



*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

December 18, 2022

## Reflection:

*"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree." —Michael Crichton*

*"That He was of us and of our substance and of the Virgin's womb is manifest from these things and from others beside" — John Chrysostom*

*"The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham"*  
- Matthew

*"Regal as his lineage was, Jesus did not come to praise his forebears, but to save them."*  
- Dan Doriani

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

## Call to Worship – Luke 1:68-75

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

## Prayer of Praise

# It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold;

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King”;  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
O rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.  
and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

# Glory, Let There Be Peace

## Verse 1

One star  
Burns in the darkness  
Shines with the promise Emmanuel  
One child  
Born in the stillness  
Living within us Emmanuel

## Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let there be peace  
Singing Glory Glory  
Let there be peace let it start in me

## Verse 2

One voice  
Speaks for the voiceless  
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel  
One love  
Brings us together  
Now and forever Emmanuel

## Bridge

Do not be afraid  
His love is strong enough to save us  
Nothing stands in the way  
His love is strong enough to lead us  
(REPEAT)

## Ending

Let there be peace let it start in me

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The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of endless love and faithfulness. Out of darkness light shines, pointing us in hope to the One who came to overcome the darkness of this world and to be our light in the world to come.

Three weeks ago we lit the Prophecy candle and remembered those who first spoke the promise of the coming Christ child.

Two weeks ago we lit the Bethlehem candle, a symbol of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ child.

Last week we lit the Shepherds' candle, remembering the first in a long line of people who joyfully shared the good news of the Savior's birth.

The fourth candle on the Advent wreath is called the Angels' candle. It reminds us of the hope fulfilled in the first coming of our Savior and of our continuing hope as we anticipate his coming again.

*[Light all 4 candles]*

*Reader:* Psalm 24 extols God as the great Lord who founded the earth and whose victorious rule governs history. The earth is the Lord's. He is the King of glory.

*Scripture:* Psalm 24

*Congregational Prayer*

**Dear strong and mighty God, by the power of the Spirit who created the earth and everything in it, create in us pure hearts and renew within us steadfast spirits that the hope fulfilled in Bethlehem may more and more permeate our lives until we share fully in your glory. In the name of the King who comes and comes again we pray. Amen.**

# Joy Has Dawned



1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre -  
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of  
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the  
 4. Son of Ad - am, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a

4 Eb/Bb Bb Eb Fm Eb/G Ab Bb Cm Ab



-a - tion: God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry  
 an - gels; As the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a  
 glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the  
 ran - som, rec - on - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y

8 Bb Eb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Bb Cm Fm7



na - tion. Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of  
 sta - ble. Hands that set each star in \_\_\_ place, shaped the earth in  
 sto - ry. Gold, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is  
 Cham - pi - on! What a Sav - ior, what a \_\_\_ Friend, what a glo - rious

12 Eb/Bb Bb Eb Fm Eb/G Ab Bb Cm7 Fm7



glo - ry, but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of  
 dark - ness. Cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and  
 with \_\_\_ us; Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll  
 mys - ter - y: Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of

16 Bb Eb Fm Eb/G Ab Bb Eb



Mar - y.  
 help - less.  
 win \_\_\_ us.  
 his - to - ry.

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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.

#### Angels from the Realms of Glory (as Doxology)

**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 – *Matthew 1:1-17*

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, <sup>7</sup> and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, <sup>8</sup> and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup> And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup> and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup> and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.



<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

**Sermon: The Genealogy of Jesus Christ**  
**Series: Celebrating the Advent of 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**

# Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head sec; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

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 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

## **Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **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. 12/18	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 12/18	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 12/18	6:00 pm	Youth Group Christmas Party	Swanson Home
W. 12/21	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	TV Room
W. 12/21	7:00 pm	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 12/24	7:00 pm	Lessons & Carols Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 12/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2022</b>	\$215,384.63	\$254,241.39
<b>Week of 12/4/22</b>	\$4,307.69	\$3,997.10

## Announcements

- **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 TODAY. Questions? See Barb Marsh.
- **Youth Group Christmas Party:** Youth, bring a gift for the gift exchange and come to the Swansons' TODAY 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.
- **Nursery:** The nursery will not be staffed on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Parents are still welcome to use the nursery as needed during those services.
- **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<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meeting for parents of youth group aged children (grades 6-12). The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss ways that the church can grow in discipling the next generation.

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- **Congregational Meeting:** Mark your calendars for Jan. 15 for NLPC's annual congregational meeting. We will look back at 2022, look forward to 2023, discuss the 2023 budget, and hold a congregational vote on a proposed salary change for Pastor Erik.
- **Ladies of New Life and Friends:** Winter book: *Where the Light Fell* by Philip Yancey. Discussion and dinner to be announced for late February.
- **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 \$14,068.57. 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. Any undesignated budget surplus from 2022 will be allocated to the capital reserve fund. 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. 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 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.

# 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.

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