



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.

Worshipping God

August 28, 2022

Reflection:

"I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?" –John Stott

Welcome and Announcements

Joe Heidler

Call to Worship – Psalm 34

Minister: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

***All:* My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Minister: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

***All:* I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

Minister: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

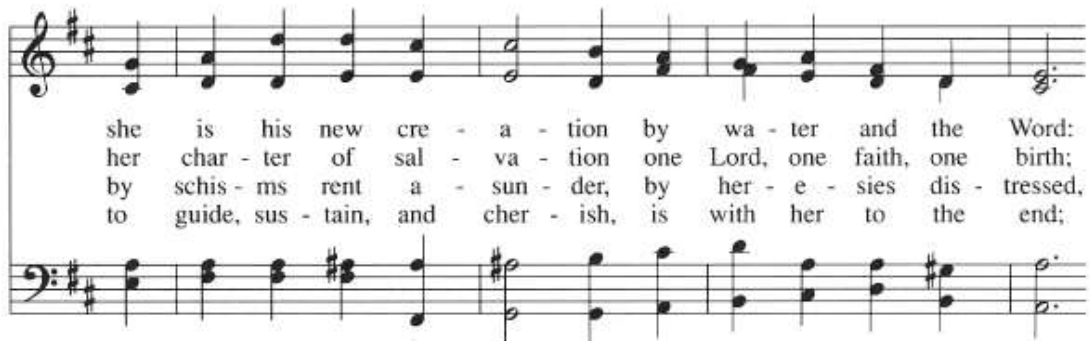
***All:* Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.**

Prayer of Praise

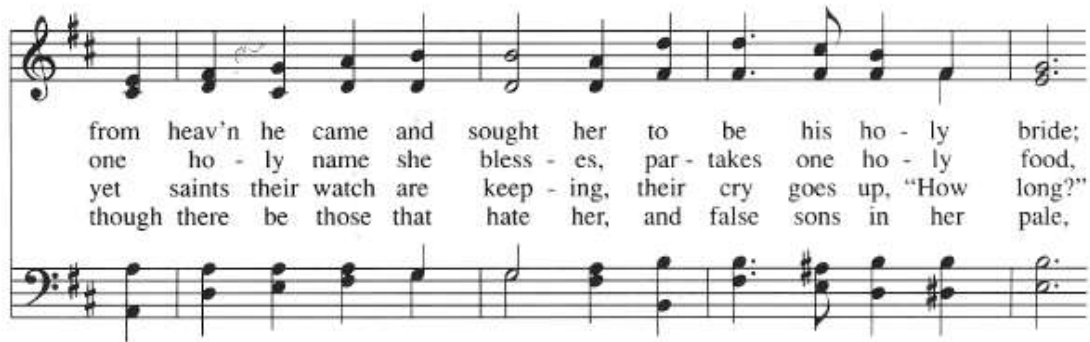
The Church's One Foundation



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died,
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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 – *1 John 4:7-21*

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have diminished their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your resurrection power might course through our entire being so that we walk in the ways of love and justice to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

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

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

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

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 – 2 John

The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, ² because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever: ³ Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

⁴ I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father. ⁵ And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. ⁶ And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹ Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

¹² Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

¹³ The children of your elect sister greet you.

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

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus



1. O the _____ deep, deep love of _____ Je - sus. Vast, un -
 2. O the _____ deep, deep love of _____ Je - sus; spread His _____
 3. O the _____ deep, deep love of _____ Je - sus, love of _____

6 B/D# Em Am B⁷ Em Em/G B C Am B



-mea - sured, bound - less, free. Roll - ing _____ as a might - y _____
 praise - from shore - to shore! How He _____ lov - eth, ev - er _____
 ev - 'ry love _____ the best. 'Tis an _____ o - cean vast of _____

12 Em G D/F# (C/Ø B/D# Em Am B⁷ Em G G/B



o - cean in its _____ full - ness o - ver me. Un - der -
 lov - eth, chang - eth _____ nev - er, nev - er - more. How He _____
 bless - ing; 'tis a _____ ha - ven sweet - of rest. O the _____

18 D^{sus} D Em Em/G B^{sus} B Em Em/D C D Em C

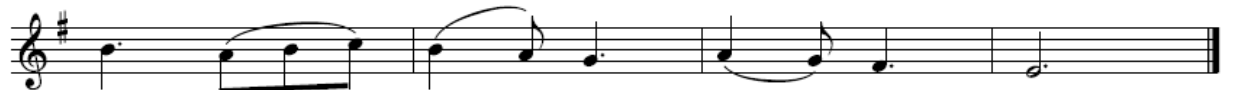


-neath me, all a - round me, is the _____ cur - rent of Thy _____
 watch - es o'er His _____ loved ones, died to _____ call them all His _____
 deep, deep love of _____ Je - sus; 'Tis a _____ heav'n of heav'ns to _____

24 B Em Em/G B C Am B Em



love. Lead - ing _____ on - ward, lead - ing _____ home - ward,
 own. How for _____ them He in - ter - ced - eth,
 me. And it _____ lifts me up to _____ glo - ry,



to watch - my _____ glo - rious rest _____ a - bove.
 - es _____ o'er _____ them from _____ the throne.
 for it _____ lifts me up _____ to Thee.

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. 8/28	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
W. 8/31	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
W. 8/31	10:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Library
W. 8/31	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/4	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 9/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$146,461.55	\$166,463.14
Week of 8/21/22	\$4,307.69	\$3,664.00

Announcements

- **Don't Miss Out!** Make sure you are receiving all channels of communication from New Life. Information is available through the following sources: the bulletin, the weekly e-newsletter (New Life News) which is emailed Thursdays at 2 pm, the website, the public Facebook page, the private Facebook group, and occasional church-wide announcements sent out via email. Contact the church office for more information on any of these channels of communication.
- **EVERYONE (not just SILVERS) is invited to the Bees and Honey event TODAY at 4:00pm:** 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 TONIGHT 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.

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Announcements (Continued)

- **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.
- **3rd Annual NLPC Camping Trip:** All campsites have been booked, **but all of NLPC is invited to the community potluck 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 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 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 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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