



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

September 4, 2022

Reflection:

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:2

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – from Psalm 121

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

Minister: He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Minister: The LORD is your keeper. The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

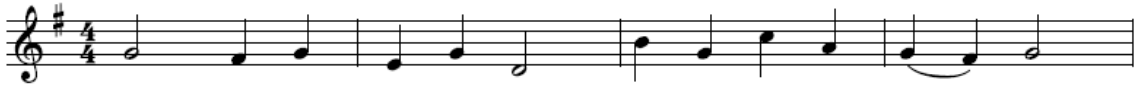
People: **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Minister: The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life.

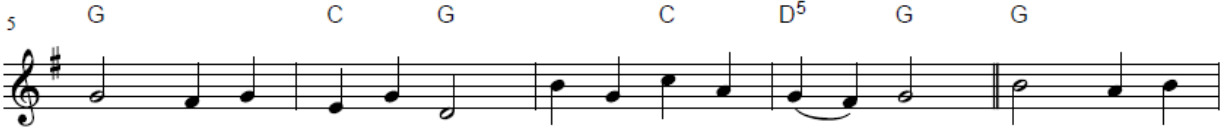
People: **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

Prayer of Praise

Come Christians Join to Sing



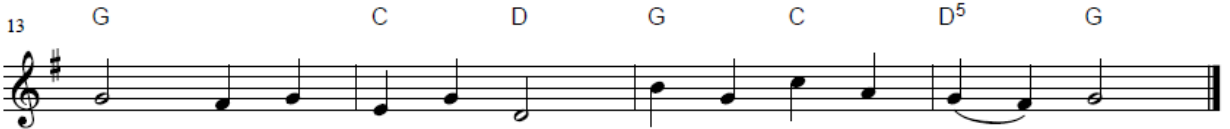
1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ, our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! He is our
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! On heav - en's



heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - jice;
 Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore;



Praise is His gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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 – *Romans 15:24-33*

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Isaiah 43:25*

**“I, I am he
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.”**

Jesus, What a Beautiful Name



1. Je - sus, _____ what a beau - ti - ful name. Son ____ of God, Son of
 2. Je - sus, _____ what a beau - ti - ful name. Truth _ re - vealed, my fu - ture
 3. Je - sus, _____ what a beau - ti - ful name. Res - cued my soul, my strong -

6 D/A Bm⁷ Em⁷ A G D/F# G D/A



Man, Lamb that was slain. _____ Joy _ and peace, strength _ and hope,
 sealed, healed _ my pain. _____ Love _ and free - dom, life _____ and warmth,
 -hold, lifts me from shame. _____ For-give-ness, se - cur - i - ty, pow - er and love,

11 F# Bm Em⁷ D/A



grace that blows all fear a - way. _____ Je - sus,
 grace that blows all fear a - way. _____ Je - sus,
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14 G/A A D



what a beau - ti - ful name. _____
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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 – 3 John

The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

² Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul. ³ For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

⁵ Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, ⁶ who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. ⁷ For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.

⁹ I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. ¹⁰ So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. ¹² Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone, and from the truth itself. We also add our testimony, and you know that our testimony is true.

¹³ I had much to write to you, but I would rather not write with pen and ink. ¹⁴ I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face.

¹⁵ Peace be to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends, each by name.

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

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Verse 1

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Verse 2

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us

Chorus

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Verse 3

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

Benediction – Number 6

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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. 9/4	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 9/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu. 9/6	8:00 pm	Child Protection Info Training	Fishbowl Room
W. 9/7	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
W. 9/7	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F. 9/9	7:00 pm	Community Movie Night	New Life Lawn
Sat. 9/10	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 9/11	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 9/11	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/11	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 9/11	1:00 pm	Ladies' Paint a-way Party	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 9/11	4:00 pm	Child Protection Info Training	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 9/11	6:00 pm	Young Adult Hike	Samuel Lewis State Park

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$150,769.24	\$168,887.14
Week of 8/28/22	\$4,307.69	\$2,424.00

Announcements

- **Refreshment Help Requested:** Please consider serving in our hospitality ministry. An important tradition at NLPC has been our snacks and second Sunday lunch after Sunday service. This is a wonderful time to connect and socialize with “church family” and meet new people. We ask that you check out the information table in the vestibule and consider signing up to bring and serve refreshments on a Sunday of your choice. This is best done in teams of 2-3. If you don’t have a partner or have any questions, please contact: Suzanne or Sandy Leader.
- **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.
- **Sunday School in the Fall:** The Adults' Bible study began studying 1 Corinthians this morning. 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.

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Announcements, continued

- **Young Adults Group Hike:** The Young Adults (college/career age) group is invited to meet at Sam Lewis on Sun. Sept. 11 at 6pm for a hike.
- **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 9:30 Thursday morning group meets in person at the church and a 7:00 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 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 before Sept. 11 at: <https://forms.gle/g7aP3BRP8qjnnVvs7>
- **Young Adults Monthly Meeting:** The Young Adults group is invited to the Swansons' on Thurs. Sept. 22 at 7pm for a light dinner, followed by discussion and prayer.
- **Sunday School and Nursery – New Year, New Form:** Attention parents/guardians of children – Sunday school for children begins again on Sept. 25. When you drop off your child, please be sure to fill out a new registration form in their classroom, even if your child's name is already on the roster. This helps us stay up-to-date and keeps your kids safe by listing allergies and who is authorized to pick up your children. Thank you!
- **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 (3330 Oakham Dr) 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 (swansonjoy@gmail.com).

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 9:15 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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