



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

October 2, 2022

Reflection:

*Well sometimes my life just don't make sense at all
When the mountains look so big
And my faith just seems so small*

*So hold me Jesus 'cause I'm shaking like a leaf
You have been King of my glory
Won't You be my Prince of Peace - Rich Mullins*

Welcome and Announcements

Will Pope

Call to Worship – Psalm 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

Minister: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

People: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

Minister: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: **Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

All: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Prayer of Praise

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

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He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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Affirmation of Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Scripture Reading – *James 4:11-12*

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to the needs of the poor and downtrodden, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice as we should. Nor have we cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. We have been silent when we could have spoken and have lacked boldness in our witness. Lord, forgive us for our offenses. And grant that by the power of your Spirit we might live in the light of your coming again. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Colossians 1:13*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Christ Is Risen

Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

Bridge

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Operation Christmas Child

Connie Kay

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 3:7-30

And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth. ⁸Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia. And the people of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer for the people of Israel, who saved them, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. ¹⁰The Spirit of the LORD was upon him, and he judged Israel. He went out to war, and the LORD gave Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand. And his hand prevailed over Cushan-rishathaim. ¹¹So the land had rest forty years. Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

¹²And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done what was evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹³He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. ¹⁴And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

¹⁵Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD, and the LORD raised up for them a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, a left-handed man. The people of Israel sent tribute by him to Eglon the king of Moab. ¹⁶And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. ¹⁷And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. ¹⁸And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. ¹⁹But he himself turned back at the idols near Gilgal and said, "I have a secret message for you, O king." And he commanded, "Silence." And all his attendants went out from his presence. ²⁰And Ehud came to him as he was sitting alone in his cool roof chamber. And Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." And he arose from his seat. ²¹And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. ²²And the hilt also went in after the blade, and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not pull the sword out of his belly; and the dung came out. ²³Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

²⁴When he had gone, the servants came, and when they saw that the doors of the roof chamber were locked, they thought, "Surely he is relieving himself in the closet of the cool chamber." ²⁵And they waited till they were embarrassed. But when he still did not open the doors of the roof chamber, they took the key and opened them, and there lay their LORD dead on the floor.

²⁶Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. ²⁷When he arrived, he sounded the trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim. Then the people of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he was their leader. ²⁸And he

said to them, “Follow after me, for the LORD has given your enemies the Moabites into your hand.” So they went down after him and seized the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites and did not allow anyone to pass over. ²⁹ And they killed at that time about 10,000 of the Moabites, all strong, able-bodied men; not a man escaped. ³⁰ So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest for eighty years.

Sermon: Shocking Details and Sure Deliverance

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Judges: Longing for the King

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 for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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. 10/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 10/3	7:00 pm	Women’s Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 10/4	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 10/5	9:00 am	Moms’ Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 10/5	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 10/5	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/6	9:30 am	Women’s In-Person Bible Study	Sanctuary
F. 10/7	6:00 pm	New Attendees’ Gathering	Rishel Home
Sat. 10/8	7:00 am	Men’s Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 10/9	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/9	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/9	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 10/9	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$168,000.01	\$188,984.29
Week of 9/25/22	\$4,307.69	\$3,570.00

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.
- **Sunday School and Nursery – New Year, New Form:** Attention parents/guardians of children: When you drop off your child for Sunday School for the first time this fall, 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.
- **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 TODAY.
- **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.

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- **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 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 but normally 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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