



# 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 8, 2023

## Reflection:

*“From Christ as from a fountain sanctification flows into the souls of the saints: their sanctification comes not so much from their struggling, and endeavors, and vows, and resolutions, as it comes flowing to them from their union with him.”*

*– Jeremiah Burroughs*

*“I am the light of the world.” - Jesus*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Isaiah 60:1

*Wayne Blanding*

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

## Prayer of Praise

## As with Gladness Men of Old

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,  
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;  
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

# Jesus Messiah

## Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

## Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

## Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil  
was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

## Bridge

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

## Ending

Jesus Messiah  
Lord of all  
The Lord of all  
The Lord of all

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## 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

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, You tell us that you are light and that there is no darkness in you. You call us to walk in the light, as you are in the light. In obedience to you, then, we walk in the light by confessing our sins. In this last week, we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have loved ourselves rather than loving our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, for we trust in Jesus. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. Thank you for the light of your love. Thank you that you have brought us into fellowship with you and with one another. We ask that you would strengthen us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we would obey our Lord's command to let our light shine before others. Help us to walk in obedience and love. We ask this 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.

# Jesus, What a Beautiful Name



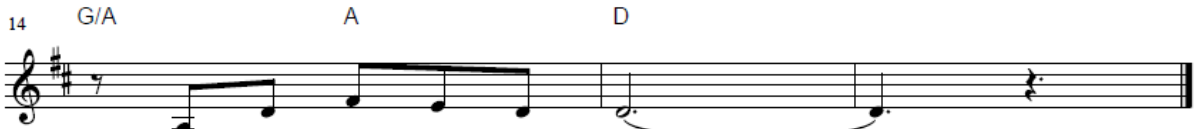
1. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name. Son \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Son of  
 2. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name. Truth \_\_\_\_\_ re - vealed, my fu - ture  
 3. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name. Res - cued my soul, my strong -



Man, Lamb that was slain. \_\_\_\_\_ Joy \_\_\_\_\_ and peace, strength \_\_\_\_\_ and hope,  
 sealed, healed \_\_\_\_\_ my pain. \_\_\_\_\_ Love \_\_\_\_\_ and free - dom, life \_\_\_\_\_ and warmth,  
 -hold, lifts me from shame. \_\_\_\_\_ For-give-ness, se - cur - i - ty, pow - er and love,



grace that blows all fear a - way. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus,  
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## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment – Katallasso

*Rob Rothermel*

### Membership Vows – Tim and Carol Loht, Rebekah and Charity Skinner

### 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 11-12**

**11** Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead, and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.” **2** But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “On this condition I will make a treaty with you, that I gouge out all your right eyes, and thus bring disgrace on all Israel.” **3** The elders of Jabesh said to him, “Give us seven days' respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you.” **4** When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, they reported the matter in the ears of the people, and all the people wept aloud.

**5** Now, behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen. And Saul said, “What is wrong with the people, that they are weeping?” So they told him the news of the men of Jabesh. **6** And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. **7** He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saying, “Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!” Then the dread of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out as one man. **8** When he mustered them at Bezek, the people of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. **9** And they said to the messengers who had come, “Thus shall you say to the men of Jabesh-gilead: ‘Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, you shall have salvation.’” When the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh, they were glad. **10** Therefore the men of Jabesh said, “Tomorrow we will give ourselves up to you, and you may do to us whatever seems good to you.” **11** And the next day Saul put the people in three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. And those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

**12** Then the people said to Samuel, “Who is it that said, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Bring the men, that we may put them to death.” **13** But Saul said, “Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel.” **14** Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.” **15** So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

**12** And Samuel said to all Israel, “Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you. **2** And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I



an old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day. <sup>3</sup> Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you.” <sup>4</sup> They said, “You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand.” <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.” And they said, “He is witness.”

<sup>6</sup> And Samuel said to the people, “The LORD is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous deeds of the LORD that he performed for you and for your fathers. <sup>8</sup> When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out to the LORD and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. <sup>9</sup> But they forgot the LORD their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out to the LORD and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, that we may serve you.’ <sup>11</sup> And the LORD sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety. <sup>12</sup> And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, ‘No, but a king shall reign over us,’ when the LORD your God was your king. <sup>13</sup> And now behold the king whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; behold, the LORD has set a king over you. <sup>14</sup> If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. <sup>15</sup> But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king. <sup>16</sup> Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the LORD will do before your eyes. <sup>17</sup> Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call upon the LORD, that he may send thunder and rain. And you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking for yourselves a king.” <sup>18</sup> So Samuel called upon the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

<sup>19</sup> And all the people said to Samuel, “Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king.” <sup>20</sup> And Samuel said to the people, “Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. <sup>21</sup> And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. <sup>22</sup> For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a

people for himself. <sup>23</sup> Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. <sup>24</sup> Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. <sup>25</sup> But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king.”

**Sermon: The Mercy and Justice of God**  
**Series: 1 Samuel: A King After God’s Own Heart**

*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**

# Great Things

## Verse 1

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the  
grave  
You free every captive and break every  
chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and  
alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things

## Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

## Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)  
You've done great things

## Ending

You have done great things  
O God You do great things

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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. 1/8	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	Aquarium Room
Sun. 1/8	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Tues. 1/10	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
Tues. 1/10	7:00 pm	SILVERS Meeting	Aquarium Room
W. 1/11	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 1/11	9:00 am	Moms' Group	New Life
W. 1/11	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
W. 1/11	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 1/14	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
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

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year End 2022</b>	\$224,000.00	\$273,125.78
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$5,096.15	\$6,098.35
<b>Week of 1/1/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$6,098.35
<b>Building-Improvement Fund</b>	\$27,000	\$19,218.57

## Announcements

- **A New Adult Sunday School Class:** Wayne Blanding begins teaching a class on Finances and the Bible today. The study of 1 Corinthians also resumes today.
- **Youth Group Parents' Meeting:** After the second Sunday lunch today, there will be a meeting for parents of children in grades 6-12. The purpose is to discuss ways that the church can grow in discipling the next generation. Meet in the Aquarium room.
- **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.
- **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 Events:** SILVERS, keep an eye out for upcoming events. The planning committee is meeting this week to discuss.
- **Room Numbers:** Please note that our classrooms have now been numbered for ease of reference.
- **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 has changed. Online donations can still be made to the PCA Foundation and will be forwarded to New Life on a weekly basis. The new portal accepts both credit card and bank debit transactions. Additionally, the portal provides 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:** 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 Classroom 1 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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