be mine, may Christ be magnified in me! If he has work for me to do, I cannot die” – Henry Martyn, a missionary*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Joe Heidler*

## Call to Worship – *Daniel 2:20-22 and 2 Corinthians 4:6*

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.

<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings;

he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding;

<sup>22</sup> he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness,  
and the light dwells with him.

<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Prayer of Praise

# O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove,  
 2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,  
 5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,

G D G C C D7 G

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
 in whom you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
 whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove!

D D7 G D G D7

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,  
 Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,

G D G C G D7 G

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!  
 in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

# Jesus Messiah

## Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

## Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

## Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

## Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

## Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

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## **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 – *Psalms 47***

*Mark Flaharty*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. Forgive us, we pray. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other as we gather around your Word and table. We depend upon your Spirit alone. And now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Ephesians 2:8-10***

<sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

# Stronger

## Verse 1

There is Love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

## Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

## Chorus

You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

## Verse 3

No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defence  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross

## Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher  
(REPEAT 4X)

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## Prayers of the People

### 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 – 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



**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**

# By Faith

## Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

## Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

## Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

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**Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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. 8/14	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 8/14	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/14	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
W. 8/17	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 8/17	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Library
W. 8/17	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/21	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 8/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$137,846.16	\$155,516.29
<b>Week of 8/7/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$4,239.00

## Announcements

- **Youth Group Ice Cream Sampler:** Jr high and high school students (6-12th grades), meet at NLPC on Fri. Aug. 26 at 6:30pm for an evening of driving to York County’s finest creameries. Bring \$ for any purchases you choose to make. Pick up is at NLPC at 9:30pm.
- **Painting Party:** After 11 years it’s time to repaint the interior church walls. If you are available on Sat. Aug. 27 to join in this project, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. Please sign up as soon as possible so we can determine if this date will work for a critical mass. The plan is to paint the walls and touch up trim in the Fellowship Hall, Fishbowl Classrooms, Vestibule and connecting Hallway. Shortly thereafter we will paint the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your help with this important project.  
-“Interior design team”
- **Young Adult Breakfast and Float Trip:** College and career ages, meet at the Henrys’ on Sat. Aug. 27 at 9:00 for breakfast, followed by a float trip (canoe/kayak) down the Susquehanna. Breakfast invitations are open, but there are a limited number of canoe/kayak seats so you must RSVP if joining the float. The event will conclude by noon.

- **Everyone invited - Bees and Honey!** EVERYONE (not just SILVERS) is invited to join in the fun and information on Sun. Aug. 28 at 4pm. Celia Berkstresser, an apiarist (bee keeper!) will present a program about bees and honey. Bring a "brown bag supper" to enjoy after her presentation. Questions? Call Sue Ann Randall.
- **Women's Summer Book Club Dinner and Discussion:** The women's summer book club is reading *Defying Jihad* by Esther Ahmad. Dinner and discussion will take place on Sun. Aug. 28 at 5:30pm at the home of Connie Kay.
- **Sunday School in the Fall:** The Adults' Bible study will begin studying 1 Corinthians on Sept. 4. Due to the holiday and the church camping trip, the youth Sunday school classes will resume Sept. 25. A New Attenders' Class will be offered for four weeks, starting Oct. 2. That class will examine New Life's theology, vision/mission/values, history, and culture.
- **Child Protection Informational Training:** For any who wish to better understand NLPC's child protection plan, there will be two identical informational meetings, one on Tues. Sept. 6 at 8pm, and the other on Sun. Sept. 11 at 4pm. Both meetings are at NLPC. While this training is not mandatory for those who work with children (Our child protection plan does have elements that are mandatory), this informational training can be very helpful.
- **Community Movie Night:** Families and friends are invited to join in an outdoor (indoors for inclement weather) showing of "Encanto." Doors will open, with bounce house and other activities, at 7:00, and the movie will start at 7:30 PM on Fri. Sept. 9.
- **Ladies' Paint a-way Party:** Sun. Sept. 11 starting at 1pm at the church, ladies are invited to stay for a painting afternoon. Cost is \$30 per person to cover materials. Sign-up on the sheet in the foyer and see Holly Wirt or Shyrl Tompkins with questions.
- **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.
- **Women's Retreat:** Join other women from Susquehanna Valley Presbyterian churches for a one-day retreat on Sat. Sept. 17 from 9am-2pm at New Covenant Fellowship Church in Mechanicsburg. The cost is \$15 and you can register at: <https://forms.gle/g7aP3BRP8qjnnVvs7>

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 and will be studying "People of the Promise: Kingdom Divided." 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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