



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 13, 2022

Reflection:

“When you and I surrendered to Jesus as Lord, we did not offer Him the services of a divine, or even semi-divine creature to strengthen His kingdom; we offer Him the fragile, temporary, mortal, frail life that He has first given to us. That is all we have to offer. 'For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust' (Ps. 103:14)” — Christopher Ash

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Revelation 5

Minister: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”

People: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”**

Prayer of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

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1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

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A7
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God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Psalm 139 (Far Too Wonderful)

Verse 1

You wrote the story of my life
You go before You fall behind
Before a breath beyond my death
You are with me on the way to everlasting

Chorus

Oh I can't run I can't hide
Even darkness is a light
From the lowest place to the highest praise
You are worthy
Amazing love how can it be
Far too wonderful for me
There's only one thing left to say
You are worthy oh

Verse 2

Search me God and know my heart
Try me know my anxious thoughts
Find the wickedness in me
And lead me in the way everlasting

Bridge

You formed me in my mother's womb
You know my frame my flesh and bone
I'm wonderf'ly made
(Oh) I can't describe it's way too high
You see me through and through and call me loved
What a wonderful grace

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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 – Numbers 6:1-21

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Our Father,

You have not left us alone. As your Son promised, you have given us your Spirit. We are in need of daily guidance. Yet, we confess that we often fail to listen to you. We have a tendency to grieve the Spirit by going our own way. Rather than wait upon you and listen to your word, we often go off on our own. We repent of this sin, and we ask that you would guide us. Please direct our path. Lead us. We submit our lives to you, for we come in Jesus' name, Amen!

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

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

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

⁵ 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.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

The first system of music features a treble clef, a 4/4 time signature, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It includes a piano (p) dynamic marking and a fermata over the final measure. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, corresponding to the three verses.

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me:
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face:

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines. The music maintains the same key signature and time signature as the first system.

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss:

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three lines. The music maintains the same key signature and time signature as the first system.

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day,
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness,
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

The fourth system concludes the piece. It features a piano (p) dynamic marking and a fermata over the final measure. The lyrics are arranged in three lines. The music maintains the same key signature and time signature as the first system.

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 16:15-31*

And she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and you have not told me where your great strength lies." ¹⁶ And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death. ¹⁷ And he told her all his heart, and said to her, "A razor has never come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man."

¹⁸ When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called the lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come up again, for he has told me all his heart." Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the money in their hands. ¹⁹ She made him sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. ²⁰ And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And he awoke from his sleep and said, "I will go out as at other times and shake myself free." But he did not know that the Lord had left him. ²¹ And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison. ²² But the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

²³ Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, "Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand." ²⁴ And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, "Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us." ²⁵ And when their hearts were merry, they said, "Call Samson, that he may entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. ²⁶ And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars on which the

house rests, that I may lean against them.”²⁷ Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

²⁸ Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.”²⁹ And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other.³⁰ And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life.³¹ Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.

Sermon: A Weak Strong Man

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

How Rich a Treasure We Possess

Verse 1

How rich a treasure we possess
In Jesus Christ our Lord
His blood our ransom and defense
His glory our reward
The sum of all created things
Are worthless in compare
For our inheritance is Him
Whose praise angels declare

Verse 2

How free and costly was the love
Displayed upon the cross
While we were dead in untold sin
The Sov'reign purchased us
The will of God the Father
Demonstrated through the Son
The Spirit seals the greatest work
The work which Christ has done

Verse 3

How vast and measureless the flood
Of mercy unrestrained
The penalty was paid in full
The spotless Lamb was slain
Salvation what a priceless gift
Received by grace through faith
We stand in robes of righteousness
We stand in Jesus' Name

Ending

For Yours is the Kingdom
And the power and the glory
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and
the glory
Yours is the Kingdom and the power and
the glory
Amen yeah amen amen

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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. 11/13	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 Brunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/13	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
M. 11/14	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 11/15	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 11/16	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom
W. 11/16	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 11/16	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 11/17	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Fishbowl Room
F. 11/18	5:30 pm	Board Game Night	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/20	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$193,846.16	\$227,490.29
Week of 10/30/22	\$4,307.69	\$8,973.00

Announcements

- **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. Email kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Boxes are due back to New Life TODAY. See Connie Kay with questions.
- **Christmas Luncheon:** In lieu of our normal Second Sunday Potluck on Dec. 11, Suzanne Harman and Sandy Leader are coordinating a Christmas Luncheon. Please sign up in the foyer by Sun. Nov. 20 if you plan to come. (You may also email your RSVP to

Kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com before 4:00pm Th. Nov. 17, and she will add your name.) Then, Sandy and Suzanne will contact people to request specific sides/dishes.

- **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.
- **Picture Directory Housekeeping:** Please mark any changes to the current copy in the foyer. If you prefer, you can also email them to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com. If you did not have your picture taken, but would still like one in the directory, you can email one to Kelly before Wed. Nov. 23. Additionally, if you did have your picture taken by Charles Fox and would like a copy, email Kelly.
- **5th Annual Turkey Kick!** Come burn off the turkey and pie on Sat. Nov. 26, in an adults vs. youth game. First, we will play flag football, then we will play soccer. Meet at Freysville Park from 2-4 pm.
- **Poinsettias:** Help decorate the church with your poinsettia order. Sign up in the foyer. Deadline to sign up is Sun. 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.

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- **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.
- **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.
- **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 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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