



# 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 21, 2022

## Reflection:

*"The gospel is the grand secret: the mystery of mysteries. It was hidden from ages and from generations, but is now made manifest to the saints. To the mass of mankind it was utterly unknown; and the chosen people, who saw something of it, only perceived it dimly through the smoke of sacrifices and the veil of types. It remained a mystery which wit could not guess nor invention unravel; and it must forever have continued a secret had not God in his infinite mercy been pleased to reveal it by the Holy Ghost. In a still deeper sense it is even yet a hidden thing unless the Spirit of God has revealed it to us individually, for the revelation of the gospel in the word of God does not of itself instruct men unto eternal life: the light is clear enough, but it availeth nothing till the eyes are opened. Each separate individual must have Christ revealed to him and in him by the work of the Holy Ghost, or else he will remain in darkness even in the midst of gospel day. Blessed and happy are they to whom the Lord has laid open the divine secret which prophets and kings could not discover, which even angels desired to look into."*

- C. H. Spurgeon, "[Christ in You](#)," in *The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Sermons*, vol. 29 (London: Passmore & Alabaster, 1883), 265.

## Welcome and Announcements

Joe Heidler

## Call to Worship – Psalm 73

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

<sup>27</sup> For behold, those who are far from you shall perish;

you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

<sup>28</sup> But for me it is good to be near God;

I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,

that I may tell of all your works.

## Prayer of Praise

# What a Beautiful Name

## Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning  
One with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation  
Now revealed in You our Christ

## Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us  
So Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater  
What could separate us now

## Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is  
Nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Bridge

Death could not hold You  
The veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring  
The praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

## Bridge

You have no rival  
You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom  
Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

## Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is  
Nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

## Ending

What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus

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# Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,  
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,  
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light  
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and \_\_\_ man the Son. Thee will I  
 robed in the bloom - ing \_\_\_ garb of spring. Je - sus is  
 and all the twin - kling \_\_\_ star - ry host. Je - sus shines  
 Son of \_\_\_ God and \_\_\_ Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou  
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who  
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than  
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

## **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 – *John 10:7-18***

*Will Pope*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? If there is any that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that You have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so and help us to follow You in every way and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. [Adapted from Augustine's Confessions, IX, x]**

## **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.

# Be Thou My Vision

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart: naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word: I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight: be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord: thou my great Fa - ther,  
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### 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 – *Colossians 1:24-2:5*

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup> of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

**2** For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.



**Sermon Notes**

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

## Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

## Chorus

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

## Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 8/21	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 8/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 8/24	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 8/24	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F. 8/26	6:30 pm	Youth Group Ice Cream Sampler	Meet in New Life Parking Lot
Sat. 8/27	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat. 8/27	8:00 am	Painting Party	New Life
Sat. 8/27	9:00 am	Young Adult Breakfast and Float	Meet at Henry Home
Sun. 8/28	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 8/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/28	4:00 pm	Beekeeper	New Life
Sun. 8/28	5:30 pm	Women's Book Club Dinner	Kay Home

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$ 142,153.85	\$ 162,799.14
<b>Week of 8/14/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$ 5,510.00

## 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 (not just SILVERS) is invited to the Bees and Honey event on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 PM.** A certified apiarist will explain how she raises bees and collects their honey. She will bring samples of her most recent honey harvest for us to taste. She will also have an observation frame of live bees. Join us to learn more about bees! Bring a “brown bag” supper to enjoy after the presentation. Questions? Contact 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.

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## Announcements (continued)

- **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.
- **Fall Women's Bible Study:** Join together with women of the church as we study and discuss *Galatians*, which has been called the Magna Carta of Christian liberty, beginning in September. You will find delight in God's Word as well as encouragement and lively discussion. A Thursday morning group meets in person and a Monday evening group meets by Zoom. There is a study guide that is of *no cost* to you. Contact Marlene Spark for details and to get a copy.
- **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>
- **New Attendees' Gathering:** Whether you've been attending for one week or one year, you are invited to a New Attendees' gathering at the Rishel's home from 6-8 pm on Fri. Oct. 7. There will be a social time of hors d'oeuvres and conversation, followed by a discussion of New Life's vision/mission, history/culture, and beliefs/practices. Please RSVP to Sherry Rishel by Sun. Oct. 2.

## 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:** The women of the church will study and discuss the Book of Galatians this fall. The Thursday morning in-person group meets at the church from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, 9/15 – 11/17. The Monday evening group meets on Zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, 9/19 – 11/21. Contact Marlene Spark for details.

**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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