



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 25, 2022

Reflection:

*My eyes are dry, my faith is old
My heart is hard, my prayers are cold
And I know how I ought to be
Alive to You and dead to me*

*Oh what can be done for an old heart like mine
Soften it up with oil and wine
The oil is You, Your Spirit of love
Please wash me anew in the wine of Your Blood – Keith Green*

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

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

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

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

Prayer of Praise

Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

House of the Lord

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will
be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Interlude

Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a
way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Bridge

('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Interlude

There is joy in this house oh yeah
There is joy there is joy
And we won't be quiet
We're gonna shout out Your praise

Ending

We shout out Your praise
There is joy in this house
There is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

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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.

* that is, universal

Scripture Reading – *Acts 2:1-21*

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find your mind in your Word,
of neglect to seek you in our daily life.**

**Yet in our lostness you have given your grace
through your Son, our Redeemer.**

**Whose blood is our peace,
whose righteousness is our strength
whose Spirit is our power.**

**Let the Spirit continually reveal to us our interest in Christ,
and open to us the riches of your love in Him;
May He abide in us that we may know our union with Jesus,
and enter into constant fellowship with You. 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.”**

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Sue Rothermel

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 – *Genesis 11:1-9*

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Sermon: The Tower of Babel and Empires of Dirt

Rev. Ben Lee, Assistant Pastor at Oakwood PCA in State College

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.

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

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C
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Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

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count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood,
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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. 9/25	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 9/26	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 9/27	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 9/28	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 9/28	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 9/28	9:15 am	Prayer Group	New Life Library
W. 9/28	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 9/29	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Sanctuary
Sat. 10/1	9:00 am	SVP Courage to Teach	Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ephrata
Sun. 10/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$163,692.32	\$185,414.29
Week of 9/11/22	\$4,307.69	\$5,011.00

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 foyer 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:** 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.
- **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!
- **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.

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Announcements (continued)

- **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.
- **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 foyer 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.
- **Talent Show and Potluck Dinner:** Come one, come all to New Life's Talent Show and Potluck Dinner on Sat. Oct. 22 at 4pm! Hot dogs, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share. Sign up with your talent on the sheet in the foyer. See Mel King with any questions.
- **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 foyer. 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: This fall we are working through *Galatians*. On Thursdays at 9:30-11:00 am a group meets in person at the church. A second group meets by Zoom on Monday evenings, 7-8:30 pm. Contact Marlene Spark for more information.

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.

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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