



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 20, 2022

Reflection:

“We become what we worship” – G. K. Beale

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” – Exodus 19:4-6

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 136

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Minister: To him who alone does great wonders.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Minister: Who by his understanding made the heavens.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Minister: Who spread out the earth upon the waters.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Minister: To the One who remembered us in our low estate.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Minister: And freed us from our enemies.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

***People:* His love endures forever.**

Prayer of Praise

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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Hymn of Heaven

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the
streets
To look upon the one who bled to save
me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in
desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

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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 – Deuteronomy 9:1-8

Will Pope

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

All: Father, you have given us life, breath, and all that we have. Our community, our families, our resources, our responsibilities, and our talents are all gifts from your hand. Of eternal significance, you sent your Son so that we, by faith, could be part of your family. You are good, and every good and perfect gift comes from you. We confess to you our ingratitude. While the struggles of our lives are real, we are quicker to become anxious than we are to remain thankful. Forgive us for how quickly we forget your blessings and for how quickly we take your blessings for granted. Grant us the ability to daily remember the many blessings you have given us. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. We give thanks to you for all your blessings! 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.

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-
kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless
grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me
free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the
promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Joel and Stephanie Swanson

Holly Wirt

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 2:11-13; 3:7, 12; 4:1; 6:1; 10:6; 13:1, Judges 17-21*

2:¹¹ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. ¹² And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³ They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath.

3:⁷ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. They forgot the LORD their God and served the Baals and the Asheroth.... 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.

4:¹ And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD after Ehud died.

6:¹ 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.

10:⁶ The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him.

13:¹ And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

Sermon: Pictures of Idolatry and Immorality

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

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all
things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

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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. 11/20	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 11/21	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Tu. 11/22	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 11/23	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
Sat. 11/26	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat. 11/26	2:00 pm	5 th Annual Turkey Kick!	Freysville Park
Sun. 11/27	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/27	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/27	6:00 pm	Advent Wreath Crafting Party	Fellowship Hall

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$198,153.86	\$232,605.29
Week of 11/13/22	\$4,307.69	\$5,115.00

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.
- **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 TODAY Sun. Nov. 20 if you plan to come. Then, Sandy and Suzanne will contact people to request specific sides/dishes.
- **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. New invite cards can be found in the foyer. You must register for this free event. Go to [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Parents' Day Out and Kids' Christmas Party" and select New Life Presbyterian Church.

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- **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.
- **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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