



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

September 11, 2022

Reflection:

In God's faithfulness lies eternal security. - Corrie Ten Boom

All God's giants have been weak men and women who have gotten hold of God's faithfulness. - Hudson Taylor

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – excerpts from Habakkuk

Minister: The LORD is in his holy temple.

All: Let all the earth be silent before him.

Minister: For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

All: I will rejoice in the LORD. I will be joyful in God my Savior!

Prayer of Praise

Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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 – *Exodus 23:20-33*

Charles Fox

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Faithful Lord,

At times, we have been faithless:

We confess that we have walked by sight and not by faith;

We have served in our own strength instead of the strength which You supply;

We have relied on our own resources rather than trusting You to provide;

We have been consumed by worry, guilt, and restlessness because we seek to control our own lives rather than resting and relying on You for everything that we need for life and godliness;

Yet we know that even when we are faithless, You will remain faithful for You cannot deny Yourself.

Father, forgive us for our lack of faith, and by the power of Your Spirit work in us true and genuine repentance that gives life to true and genuine faith.

Grant us zealous hearts, fervent devotion, and tireless hope in the Gospel.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, 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.”

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Verse

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

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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 – Judges 1:1-2:5

After the death of Joshua, the people of Israel inquired of the LORD, "Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites, to fight against them?" ² The LORD said, "Judah shall go up; behold, I have given the land into his hand." ³ And Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me into the territory allotted to me, that we may fight against the Canaanites. And I

likewise will go with you into the territory allotted to you.” So Simeon went with him. ⁴ Then Judah went up and the LORD gave the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand, and they defeated 10,000 of them at Bezek. ⁵ They found Adoni-bezek at Bezek and fought against him and defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites. ⁶ Adoni-bezek fled, but they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. ⁷ And Adoni-bezek said, “Seventy kings with their thumbs and their big toes cut off used to pick up scraps under my table. As I have done, so God has repaid me.” And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

⁸ And the men of Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire. ⁹ And afterward the men of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the hill country, in the Negeb, and in the lowland. ¹⁰ And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba), and they defeated Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmi.

¹¹ From there they went against the inhabitants of Debir. The name of Debir was formerly Kiriath-sepher. ¹² And Caleb said, “He who attacks Kiriath-sepher and captures it, I will give him Achsah my daughter for a wife.” ¹³ And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, captured it. And he gave him Achsah his daughter for a wife. ¹⁴ When she came to him, she urged him to ask her father for a field. And she dismounted from her donkey, and Caleb said to her, “What do you want?” ¹⁵ She said to him, “Give me a blessing. Since you have set me in the land of the Negeb, give me also springs of water.” And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

¹⁶ And the descendants of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up with the people of Judah from the city of palms into the wilderness of Judah, which lies in the Negeb near Arad, and they went and settled with the people. ¹⁷ And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they defeated the Canaanites who inhabited Zephath and devoted it to destruction. So the name of the city was called Hormah. ¹⁸ Judah also captured Gaza with its territory, and Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron with its territory. ¹⁹ And the LORD was with Judah, and he took possession of the hill country, but he could not drive out the inhabitants of the plain because they had chariots of iron. ²⁰ And Hebron was given to Caleb, as Moses had said. And he drove out from it the three sons of Anak. ²¹ But the people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem, so the Jebusites have lived with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.

²² The house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them. ²³ And the house of Joseph scouted out Bethel. (Now the name of the city was formerly Luz.) ²⁴ And the spies saw a man coming out of the city, and they said to him, “Please show us the way into the city, and we will deal kindly with you.” ²⁵ And he showed them the way into the city. And they struck the city with the edge of the sword, but they let the man and all his family go. ²⁶ And the man went to the land of the Hittites and built a city and called its name Luz. That is its name to this day.

²⁷ Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its villages, or Taanach and its villages, or the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages, or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages, for the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. ²⁸ When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not drive them out completely.

²⁹ And Ephraim did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites lived in Gezer among them.

³⁰ Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, or the inhabitants of Nahalol, so the Canaanites lived among them, but became subject to forced labor.

³¹ Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of Acco, or the inhabitants of Sidon or of Ahlab or of Achzib or of Helbah or of Aphik or of Rehob, ³² so the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land, for they did not drive them out.

³³ Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, or the inhabitants of Beth-anath, so they lived among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land. Nevertheless, the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to forced labor for them.

³⁴ The Amorites pressed the people of Dan back into the hill country, for they did not allow them to come down to the plain. ³⁵ The Amorites persisted in dwelling in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph rested heavily on them, and they became subject to forced labor. ³⁶ And the border of the Amorites ran from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela and upward.

2 Now the angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, "I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, ² and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.' But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done? ³ So now I say, I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you." ⁴ As soon as the angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. ⁵ And they called the name of that place Bochim. And they sacrificed there to the LORD.

Sermon: A Pattern of Disobedience, A Day of Weeping, and A Story of Hope

Series: Judges: Longing for the King

Pastor Erik Swanson

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.

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

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion as a time for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

"Mighty To Save" words and music by Ben Fielding, Reuben
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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. 9/11	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
Tu. 9/13	7:00 pm	SILVERS Team Meeting	New Life Library
Tu. 9/13	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 9/14	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 9/14	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 9/14	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
W. 9/14	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 9/15	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
F. 9/16	4:00 pm	Youth Group Ladies Social	McGahan Home
F. 9/16 – Sun. 9/18		Camping at Codorus	Codorus State Park
Sat. 9/17	9:00 am	Susquehanna Valley Presbytery Women's Retreat	New Covenant Fellowship, Mechanicsburg
Sat. 9/17	5:30 pm	New Life Community Dinner	Codorus State Park
Sun. 9/18	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 9/18	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$155,076.93	\$174,940.29
Week of 9/4/22	\$4,307.69	\$7,826.00

Announcements

- **Pictorial Directory:** This fall, we hope to produce a pictorial directory. If you are willing to have your picture taken, please plan to stay after church on one of the following Sundays: Oct 2, 16, or 23. Charles Fox will have a photo booth set up and will be taking pictures.
- **Supplies Needed:** Providence Presbyterian church (with the assistance of many local PCA churches) will be hosting their annual conference: *Voices, Helping Survivors of Abuse Find Their Voice*. New Life will be providing 10 gift baskets for door prizes. Please see the display in the vestibule for items needed. All items need to be dropped off at church no later than Sun. Oct. 16. Thank you in advance. Questions, please see Shyrl Tompkins.
- **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 Harman 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* is studying 1 Corinthians. 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:** Child Protection Informational Training: For any who wish to better understand NLPC’s Child Protection Plan, there will be an informational meeting today at 4pm at NLPC. While this training is not mandatory for those who work with children, this informational training can be very helpful.

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Announcements (continued)

- **Ladies' Paint a-way Party:** The party is today at 1pm at the church. See Holly Wirt or Shyrl Tompkins with questions.
- **Young Adults Group Hike:** The Young Adults (college/career age) group is invited to meet at Sam Lewis today at 6pm for a hike.
- **Fall Women's Bible Study:** We begin this Thursday (9/15) to discuss *Galatians*. The Monday evening Zoom group starts next week (9/19). It is not too late to sign up. The sign-up sheet and *free* study guide are on the information table. See Marlene Spark for any questions.
- **Youth Group Ladies Social:** Teens and their moms are invited to a social time of games, snacks, and pizza at the McGahan's home on Fri. Sept. 16 from 4-6 pm.
- **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.
- **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 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 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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