



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. The nursery off the fellowship hall is available for parents who wish to stay with their babies/young children during the service.

Worshipping God

January 1, 2023

Reflection:

*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.*

*Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heaven enthroned.*

*From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell
High the song of triumph swell!*

*Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.*

- Ambrose of Milan

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Colossians 1

Wayne Blanding

Minister: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For all things were created by him and for him.

Minister: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning and firstborn from among the dead.

Minister: Christ has supremacy in all things, for God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him.


People: Through Christ, God has reconciled all things to himself.

Minister: Things on earth or things in heaven, visible and invisible; whether thrones or rulers or powers or authorities.

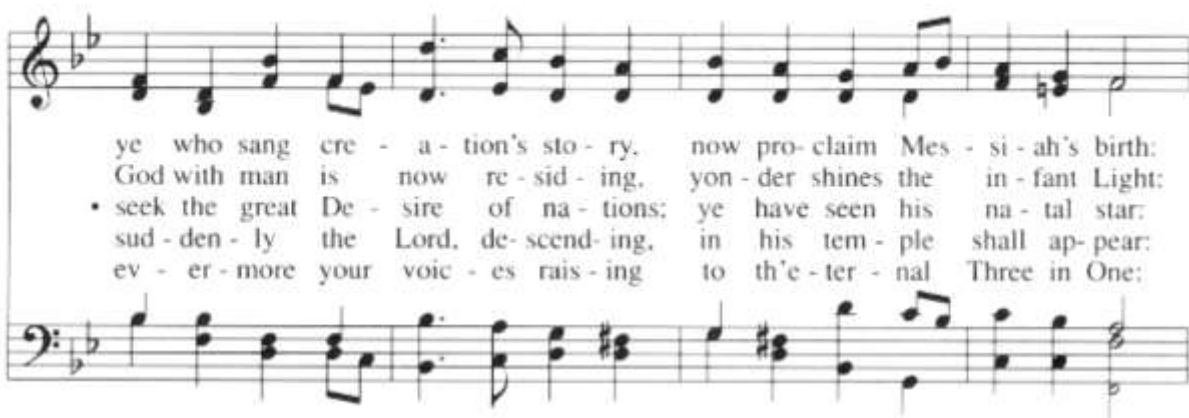
People: He has reconciled them to himself, making peace through his blood shed on the cross.

Prayer of Praise

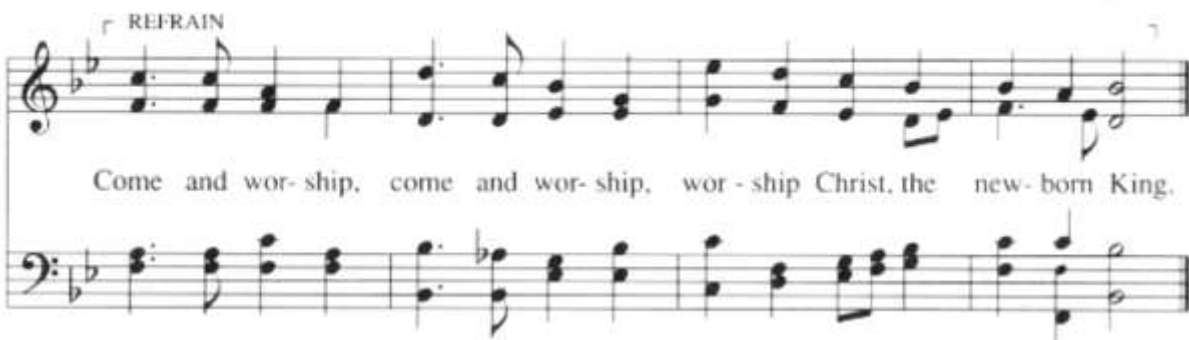
Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One;



REFRAIN
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Thou Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendor

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
 2. Thou who are God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

Bm Asus4/G A7 Dsus4 D D DM7 G/D D Bm D F#*

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

F#m C#m* Bm D G/D A D A/D G/D D7

sap - phire paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who are God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

G/D D G/BF#m/AG/B D/F# D/A A6 GM7/A A7 D

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

* that is, universal

Scripture Reading – *Isaiah 9:1-7*

Kathleen Donovan-Snavely

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failure and shortcomings toward you and toward my family, friends, and others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may from now on serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. 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.

Amazing Grace

Chords: G, Em, C, G

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D, G, D, G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C, G, Em, G/D, D7, G

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear, the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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 – *1 Samuel 9-10 (Printed: 1 Samuel 9:15-10:9)*

Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ¹⁶“Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me.” ¹⁷When Samuel saw Saul, the LORD told him, “Here is the man of whom I spoke to you! He it is who shall restrain my people.” ¹⁸Then Saul approached Samuel in the gate and said, “Tell me where is the house of the seer?” ¹⁹Samuel answered Saul, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for today you shall eat with me, and in the morning I will let you go and will tell you all that is on your mind. ²⁰As for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?” ²¹Saul answered, “Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?”

²²Then Samuel took Saul and his young man and brought them into the hall and gave them a place at the head of those who had been invited, who were about thirty persons. ²³And Samuel said to the cook, “Bring the portion I gave you, of which I said to you, ‘Put it aside.’” ²⁴So the cook took up the leg and what was on it and set them before Saul. And Samuel said, “See, what was kept is set before you. Eat, because it was kept for you until the hour appointed, that you might eat with the guests.”

So Saul ate with Samuel that day. ²⁵And when they came down from the high place into the city, a bed was spread for Saul on the roof, and he lay down to sleep. ²⁶Then at the break of

dawn Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Up, that I may send you on your way." So Saul arose, and both he and Samuel went out into the street.

²⁷ As they were going down to the outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to pass on before us, and when he has passed on, stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God."

10 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. ² When you depart from me today, you will meet two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah, and they will say to you, 'The donkeys that you went to seek are found, and now your father has ceased to care about the donkeys and is anxious about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"' ³ Then you shall go on from there farther and come to the oak of Tabor. Three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you there, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. ⁴ And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you shall accept from their hand. ⁵ After that you shall come to Gibeath-elohim, where there is a garrison of the Philistines. And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying. ⁶ Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. ⁷ Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you. ⁸ Then go down before me to Gilgal. And behold, I am coming down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do."

⁹ When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all these signs came to pass that day.

Sermon: According to the Plan

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: 1 Samuel: A King After God's Own Heart

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

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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. 1/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 1/4	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 1/4	9:00 am	Moms' Group	New Life
W. 1/4	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/8	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 1/8	12:30 pm	Youth Group Parents' Meeting	New Life
Sun. 1/8	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2022	\$224,000.01	\$273,025.78
Week of 12/25/22	\$4,307.69	\$3,767.01
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$18,568.57

Announcements

- **Christmas Changes:** There will be no Sunday School or snack after worship on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.
- **Nursery:** The nursery will not be staffed today. Parents are still welcome to use the nursery to stay with their children as needed during those services.
- **A New Adult Sunday School Class:** Starting Jan. 8, Wayne Blanding will teach a class on Finances and the Bible. The study of 1 Corinthians will also resume that day.
- **Youth Group Parents' Meeting:** After the second Sunday lunch on Jan. 8, there will be a meeting for parents of youth group aged children (grades 6-12). The purpose is to discuss ways that the church can grow in discipling the next generation.
- **Congregational Meeting:** Mark your calendars for Jan. 15 for NLPC's annual congregational meeting. We will look back at 2022 and forward to 2023. We will discuss the 2023 budget and hold a congregational vote on a proposed salary change for Pastor Erik.
- **Women's Book club:** Women of New Life and their friends are reading *Where the Light Fell* by Philip Yancey. Discussion and dinner to be announced for late February.
- **Online Giving:** The donation portal for online giving to New Life is changing. Online donations will still be made to the PCA Foundation and forwarded to New Life on a weekly basis. The new portal accepts both credit card and bank debit transactions. Additionally, the portal will provide the donor the option of supporting processing charges, called "Complete Cover". The donor can select to cover anywhere from 5% (default) to 0% of the donated amount as an additional processing fee. For example, if a donor intends to donate \$100 to New Life and selects a 5% cover, then the donor will be charged \$105, and \$100 will be given to New Life. If the donor selects a 0% cover, then the donor will be charged \$100 and \$100 will be given to New Life.

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: The next Bible study begins in March 2023. For more information, 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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