



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 30, 2022

Reflection:

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here, Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents." – Anon.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 40 and 41

Will Pope

Minister: I waited patiently for the LORD;
People: **he turned to me and heard my cry.**
Minister: He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
People: **he set my feet on a rock**
and gave me a firm place to stand.
Minister: He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
People: **Many will see and fear**
and put their trust in the LORD.
All: **Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel,**
from everlasting to everlasting!

Prayer of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is _____ our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our _____ own strength _ con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And tho' this world, _ with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That word a - bove _____ all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

4 Dm G C C/E C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am



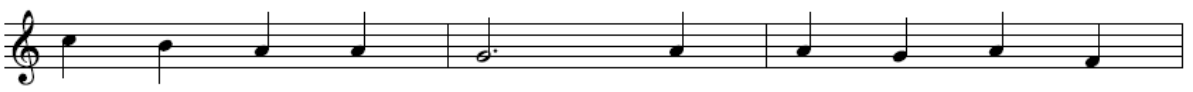
fail - ing; Our help - er He _____ a - mid _____ the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
 los - ing, were not the right _____ man on _____ our side, the man of God's own
 -do _____ us, we will not fear, _____ for God _____ hath willed His truth to tri - umph
 -bid - eth; The Spir - it and _____ the gifts _____ are ours through Him who with us

8 Dm G C Am G/B D G C G/B C F G⁷/D Am E/G#



-vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe - His
 choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He - Lord
 thru _____ us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him - His
 sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The

13 Am E/B Am/C D G F F/A C A/C# Dm



craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cru - el
 Sab - a - oth His name, from age to age the
 rage we can en - dure, for lo, his doom is
 bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth

16 E Am Em F C Am Dm G C



hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, and He must win the bat - tle.
 sure: One lit - tle word shall fell _____ him.
 still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Ancient of Days

Verse

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

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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 – *Psalm 7*

Wayne Blanding

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not always bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by holiness and love. In your mercy, forgive us and raise us up to a deeper experience of the Lordship of Christ. In your great power, show forth your glory in every area of our lives that we may be worthy of our calling to be your royal Sons and Daughters. Amen.

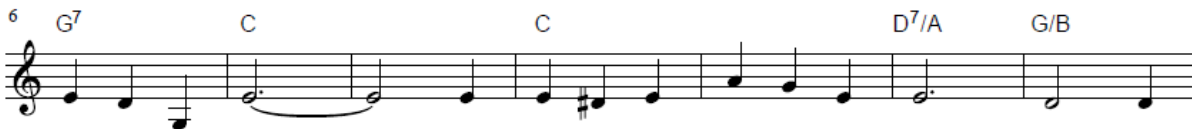
Assurance of Forgiveness – *Colossians 1:13*

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

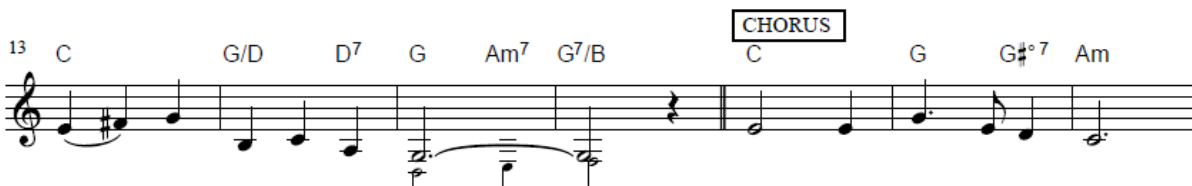
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus



1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



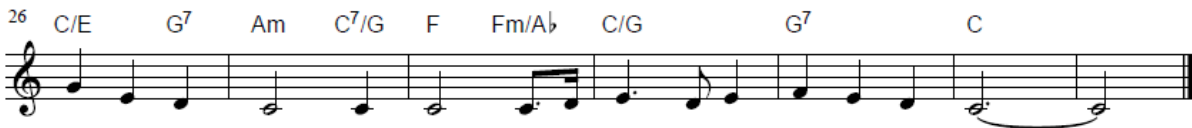
dark - ness you see? _____ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
 fol - low Him there; _____ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion- for
 all will be well: _____ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His



life more a - bun - dant and free! _____ Turn your eyes up - on Je -
 more _ than con - q'rors we are! _____
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____



-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____ And the things of



earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Quarterly Financial Update

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 9:7-21*

⁷When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on top of Mount Gerizim and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you leaders of Shechem, that God may listen to you. ⁸The trees once went out to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.' ⁹But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my abundance, by which gods and men are honored, and go hold sway over the trees?' ¹⁰And the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.' ¹¹But the fig tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit and go hold sway over the trees?' ¹²And the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.' ¹³But the vine said to them, 'Shall I leave my wine that cheers God and men and go hold sway over the trees?' ¹⁴Then all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us.' ¹⁵And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade, but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'

¹⁶"Now therefore, if you acted in good faith and integrity when you made Abimelech king, and if you have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house and have done to him as his deeds deserved— ¹⁷for my father fought for you and risked his life and delivered you from the hand of Midian, ¹⁸and you have risen up against my father's house this day and have killed his sons, seventy men on one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his female servant, king over the leaders of Shechem, because he is your relative— ¹⁹if you then have acted in good faith and integrity with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you. ²⁰But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech and devour the leaders of Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the leaders of Shechem and from Beth-millo and devour Abimelech." ²¹And Jotham ran away and fled and went to Beer and lived there, because of Abimelech his brother.

Sermon: The Path of Self-Rescue
Series: Judges: Longing for the King

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of
heaven
Who else could make every king bow
down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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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. 10/30 | 9:00 am | Sunday School for All Ages | Classrooms |
| Sun. 10/30 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| M. 10/31 | 7:00 pm | Women's Zoom Bible Study | Zoom |
| Tu. 11/1 | 7:00 pm | Bible Study Fellowship | TV Room |
| W. 11/2 | 9:00 am | Moms' Group | Sanctuary |
| W. 11/2 | 9:00 am | Morning Bible Study | TV Room |
| W. 11/2 | 7:00 pm | Missions Meeting | Fishbowl Room |
| W. 11/2 | 7:00 pm | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Th. 11/3 | 9:30 am | Women's In-Person Bible Study | Sanctuary |
| F. 11/4 | 7:00 pm | Youth Group Movie | New Life TV Room |
| Sun. 11/6 | 9:00 am | Sunday School for All Ages | Classrooms |
| Sun. 11/6 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |

Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year to Date 2022 | \$185,230.78 | \$214,698.29 |
| Week of 10/23/22 | \$4,307.69 | \$4,625.00 |

Announcements

- **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.
- **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.
- **Pancake Lunch:** Due to the wild success of the previous one, pancake lunch returns for 2nd 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.
- **Giving Need for the Building Improvement Fund:** New Life hopes to fundraise and finish several building improvement projects this year. The projects include: classroom wall removal and ceiling replacement; a level, fenced play area in the yard for children/youth; replacement of the external sanctuary door; and a redesign/replacement of the external fellowship hall door. The redesigned door will include a transom to allow natural light into the fellowship hall, as well as an ADA compliant paved sidewalk out to the road. The cost of all these changes is \$27,000. The Building Improvement Fund has a current balance of \$7,318.57. The ministry moment quarterly financial report on 10/30 will include sharing reasons why the session is asking for donations to this fund rather than utilizing our current YTD giving surplus. As you prayerfully consider the ways in which you feel led to give, please consider designated giving to this fund.

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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