



New Life Presbyterian Church

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

November 27, 2022

Reflection:

*Redeemer of the nations, come;
Virgin's Son, here make Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
Not by human flesh and blood;
By the Spirit of our God
Was the Word of God made flesh,
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh. – Ambrose of Milan*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

***People:* Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

Minister: Know that the LORD, he is God!

***People:* It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

***People:* and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Minister: For the LORD is good;

***All:* his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Praise

Come Ye Thankful People Come (St. George's Windsor)

1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home;
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His har - vest home;
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to Thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

5 Dm Gm C F G⁷/D C/E Dm/F C/G G⁷ C

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;
 From His field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

9 C/B^b F/A G F F/E^b B^b/D F⁷/C B^b

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
 Give His an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
 There, for - ev - er pur - i - fied, in Thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store in His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

There Is a Redeemer

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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Reader: Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light over darkness. Even the light of one candle can reveal our faces as we stand near the candle. As we light the candle, we begin our journey to Christmas, a day of joy and celebration.

The first candle on the Advent wreath is called the Prophecy candle, it opens the period that anticipates Christmas and remembers those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

[Light one purple candle]

Reader: Isaiah 2 looks forward to the day when God's people will walk in the light of the LORD.

Scripture: Isaiah 2:2-5

Congregational Prayer: **God of light, place a candle in our hearts, so we may walk as children of the Light, treading gently on the paths of peace and ever ready to welcome the signs of new life. Amen.**

Give Thanks

Chorus

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

Verse

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Ending

Give thanks

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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.

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Scripture – Ruth 4:13-22

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has given birth to him.” ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. ¹⁷And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, ¹⁹Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, ²⁰Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, ²¹Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, ²²Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

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

Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
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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. 11/27	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
Tu. 11/29	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	TV Room
W. 11/30	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 11/30	9:00 am	Moms' Group	New Life
W. 11/30	9:15 am	Prayer Group	New Life Library
W. 11/30	7:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 12/3	9:00 am	Parents' Day Out & Kids' Christmas Party	New Life
Sun. 12/4	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 12/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$202,461.55	\$237,186.29
Week of 11/20/22	\$4,307.69	\$4,581.00

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.
- **Pictures:** If you had your picture taken by Charles Fox and would like a copy, email Kelly at kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- **Poinsettias:** Help decorate the church with your poinsettia order. Sign up in the foyer. Deadline to sign up is TODAY, Sun. Nov. 27.
- **Advent Wreath Crafting Party:** Come make an advent wreath and enjoy singing some Christmas carols TODAY 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 and search for "Parents' Day Out and Kids' Christmas Party" and select New Life Presbyterian Church.
- **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.

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- **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.
- **Good News Jail and Prison Ministry** is collecting items to assemble gift bags for children of inmates at York County Prison. Items are listed on tags in the foyer. Take a tab or few, buy those items, and bring back to New Life no later than Sun. Dec. 18. Questions? See Barb Marsh.
- **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 completed our study of *Galatians*. A new study will begin in March 2023 with the topic of study to be determined. Meanwhile, the women's winter book is *Where the Light Fell* by Philip Yancy. For more information on the book and the February discussion, contact Connie Kay. For more information on Women's Bible Study, contact Marlene Spark.

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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