



**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 23, 2022

## Reflection:

*“So much as we see of the love of God, so much shall we delight in him, and no more. Every other discovery of God, without this, will but make the soul fly from him; but if the heart be once much taken up with this the eminency of the Father’s love, it cannot choose but be overpowered, conquered, and endeared unto him.... If the love of a father will not make a child delight in him, what will?” – John Owen*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – Psalm 113

*Will Pope*

*Minister:* Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.

*People:* **Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

*Minister:* From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

*People:* **The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

*Minister:* Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

*People:* **Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

*Minister:* He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

*People:* **He seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.**

*Minister:* He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

*People:* **Praise the LORD.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Battle Belongs

## Verse 1

When all I see is the battle  
You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain  
You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow  
Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now  
For I am safe with You

## Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

## Verse 2

And if You are for me  
Who can be against me  
For Jesus there's nothing  
Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes  
You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross  
God You see the empty tomb

## Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows  
You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God

## Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

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# Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

## Verse 1

O come behold the works of God  
The nations at His feet  
He breaks the bow and bends the spear  
And tells the wars to cease  
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our  
side  
We walk by faith  
In God who burns the chariots with fire

## Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the  
fire  
With us as a Shelter  
With us in the storm  
You will lead us  
Through the fiercest battle  
Oh where else would we go  
But with the Lord of hosts

## Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great  
You lift Your voice to speak  
The earth it bows  
And all the mountains move into the sea  
O Lord You know the hearts of men  
And still You let them live  
O God who makes the mountains melt  
Come wrestle us and win  
O God who makes the mountains melt  
Come wrestle us and win

## Bridge

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of  
all  
The One who calms the wind and waves  
And makes my heart be still  
Though the earth gives way  
The mountains move into the sea  
The nations rage  
I know my God is in control

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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 – *2 Corinthians 4:1-6***

*Sue Ann Randall*

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God,**

**You are faithful and loving. You have shown us your faithfulness in keeping your promises, and you have shown us your sacrificial love in sending your Son. We confess that at times we are faithless and selfish. We fail, often, to reflect your character. Forgive us, we pray, for we trust in Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may serve you in newness of life. We ask this through the name of Jesus, 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.

# It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let  
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

5 Am C/D D7 G<sup>sus</sup> G C



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; \_\_\_\_\_ What - ev - er my  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; \_\_\_\_\_ That Christ hath re -  
 sin - not in part, but the whole; \_\_\_\_\_ Is nailed to the  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; \_\_\_\_\_ The trump shall re -

10 F D G G/F C/E F C/G G



lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my  
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my  
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my  
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my

## CHORUS

15 C C G



soul." It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul, \_\_\_\_\_  
 soul.  
 soul!  
 soul.

20 C F C/G G C



— it is well, it is well with my soul.

# 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 6:1-35*

The people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian seven years. <sup>2</sup> And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds. <sup>3</sup> For whenever the Israelites planted crops, the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. <sup>4</sup> They would encamp against them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey. <sup>5</sup> For they would come up with their livestock and their tents; they would come like locusts in number—both they and their camels could not be counted—so that they laid waste the land as they came in. <sup>6</sup> And Israel was brought very low because of Midian. And the people of Israel cried out for help to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites, <sup>8</sup> the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery. <sup>9</sup> And I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup> And I said to you, ‘I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.’ But you have not obeyed my voice.”

<sup>11</sup> Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor.” <sup>13</sup> And Gideon said to him, “Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from



Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.” <sup>14</sup> And the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, “Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.” <sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to him, “But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.” <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, “If now I have found favor in your eyes, then show me a sign that it is you who speak with me. <sup>18</sup> Please do not depart from here until I come to you and bring out my present and set it before you.” And he said, “I will stay till you return.”

<sup>19</sup> So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the terebinth and presented them. <sup>20</sup> And the angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them.” And he did so. <sup>21</sup> Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. <sup>22</sup> Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD. And Gideon said, “Alas, O LORD God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.” <sup>23</sup> But the LORD said to him, “Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die.” <sup>24</sup> Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

<sup>25</sup> That night the LORD said to him, “Take your father’s bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it <sup>26</sup> and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.” <sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

<sup>28</sup> When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. <sup>29</sup> And they said to one another, “Who has done this thing?” And after they had searched and inquired, they said, “Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.” <sup>30</sup> Then the men of the town said to Joash, “Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.” <sup>31</sup> But Joash said to all who stood against him, “Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down.” <sup>32</sup> Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, “Let Baal contend against him,” because he broke down his altar.

<sup>33</sup> Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East came together, and they crossed the Jordan and encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. <sup>34</sup> But the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. <sup>35</sup> And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. And he sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

**Sermon: Saved by Grace**

*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**

## **The Lion and the Lamb**

### **Verse 1**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

### **Chorus**

Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains

And every knee will bow before the Lion  
and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

### **Verse 2**

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

### **Bridge**

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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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. 10/23	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/23	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 10/24	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 10/25	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 10/26	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Sanctuary
W. 10/26	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 10/26	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
W. 10/26	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/27	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Sanctuary
Th. 10/27	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
F. 10/28	7:00 pm	Ladies' Fall Fun Night	Swanson Home
Sun. 10/30	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$180,923.09	\$212,040.21
<b>Week of 10/16/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$4,646.00

## 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 today. Charles Fox has a photo booth set up and will be taking pictures. **Today is the last day to have your picture taken for the directory.**
- **Fall Directory:** In preparation for our new pictorial directory, please review the current directory in the foyer and make any necessary changes or additions. You can also email any updates to [kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com).
- **Women's Event: Fall Fun Night:** There will be a Fall Fun Night for all ladies of New Life on Fri. Oct. 28 at 7pm at the Swanson's home. Please bring a lawn chair and your favorite fall treat. We will be enjoying a time of fellowship around a bon fire. S'mores and hot cider will be provided. Please see Holly Wirt or Joy Swanson with questions.
- **New Adult Education Class:** Currently, there is a Bible study of the book of 1 Corinthians. Starting on Nov. 13, a second adult class will begin. This 4-week Sunday School class at 9am Sundays will examine a committee report written by the PCA on the topic of "Human Sexuality." We will cover the following topics: a summary list of theological commitments that frame the issue; an overview of the teachings of the confessions of the church; an examination of biblical perspectives for pastoral care; an analysis of apologetic approaches for speaking in the world.
- **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. Nov. 13. See Connie Kay with questions.

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- **Pancake Lunch:** Due to the wild success of the previous one, pancake lunch returns for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday lunch on Nov. 13! On this Sunday, please bring along breakfast side-dishes to share.
- **Officer Nominations:** The session requests that the congregation prayerfully consider and nominate men for the office of elder and/or deacon. The session believes it would be wise for New Life to have two more elders and two more deacons, although the final decision in this regard belongs to the congregation. Please pick up a nomination form and the pamphlet which explains the whole process. Nominations will be received until Dec. 4.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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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