

**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.

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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**

February 19, 2023

#### Reflection:

"Those who live out radically ordinary hospitality see their homes not as theirs at all but as God's gift to use for the furtherance of his kingdom. They open doors; they seek out the underprivileged. They know that the gospel comes with a house key."

- Rosaria Butterfield

"Jesus dined with sinners, but he didn't sin with sinners. Jesus lived in the world, but he didn't live like the world. This is the Jesus paradox." – Rosaria Butterflied

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." — The Apostle Paul

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Will Pope

### Call to Worship - Psalm 34

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

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

Minister: Glorify the LORD with me;

People: let us exalt his name together.

Minister: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all

my fears.

People: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered

with shame.

All: Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together!

## **Prayer of Praise**

## **God So Loved**

#### Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

#### Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

#### Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

#### Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting there

With open arms

#### Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

### **Bridge**

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

#### Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save

#### Verse 4

Bring all your failures
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Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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# **Living Hope**

#### Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your lovingkindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such boundless grace

The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope

#### Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise

Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

### **Ending**

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

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## Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

- Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?
- A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

### **Scripture Reading –** *Leviticus 19:9-18*

Carol Rohrbaugh

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

# **Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, our soul is like a house, small for You to enter, but we pray that You will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask You to remake it. It contains much that You will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to You? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what You are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.' " Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love You and hasten to your side. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 37:39-40

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

# **His Mercy Is More**

#### Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

#### Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness new every morn Our sins they are many His mercy is more

#### Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

#### Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment His life was the cost We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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## **Prayers of the People**

## **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** – *Luke 10:25-37*

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' 36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

# **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 I 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**

# Mighty to Save

#### Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations

#### Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

#### Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

## Bridge

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### **Benediction** – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## 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. 2/19	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues. 2/21	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 2/22	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 2/22	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 2/22	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
W. 2/22	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 2/23	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat. 2/25	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sat. 2/25	3:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Waldrop Home
Sun. 2/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/26	12:00 pm	Chile Information Meeting	Aquarium

# **Church Financial Summary**

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$35,673.05	\$38,415.74
Week of 2/12/23	\$5,096.15	\$6,623.17
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$21,018.57

#### **Announcements**

- Picture Directory: Please submit a picture for the spring NLPC pictorial directory. Our goal is to update the directory 2x annually, once in the fall and once in the spring. You may submit any photo of your household, or you can get your picture taken at church. For the next 3 Sundays after worship (Feb. 19, Feb. 26, and March 5), Charles Fox will be taking pictures for the directory. Please go to classroom 3 to have your picture taken. If you prefer to submit your own picture, please email a digital picture to admin@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- Young Adult Event: Sat. Feb. 25 @ 3 pm: Soap-making and game-playing at the Waldrops.
- ESV Scripture Journal: Romans: Starting on Easter, the preaching series will be on the book of Romans. Divided into two parts, with a break in-between, the series will include approximately 50 sermons. For a convenient record of sermon notes, consider purchasing your own "Scripture Journal" of Romans. Christianbook's description is this: "ESV Scripture Journals pair the text of individual books of the New Testament with lightly lined blank pages opposite each page of biblical text. This allows readers to take extended notes or record insights and prayers directly beside corresponding passages of Scripture." Contact the church office by Wed. March 1 to have your name added to a group order of Romans Scripture Journals. The cost is \$4 per Journal.
- Women's Book Club: There is still time to read Philip Yancey's Where the Light Fell before our discussion date! We will meet at Connie Kay's home for a potluck dinner on Sun. March 5 at 6 pm.
- New Adult Ed. Classes: On March 5, there will be a single class instructing parents on how to teach sermon note-taking to their children, including picture notes and outlining. The class content is appropriate for parents of children from birth through the end of elementary school. On March 12, a 10-week class entitled "Habits of Grace" will look at how the disciplines of grace (bible study, prayer, etc.) help us grow in our faith.
- Women's Bible Study: Beginning March 16, women are invited to participate in the spring Bible study, using a companion text, *The Son of David: Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books*, by Nancy Guthrie. Choose a Thursday morning study in-person from 9:30-11:00 am, or a Thursday evening study via Zoom, from 7:00-8:30 pm. To sign up, contact Marlene Spark.

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- S.I.L.V.E.R.S.: Meet for lunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant (20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion) on Sat. March 18 at 1:30 pm. Please sign up if you plan to join us. Questions call Alice Lomax.
- with a missionary in Chile. The ministry opportunity: New Life may be partnering this year with a missionary in Chile. The ministry opportunity is for a New Life team of 8-12 to run a Pastors' Conference. Pastors in Chile face burnout from overwork and isolation. Teams from the States help provide the gospel teaching and the personal margin for the pastors and their families to be refreshed for ministry. Previous retreats have ministered to around 60 people: pastors, wives, and children. The New Life team would need a variety of gifts in order to teach, lead small groups, lead worship, lead children's/youth ministry, and cook/serve meals. The trip is for adults and minors (with previous mission trip experience) aged 16+. Trip dates would be Nov 7-14<sup>th</sup>. An informational meeting will be held Sun. Feb. 26 at 12:00 in the "aquarium" classroom. The hope is to make a decision/have a committed team by March 1. Please be in prayer for God's guidance.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual New Life Camping Trip: Mark your calendars for Sept. 7-10 for a community-wide weekend of camping and fellowship. Make a camping reservation ASAP at Codorus State Park (Tents: sites 83-86, 140-143. RV's: sites 87-93). Non-campers, join in the potluck dinner on Saturday evening. All are invited to worship Sunday morning at 8:15 at site 139.

# **Groups for Fellowship and Growth**

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

**Women's Bible Study:** A 10-week study begins Thurs. March 16. Join in-person at the church from 9:30-11:00 am, or via Zoom from 7:00-8:30 pm. We are using the book *The Son of David: Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books* by Nancy Guthrie. For details, please contact Marlene Spark (717-676-8385).

**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 (717-501-6083) 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 at rrothe01@gmail.com 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 at rothermelfam@gmail.com or 717-683-6058.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** We are studying "People of the Promise: Kingdom Divided." Contact Joe Heidler with questions (jvheidler@comcast.net).

**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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