



**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.

# Worshiping God

November 6, 2022

## Reflection:

*“The sorrows of our lives are in great part his weaning process. We give our hearts over to so many things other than God. We look to so many other things for life. I know I do. Especially the very gifts that he himself gives to us—they become more important to us than he is. That’s not the way it is supposed to be. As long as our happiness is tied to the things we can lose, we are vulnerable.” - John Eldredge*

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!”  
– 1 Chronicles 16:34*

*“And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” - Jesus*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

<sup>2</sup>For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Praise

# All Creatures of Our God and King

## Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

## Chorus

O praise Him O praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

## Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice

## Verse 3

Thou flowing water pure and clear  
Make music for thy Lord to hear  
Alleluia alleluia  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
Thou givest man both warmth and light

## Verse 4

And all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye alleluia  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear  
Praise God and on Him cast your care

## Verse 5

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three in One

# God of Wonders

## Verse 1

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

## Chorus 1

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

## Verse 2

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

## Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
You are holy

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## **Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question and Answer #26**

*Minister:* How does Christ execute the office of a king?

*People:* **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

## **Scripture Reading – Psalm 135**

*Sue Ann Randall*

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

*Minister:* Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

*All:* **We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Father, for we ask in Jesus' name! Strengthen us, by the power of your Spirit, to walk in newness of life. Amen!**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 32:1-2, 5**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

# His Mercy Is More

## Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs  
we have done

Omniscient all knowing He counts not  
their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or  
shore

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## Verse 2

What patience would wait as we  
constantly roam

What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the  
poor

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

## Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was  
the cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never  
afford

Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment – Prayer for the Persecuted Church

### 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 11:9-33

Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, “If you bring me home again to fight against the Ammonites, and the LORD gives them over to me, I will be your head.” <sup>10</sup> And the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, “The LORD will be witness between us, if we do not do as you say.” <sup>11</sup> So Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and leader over them. And Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD at Mizpah.

<sup>12</sup> Then Jephthah sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites and said, “What do you have against me, that you have come to me to fight against my land?” <sup>13</sup> And the king of the Ammonites answered the messengers of Jephthah, “Because Israel on coming up from Egypt took away my land, from the Arnon to the Jabbok and to the Jordan; now therefore restore it peaceably.” <sup>14</sup> Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites <sup>15</sup> and said to him, “Thus says Jephthah: Israel did not take away the land of Moab or the land of the Ammonites, <sup>16</sup> but when they came up from Egypt, Israel went through the wilderness to the Red Sea and came to Kadesh. <sup>17</sup> Israel then sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, ‘Please let us pass through your land,’ but the king of Edom would not listen. And they sent also to the king of Moab, but he would not consent. So Israel remained at Kadesh.

<sup>18</sup> “Then they journeyed through the wilderness and went around the land of Edom and the land of Moab and arrived on the east side of the land of Moab and camped on the other side of the Arnon. But they did not enter the territory of Moab, for the Arnon was the boundary of Moab. <sup>19</sup> Israel then sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, king of Heshbon, and Israel said to him, ‘Please let us pass through your land to our country,’ <sup>20</sup> but Sihon did not trust Israel to pass through his territory, so Sihon gathered all his people together and encamped at Jahaz and fought with Israel. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they defeated them. So Israel took possession of all the land of the Amorites, who inhabited that country. <sup>22</sup> And they took possession of all the territory of the Amorites from the Arnon to the Jabbok and from the wilderness to the Jordan. <sup>23</sup> So then the LORD, the God of Israel, dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel; and are you to take possession of them? <sup>24</sup> Will you not possess what Chemosh your god gives you to possess? And all that the LORD our God has dispossessed before us, we will possess. <sup>25</sup> Now are you any better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever contend against Israel, or did he ever go to war with them? <sup>26</sup> While Israel lived in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are on the banks of the Arnon, 300 years, why did you not deliver them within that time? <sup>27</sup> I therefore have not sinned against you, and you do me wrong by making war on me. The LORD, the Judge, decide this day between the people of Israel and the people of Ammon.” <sup>28</sup> But the king of the Ammonites did not listen to the words of Jephthah that he sent to him.



<sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD was upon Jephthah, and he passed through Gilead and Manasseh and passed on to Mizpah of Gilead, and from Mizpah of Gilead he passed on to the Ammonites. <sup>30</sup> And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD and said, "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, <sup>31</sup> then whatever comes out from the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the Ammonites shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering." <sup>32</sup> So Jephthah crossed over to the Ammonites to fight against them, and the LORD gave them into his hand. <sup>33</sup> And he struck them from Aroer to the neighborhood of Minnith, twenty cities, and as far as Abel-keramim, with a great blow. So the Ammonites were subdued before the people of Israel.

**Sermon: An Intensifying Pattern**  
**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**

# Yet Not I but through Christ in Me

## Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and  
freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and  
boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is  
mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend  
me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall  
overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my  
pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am  
free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me  
home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips  
shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Ending

When the race is complete still my lips  
shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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## Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## 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. 11/6	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/6	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 11/7	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 11/8	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 11/9	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Sanctuary
W. 11/9	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 11/9	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
W. 11/9	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 11/10	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
Sat. 11/12	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 11/13	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/13	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/13	11:30 am	Pancake Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/13	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$189,538.47	\$218,517.29
<b>Week of 10/30/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$3,819.00

## Announcements

- **Voices:** Shyrl would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the gift baskets for the Voices seminar at Providence Presbyterian church. They turned out wonderfully. See New Life News for some pictures of the baskets.
- **Poinsettias:** Help decorate the church with your poinsettia order. Sign up in the foyer.
- **Cleaners Needed:** Many of our cleaning volunteers will be gone over the winter months which leaves us in need of more volunteers to help clean the church. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering in this way? Sign up with a partner, or on your own and we will try to pair you with someone else.
- **Fall Directory:** Please mark any changes to the current copy in the foyer. If you prefer, you can also email them to [kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto: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 Brunch:** Pancake brunch returns for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday lunch on Nov. 13! On this Sunday, please bring along breakfast side-dishes to share.
- **NLPC Board Game Night:** On Fri. Nov 18, bring your favorite board game and come any time after 5:30pm. Dinner is provided -- pizza, carrots, grapes, dessert -- with a donation requested. This event is for the whole community; come for the fellowship even if you don't care for games! At 6pm we will pause game play and conversations for a brief thanksgiving devotional and time of community prayer, thanking God for His many blessings.

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- **Daily Advent Devotional:** This year, we are attempting to write our own advent guides. If all goes as planned, please make sure to pick up a daily advent devotional on Nov. 27!
- **Advent Wreath Crafting Party:** Come make an advent wreath and enjoy singing some Christmas carols on Sun. Nov. 27 from 6:00-7:30pm. Bring \$5 per wreath. While anyone may come for the fellowship, food, and carols, to reserve supplies please RSVP with Sarah Fox.
- **Parents' Day Out/Kids' Christmas Party:** On Sat. Dec. 3 from 9am-1pm, parents have an opportunity to have some time by themselves while children ages 0-12 enjoy a day of Christmas-themed activities. Volunteers needed; please contact Pastor Erik. Parents of children, please consider inviting your friends to bring their kids to this opportunity.
- **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.
- **Christmas Open House:** The congregation is invited to the Swansons' for an Open House Christmas party on Fri. Dec 9 anytime from 4-8pm. Just bring yourselves for a festive evening of food and fellowship.
- **December 11 Christmas Luncheon:** In lieu of a Second Sunday Potluck, please sign up to bring sides and desserts for a Christmas Luncheon. Turkey will be provided by New Life. See Sandy Leader or Suzanne Harman with any questions.
- **Ladies' Christmas Tea:** All women from New Life are invited to a Christmas Tea on Sat. Dec. 17 from 11am-1pm in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to help with decorations, food preparation, and serving. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby for attending as well as volunteering. Please contact Holly Wirt with any questions.
- **Youth Group Christmas Party:** Youth, bring a gift for the gift exchange and come to the Swansons' on Sun. Dec 18 from 6-8pm for a Christmas party.
- **Christmas Changes:** Our Christmas Eve "Lessons and Carols" service will be at 7pm. There will be no Sunday School or snack after worship on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

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- **Giving Need for the Building Improvement Fund:** New Life hopes to fundraise and finish several building improvement projects this year. These 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 asphalt driveway. The cost of all these changes is \$27,000. The Building Improvement Fund has a current balance of \$7,318.57. Although we have a current YTD giving surplus, there are some expenses that NLPC has incurred that are not in the 2022 budget (50 new chairs, the new piano, etc.). Further, the elders think that the capital reserve fund - for major upkeep of the existing property like a new roof or new HVAC units - is very underfunded. While a final decision regarding the surplus has not yet been determined, the session nonetheless wanted to let the congregation know of the desire to act on the current list of building improvement projects. As you prayerfully consider the ways in which you feel led to give, please consider designated giving to the building improvement 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 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.