

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.

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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

October 9, 2022

Reflection:

"Turning and turning in the widening gyre The falcon cannot hear the falconer; Things fall apart; the center cannot hold" – W.B. Yeats

"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments." – The Apostle Paul

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship - Isaiah 12

Will Pope

Minister: We will praise you, O LORD. Though you were angry with us, your anger

has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

All: The LORD, the LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our

salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the

nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

All: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all

the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great in your

midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer of Praise

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Ending

Hosanna hosanna

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Holy Is the Lord

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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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 – *Hebrews 12:25-29*

Blaine Marsh

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and run hard after your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever Lord of the ages God before time We are a vapor You are eternal Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer Jesus Redeemer mighty to save You are the love song we'll sing forever Bowing before You blessing Your name

Ending

Be unto Your name (REPEAT)

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Prayers of the People

Missions 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 3:12-30*

¹² And 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. ¹³ He gathered to himself the Ammonites and the Amalekites, and went and defeated Israel. And they took possession of the city of palms. ¹⁴ And the people of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

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. ¹⁶ And Ehud made for himself a sword with two edges, a cubit in length, and he bound it on his right thigh under his clothes. ¹⁷ And he presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab. Now Eglon was a very fat man. ¹⁸ And when Ehud had finished presenting the tribute, he sent away the people who carried the tribute. ¹⁹ But 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. ²⁰ And 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. ²¹ And Ehud reached with his left hand, took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. ²² And 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. ²³ Then Ehud went out into the porch and closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

²⁴ When 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." ²⁵ And 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.

²⁶ Ehud escaped while they delayed, and he passed beyond the idols and escaped to Seirah. ²⁷ When 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. ²⁸ And 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.

Pastor Erik Swanson

Sermon: Shocking Details and Sure Deliverance

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 I Corinthians 11

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

All: Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

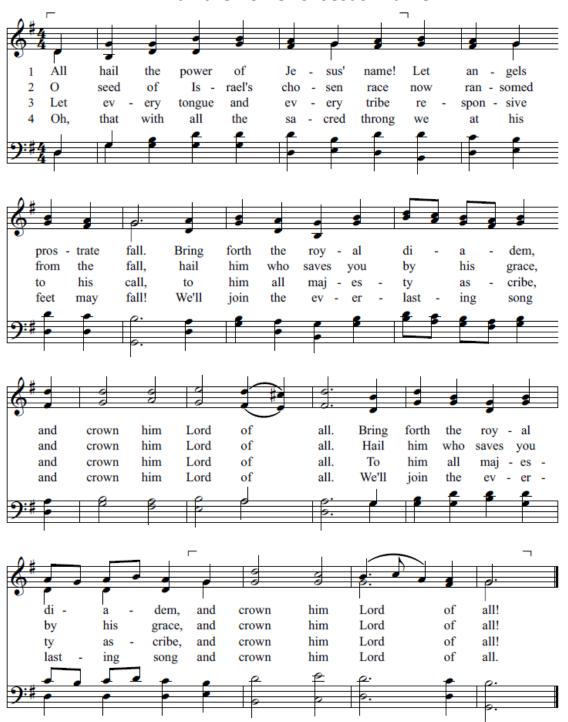
Christ will come again.

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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



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. 10/9	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
M. 10/10	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 10/11	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 10/12	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 10/12	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 10/12	9:15 am	Prayer Group	New Life Library
W. 10/12	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/13	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/16	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/16	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$172,307.70	\$198,885.29
Week of 10/02/22	\$4,307.69	\$9,901.00

Announcements

- 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: If you haven't already done so this fall, please be sure to fill out a new registration form in your child's 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 Oct. 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 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.
- Did someone say door prize?: Come one, come all to New Life's Talent Show and Potluck Dinner on Sat. Oct. 22 at 4pm! We need more acts to be successful, so don't be shy and sign up in the foyer! For dinner, New Life will supply hot dogs, rolls, and drinks, but please bring a dish or dessert to share. In order to help us get an accurate count for hot dog purchases, this is a ticketed event. Whether you are displaying a talent or just coming to watch, see Sue Ann Randall to obtain your ticket. All tickets will be entered into a drawing for a door prize! Questions? See Sue Ann Randall or call Mel King.
- 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.

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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