



**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

January 15, 2023

## Reflection:

*“The worst of all deceptions is self deception.” - Plato*

*“The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions” - Leonardo Da Vinci*

*“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.”*

*– King David*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

**People: I will extol the LORD at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.**

Minister: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

**People: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.**

## Prayer of Praise

## Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

### Chorus

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN Bb(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## **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 – *Deuteronomy 17:14-20***

*Barry Francisco*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus’ name, 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.

# Psalm 19

## Verse

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You pleasing to You  
May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

## Ending

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

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## Chorus

You're my Rock and my Redeemer  
You're the reason that I sing  
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes  
Ev'ry hour ev'ry moment  
Lord I want to be Your servant  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes in Your eyes

## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment

*Micah Swanson*

### 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 13-15 (Printed: 13:8-15; 14:6-15, 23; 15:1-29)**

**13<sup>8</sup>** He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him. <sup>9</sup> So Saul said, “Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings.” And he offered the burnt offering. <sup>10</sup> As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. <sup>11</sup> Samuel said, “What have you done?” And Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, <sup>12</sup> I said, ‘Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.’ So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering.” <sup>13</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. <sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.” <sup>15</sup> And Samuel arose and went up from Gilgal. The rest of the people went up after Saul to meet the army; they went up from Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin.

And Saul numbered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men....

**14<sup>6</sup>** Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.” <sup>7</sup> And his armor-bearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul.” <sup>8</sup> Then Jonathan said, “Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. <sup>9</sup> If they say to us, ‘Wait until we come to you,’ then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. <sup>10</sup> But if they say, ‘Come up to us,’ then we will go up, for the LORD has given them into our hand. And this shall be the sign to us.” <sup>11</sup> So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, “Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves.” <sup>12</sup> And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, “Come up to us, and we will show you a thing.” And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Come up after me, for the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel.” <sup>13</sup> Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him. <sup>14</sup> And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. <sup>15</sup> And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.... <sup>23</sup> So the LORD saved Israel that day. And the battle passed beyond Beth-aven. **15** And Samuel said to Saul, “The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘I have noted what

Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt. <sup>3</sup> Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.”

<sup>4</sup> So Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah. <sup>5</sup> And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley. <sup>6</sup> Then Saul said to the Kenites, “Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. <sup>7</sup> And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt. <sup>8</sup> And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. <sup>9</sup> But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.

<sup>10</sup> The word of the LORD came to Samuel: <sup>11</sup> “I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments.” And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night. <sup>12</sup> And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, “Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal.” <sup>13</sup> And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, “Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD.” <sup>14</sup> And Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?” <sup>15</sup> Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction.” <sup>16</sup> Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night.” And he said to him, “Speak.”

<sup>17</sup> And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ <sup>19</sup> Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?” <sup>20</sup> And Saul said to Samuel, “I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. <sup>21</sup> But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.” <sup>22</sup> And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”



<sup>24</sup> Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may bow before the LORD.” <sup>26</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.” <sup>27</sup> As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore. <sup>28</sup> And Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. <sup>29</sup> And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret.”

**Sermon: The Tragedy of Saul’s Kingship**

*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**

# Your Will Be Done

## Verse 1

Your will be done my God and Father  
As in heaven so on earth  
My heart is drawn to self-exalting  
Help me seek Your kingdom first  
As Jesus walked so shall I walk  
Held by Your same unchanging love  
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray  
Father not my will but Yours be done

## Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted  
I may never fully know  
The fearful weight of true obedience  
It was held by him alone  
What wondrous faith to bear that cross  
To bear my sin what wondrous love  
My hope was sure when there my Saviour  
prayed  
Father not my will but Yours be done

## Verse 3

When I am lost when I am broken  
In the night of fear and doubt  
Still I will trust in my good Father  
Yes to the one great King I bow  
As Jesus rose so I shall rise  
In ransomed glory at the throne

My heart restored with all Your saints I  
sing  
Father not my will but Yours be done

## Verse 4

As we go forth our God and Father  
Lead us daily in the fight  
That all the world might see Your glory  
And Your Name be lifted high  
And in this Name we overcome  
For You shall see us safely home  
Now as Your church we lift our voice and  
pray  
Father not my will but Yours be done

## Ending

And in this Name we overcome  
For You shall see us safely home  
Now as Your church we lift our voice and  
pray  
Father not my will but Yours be done  
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**Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. 1/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/15	11:45 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Tues. 1/17	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 1/18	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 1/18	9:00 am	Moms' Group	New Life
W. 1/18	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 1/18	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	New Life
W. 1/18	7:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	New Life
F. 1/20	6:30 pm	Youth Group Games	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 1/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/22	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year End 2022</b>	\$224,000.00	\$274,125.78
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$10,192.30	\$9,264.49
<b>Week of 1/8/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$3,166.14
<b>Building-Improvement Fund</b>	\$27,000	\$19,218.57

## Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting:** Our NLPC annual congregational meeting is today after the service. 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.
- **Youth Group Games:** On Fri. Jan. 20, from 6:30-8:30 PM, youth are invited to come to New Life for an evening of fun-filled games.
- **SILVERS:** Inviting anyone over 50! Join us on Sat. Jan. 28 from 6:30-8:30 for movie night. We will be watching *God's Not Dead*. Drinks are provided, but bring a favorite snack to share. Contact Mel King for more information.
- **Women's Book Club:** Ladies, there is still time to read the book *Where the Light Fell* by Philip Yancey before our discussion date! We will be meeting at the home of Connie Kay for a potluck dinner on Sun. March 5 at 6pm.
- **Room Numbers:** Please note that our classrooms have now been numbered for ease of reference.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Youth and adult Sunday School are offered during the 9:00 hour.

**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:** Regardless of the children's ages, all moms are welcome to come together for support and to study Ephesians on Wednesday mornings from 9-11 at church. Three classes for the children run concurrently. 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 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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