



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 19, 2023

Reflection -

"But when our hearts redirect their gaze to the Jesus of the Bible in all his glorious gentleness and dazzling love, sin gets starved and begins to wilt. As we enjoy the truths this book has been reflecting on--realities such as our union with Christ and his unshakable embrace of us and God's irreversible acquittal of us--then, right then, spiritual life and vigor begin to have the ascendancy, and the grip of sin loosens. Flavel puts it this way: 'Would you have your corruptions mortified? This is the way: to have the food and fuel removed that maintained them; for as prosperity begat and fed them, so adversity, when sanctified, is a means to kill them.' – Dane Ortlund

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 92

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High.

People: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

Minister: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

People: How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

Minister: You, O LORD, are exalted forever.

People: The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.

Prayer of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and ___ man the Son. Thee will I
 robed in the bloom - ing ___ garb of spring. Je - sus is
 and all the twin - kling ___ star - ry host. Je - sus shines
 Son of ___ God and ___ Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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 – Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Father, if our hope were in ourselves, we would be undone. But your eyes are on those who fear you. Those that seek your mercy will find it. Those that cry out for mercy will find that you are a loving and gracious Father. Our hope is in your unfailing love. Have mercy, we pray. We pray in Jesus' name, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you would have mercy on us and that you would fill us, so that we might live as your sons and daughters. 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

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

Wayne Blanding

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 – *2 Peter 1:16-21*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their
hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward
Till the race is finished and the work is
done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin
and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good
news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are
possible
For all who call upon His name

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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. 3/19	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
Tues. 3/21	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 3/22	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 3/22	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/22	9:15 am	Prayer Group	New Life Library
W. 3/22	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 3/23	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 3/23	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th. 3/23	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
F. 3/24	6:00 pm	Youth Group Event	Swanson Home
Sat. 3/25	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
Sun. 3/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/26	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/26	12:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 3/26	6:00 pm	Egg Stuffing Party	Fellowship Hall

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$56,057.63	\$71,488.93
Week of 3/12/23	\$5,096.15	\$5,305.00
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$21,318.57

Announcements

- **Palm Sunday Children's Choir:** The Palm Sunday Children's Choir will meet every Sunday in March at 11:30 am and on Wed. March 29 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) with any questions.
- **Picture Directory:** If you have not already done so, **today** is the final day to email (kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com) 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 are due **today**. Flowers may be taken home after the worship service on Easter Sunday.
- **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:** Meet at Ray and Renee Henry's home at 6:30 am on Sun. April 9 for a service on the Susquehanna river. A potluck breakfast will follow.
 - **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).

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- **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 16 to support this short-term trip. Please prayerfully consider partnering in the trip, both through regular prayer and through giving.
- **Servants Work Week: June 4-9:** Servants summer work camps are week-long mission opportunities in York County that focus on residential home repair for people in need. We spend the week *servicing Christ* through serving others - *building relationships* with our homeowners and each other; *transforming lives* through meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs; and *providing hope* to their community. Projects range from painting, yard work, bathroom modifications, and wheelchair ramps. Also needed are those willing to serve in the kitchen providing the work crews with morning/evening meals. Join us on Sun. April 23 after church for an informational meeting. New Life will decide whether we are sending people to help with repairs, help in the kitchen, and/or provide an evening meal.

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.

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.

Men's Group: Meets at Cracker Barrel every 2nd and 4th 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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