



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 18, 2022

Reflection:

“The human heart is a perpetual idol factory” – John Calvin

“I offer my heart to You, O Lord, promptly and sincerely.” – John Calvin

“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” – the Apostle James

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 92

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High.

People: **To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.**

Minister: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

People: **How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

Minister: You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

People: **The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.**

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - for - ter, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise. Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; scat - ter thy foes. Let thine al -
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al -
 prais - es be hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous;
 might - y aid our sure de - fense be made,
 might - y art, rule now in ev - ery heart,
 maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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 115*

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.”**

Amazing Grace

Chords: G Em C G

1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound —
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D G D G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C G Em G/D D7 G

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment - Bridge of Hope: *Michelle-Keadle-Taylor*
- "Voices" Conference Door Prizes: *Shyrl Tompkins*

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 2:10-23*

And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.

¹¹ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹² And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³ They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath. ¹⁴ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. ¹⁵ Whenever they marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them for harm, as the LORD had warned, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

¹⁶ Then the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. ¹⁷ Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the LORD, and they did not do so. ¹⁸ Whenever the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. ¹⁹ But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. ²⁰ So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he said, "Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their fathers and have not obeyed

my voice, ²¹I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, ²²in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the LORD as their fathers did, or not.” ²³So the LORD left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Sermon: A Downward Spiral

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

Salvation Belongs to Our God

Verse 1

Salvation belongs to our God
Who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Chorus

Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Amen

Verse 2

And we the redeemed shall be strong
In purpose and unity
Declaring aloud
Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Bridge

Praise and glory wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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. 9/18	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Fishbowl Room
Sun. 9/18	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 9/19	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 9/20	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 9/21	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 9/21	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 9/21	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/21	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	New Life
Th. 9/22	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Sanctuary
Th. 9/22	11:00 am	Mercy Meeting	New Life
Th. 9/22	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat. 9/24	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 9/25	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$159,384.62	\$180,403.29
Week of 9/11/22	\$4,307.69	\$5,463.00

Announcements

- **Moms' Group:** Moms of children of all ages are welcome to come together for support and to study Ephesians on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 at church. There are three classes for the children as well. Please contact Joy Swanson for more details.
- **Women's Book Club:** The winter read this year is *Where the Light Fell* by Philip Yancey. Discussion and dinner date will be announced later this winter. See Connie Kay with any questions.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Fall Women's Bible Study:** The Monday evening Zoom group starts tomorrow (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.
- **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!

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Announcements (continued)

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Please consider filling a Christmas gift shoebox with appropriate gifts and toys for a child in another country. Boxes come with packing ideas and can be picked up from the lobby. Printing your labels and paying online is strongly recommended especially since you can track your box that way. Otherwise, brochures are available with labels and envelopes attached in order to send your shipping donation of \$10 per box by mail. (Do not place checks inside boxes or affix to the outside). Boxes are due back to New Life no later than Sun. 11/13. See Connie Kay with questions.

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 are studying and discussing 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 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: Moms of children of all ages are welcome to come together for support and to study Ephesians on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 at church. There are three classes for the children as well. Please contact Joy Swanson for more details.

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): We are 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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