



**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

March 12, 2023

## Reflection - Psalm 25:16-22

*Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.*

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

## Call to Worship – Psalm 148

Minister: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

**People: Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.**

Minister: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

**People: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.**

Minister: He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.

**People: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,**

Minister: lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

**People: kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

Minister: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

**People: He has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the LORD.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Holy Is the Lord

## Verse

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

## Pre-Chorus

And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

## Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

## Bridge

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown  
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# This Is Our God

## Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin  
and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't  
escape  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death  
and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in  
our way  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those giants are dead now

## Chorus

This is our God this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does  
He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

## Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath  
away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will

## Bridge

Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus

## Bridge

Who rescued me from that grave  
Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise  
Nobody but Jesus (Him)

## Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

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**Affirmation of Faith – 2 Timothy 2:11-13**

**The saying is trustworthy, for:  
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he also will deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.**

**Scripture Reading – Ephesians 4:1-16**

*Wayne Blanding*

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 – Ephesians 2:8-10**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them

# Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

# 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 30*

Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid against the Negeb and against Ziklag. They had overcome Ziklag and burned it with fire <sup>2</sup> and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great. They killed no one, but carried them off and went their way. <sup>3</sup> And when David and his men came to the city, they found it burned with fire, and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. <sup>4</sup> Then David and the people who were with him raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. <sup>5</sup> David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. <sup>6</sup> And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

<sup>7</sup> And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. <sup>8</sup> And David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue." <sup>9</sup> So David set out, and the six hundred men who were with him, and they came to the brook Besor, where those who were left behind stayed. <sup>10</sup> But David pursued, he and four hundred men. Two hundred stayed behind, who were too exhausted to cross the brook Besor.

<sup>11</sup> They found an Egyptian in the open country and brought him to David. And they gave him bread and he ate. They gave him water to drink, <sup>12</sup> and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit revived, for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights. <sup>13</sup> And David said to him, "To whom do you belong? And where are you from?" He said, "I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite, and my master left me behind because I fell sick three days ago. <sup>14</sup> We had made a



raid against the Negeb of the Cherethites and against that which belongs to Judah and against the Negeb of Caleb, and we burned Ziklag with fire.”<sup>15</sup> And David said to him, “Will you take me down to this band?” And he said, “Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will take you down to this band.”

<sup>16</sup> And when he had taken him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the land, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Judah. <sup>17</sup> And David struck them down from twilight until the evening of the next day, and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men, who mounted camels and fled. <sup>18</sup> David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and David rescued his two wives. <sup>19</sup> Nothing was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that had been taken. David brought back all. <sup>20</sup> David also captured all the flocks and herds, and the people drove the livestock before him, and said, “This is David's spoil.”

<sup>21</sup> Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow David, and who had been left at the brook Besor. And they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near to the people he greeted them. <sup>22</sup> Then all the wicked and worthless fellows among the men who had gone with David said, “Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except that each man may lead away his wife and children, and depart.” <sup>23</sup> But David said, “You shall not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us. He has preserved us and given into our hand the band that came against us. <sup>24</sup> Who would listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down into the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage. They shall share alike.” <sup>25</sup> And he made it a statute and a rule for Israel from that day forward to this day.

<sup>26</sup> When David came to Ziklag, he sent part of the spoil to his friends, the elders of Judah, saying, “Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD.” <sup>27</sup> It was for those in Bethel, in Ramoth of the Negeb, in Jattir, <sup>28</sup> in Aroer, in Siphmoth, in Eshtemoa, <sup>29</sup> in Racal, in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, in the cities of the Kenites, <sup>30</sup> in Hormah, in Bor-ashan, in Athach, <sup>31</sup> in Hebron, for all the places where David and his men had roamed.

**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**

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

## Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

## Chorus

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

## Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

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## Benediction – *John 14:27*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

## 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. 3/12	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/12	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/12	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 3/12	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/12	12:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 3/12	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Tues. 3/14	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 3/15	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/15	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 3/15	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 3/16	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 3/16	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 3/18	8:00 am	Young Adults Trip to D.C.	Meet at New Life
Sat. 3/18	1:30 pm	S.I.L.V.E.R.S. Luncheon	Lion's Pride Restaurant
Sun. 3/19	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/19	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$50,961.50	\$66,183.93
<b>Week of 3/5/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$7,322.17
<b>Building-Improvement Fund</b>	\$27,000	\$21,018.57

## Announcements

- **Baby Bottle Boomerang: Today** is the last day to return your Human Life Services baby bottles to the church.
- **Women's Fellowship Meeting:** Please join us for a meeting to discuss this year's fellowship activities. We will meet in the Aquarium room at noon **today**.
- **Palm Sunday Children's Choir:** We are very excited to announce the opportunity for children to participate in a choir here at NLPC! The choir will sing in worship on April 2 and is being led by Catherine Kloetzi and Sarah Fox, with Jami Paules accompanying on piano. This is for all children of NLPC aged 4 through 6th grade. (Older students with an interest are also welcome). Rehearsals will be every Sunday in March after worship in the sanctuary. Please contact Jenn Ryan ([jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com)) with any questions. We hope to see your children there!
- **Women's Bible Study:** The first study date is this coming Thurs. March 16. It is not too late to join in. Contact Marlene Spark.
- **Young Adults Trip to D.C. Museums:** Young Adults, meet at 8:00 am at NLPC on Sat. March 18 for a day trip to Washington D.C. museums. Bring either a bagged lunch and dinner or bring \$.
- **S.I.L.V.E.R.S.:** Last call for a roaring good time at Lions Pride Restaurant (20 Dairyland Sq., Red Lion) on Sat. March 18 at 1:30 pm. Please sign up – meet at the restaurant. Questions? Call Alice Lomax.
- **Picture Directory:** If you have not already done so, by March 19, please email a digital picture of your household for inclusion in the Spring 2023 directory. Please also make any address corrections or additions to the draft on the lobby table.
- **Easter Flowers:** Help decorate the church for Easter by purchasing flowers! Information and sign-up can be found on the lobby table. Orders due by Sun. March 19. Flowers may be taken home after the worship service on Easter day.
- **Youth Group Event:** Jr and Sr High youth are invited to the Swanson's at 6:00 pm on Fri. March 24 for an evening of group games.
- **Men's Fellowship Meeting:** Please join us for a meeting to discuss this year's fellowship activities. We will meet in the Aquarium room at noon on Sun. March 26. Questions? Contact Rob Rothermel.

- **Easter Events at NLPC:**
  - **Egg-Stuffing Party:** On Sun. March 26 at 6:00 pm, all are invited to meet in the fellowship hall to stuff eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt.
  - **Easter Egg Hunt:** Sat. April 1 at 10:30 am (Rain Date April 8), children ages 0-10 are invited to join in our annual Easter egg hunt. To volunteer, please sign up at the information table or contact Pastor Erik.
  - **Palm Sunday Processional:** On April 2, all are invited to show up a few minutes early for worship to be a part of the opening palm-waving processional.
  - **Good Friday Service:** 7:00 pm on Fri. April 7
  - **Sunrise Service:** 6:30 am on Sun. April 9
  - **No Sunday School for adults or youth on Easter.**
- **Marriage Seminar:** Mark your calendars for a one-day marriage seminar. Meet at New Life from 9-2 on Sat. April 15. Lunch will be provided (donation requested).
- **Short-Term Mission Trip Offering:** New Life is making plans to send a team of six people to Chile for a short-term mission trip in November of this year. The purpose of this trip would be to host/facilitate a pastor's (and their families) conference. Pastors in Chile are often overworked, isolated, and tempted towards legalism. The conference goals would be spiritual refreshment through being encouraged in the grace of the gospel, as well as physical refreshment and rest. The team will teach, lead singing, work with youth and children, and help cook/serve food. Total team costs will be approximately \$12,000. The monies raised also include funds to make the conference more affordable to the pastors' families. Among other fundraising options, there will be an offering taken on April 16th to support this short-term trip. Please prayerfully consider partnering in the trip, both through regular prayer and through giving.
- **Moms' Group:** Women, join us as we read together *Another Gospel?* by Alisa Childers. We are discussing the movement of Progressive Christianity and how to biblically examine our faith and practice. The first half of our time together is spent visiting and praying. The second half is spent in reading and discussion. There are three different classes for children at the same time, so that your kids can learn and grow as well. We meet Wednesdays, 9-11am, at church.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

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

**Women's Bible Study:** We are using Nancy Guthrie's book, *The Son of David: Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books*, and meeting either Thursday mornings in-person from 9:30-11:00 am or Thursday evenings via Zoom, from 7:00-8:30 pm. All women are encouraged to come. 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.

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**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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