



**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.

# Worshipping God

March 26, 2023

## Reflection -

*"The most spiritual and sanctified minds, when they fully perceive the majesty and holiness of God, are so greatly conscious of the great disproportion between themselves and the Lord, that they are humbled and filled with holy awe, and even with dread and alarm." ~ Charles H. Spurgeon*

*"Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!" ~ Psalm 96:9*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – Psalm 46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

Minister: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

People: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

Minister: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: **Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

All: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Holy, Holy, Holy

F
D
Bm
A
D
G
D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
D
Bm
A
E7
A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
A
D
G
D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

F
Bm
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A7
D
7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# House of the Lord

## Verse 1

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will  
be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah

## Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise

## Interlude

Oh oh oh  
We shout out Your praise

## Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a  
way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

## Bridge

('Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

## Interlude

There is joy in this house oh yeah  
There is joy there is joy  
And we won't be quiet  
We're gonna shout out Your praise

## Ending

We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise

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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 – Psalm 119:33-40**

*Sue Ann Randall*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

**You are faithful and loving. You have shown us your faithfulness in keeping your promises, and you have shown us your sacrificial love in sending your Son. We confess that at times we are faithless and selfish. We fail, often, to reflect your character. Forgive us, we pray, for we trust in Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may serve you in newness of life. We ask this through the name of Jesus, 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

# Be Still My Soul



1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Be still, my soul! When dear - est friends de - part \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Be still, my soul! The hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Be still, my soul! Be - gin the song of praise \_\_\_\_\_



— Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy  
 — to guide the fu - ture as He has the past. Thy hope, thy  
 — and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears. Then shalt thou  
 — when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -  
 — on earth be - liev - ing to thy Lord on high. Ac - knowl - edge



God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_ In ev - 'ry change He  
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_ All now mys - te - rious  
 bet - ter know His love, His heart; \_\_\_\_\_ Who comes to soothe thy  
 -point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row for - got, love's  
 Him in all thy words and ways; \_\_\_\_\_ So shall He view thee



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'n - ly  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still  
 sor - row and thy fears. Be still, my soul! Thy Je - sus can re -  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul! When change and tears are  
 with a well - pleased eye. Be still, my soul! The Sun of life di -



Friend \_\_\_\_\_ through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 know \_\_\_\_\_ His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 -pay \_\_\_\_\_ from His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 past, \_\_\_\_\_ all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.  
 -vine \_\_\_\_\_ through pass - ing clouds shall but more bright - ly shine.

## 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 – 2 Samuel 6

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. <sup>2</sup>And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who sits enthroned on the cherubim. <sup>3</sup>And they carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart, <sup>4</sup>with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark.

<sup>5</sup>And David and all the house of Israel were celebrating before the LORD, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. <sup>6</sup>And when they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>7</sup>And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because of his error, and he died there beside the ark of God. <sup>8</sup>And David was angry because the LORD had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. <sup>9</sup>And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, "How can the ark of the LORD come to me?" <sup>10</sup>So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup>And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

<sup>12</sup>And it was told King David, "The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. <sup>13</sup>And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. <sup>14</sup>And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod. <sup>15</sup>So



David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn.

<sup>16</sup>As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart. <sup>17</sup>And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And when David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts <sup>19</sup>and distributed among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins to each one. Then all the people departed, each to his house.

<sup>20</sup>And David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants' female servants, as one of the vulgar fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!” <sup>21</sup>And David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me above your father and above all his house, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD—and I will celebrate before the LORD. <sup>22</sup>I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in your eyes. But by the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.” <sup>23</sup>And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

**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**

# Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

## Verse 1

O come behold the works of God  
The nations at His feet  
He breaks the bow and bends the spear  
And tells the wars to cease  
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our  
side  
We walk by faith  
In God who burns the chariots with fire

## Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the  
fire  
With us as a Shelter  
With us in the storm  
You will lead us  
Through the fiercest battle  
Oh where else would we go  
But with the Lord of hosts

## Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great  
You lift Your voice to speak  
The earth it bows  
And all the mountains move into the sea  
O Lord You know the hearts of men  
And still You let them live  
O God who makes the mountains melt  
Come wrestle us and win  
O God who makes the mountains melt  
Come wrestle us and win

## Bridge

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of  
all  
The One who calms the wind and waves  
And makes my heart be still  
Though the earth gives way  
The mountains move into the sea  
The nations rage  
I know my God is in control

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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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Tues. 3/28	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 3/29	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 3/29	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/29	6:30 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal with Tech	Sanctuary
W. 3/29	7:30 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 3/30	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 3/30	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 4/1	10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt	New Life Lawn
Sun. 4/2	8:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$61,153.80	\$78,059.93
<b>Week of 3/19/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$6,905.55
<b>Building-Improvement Fund</b>	\$27,000	\$23,318.57

## Announcements

- **Romans Scripture Journals:** If you missed the order deadline but wanted one, please note there are a couple marked “Extra” on the lobby table. Please place your money (\$4 per journal) in the basket provided.
- **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.
- **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 **today**. Questions? Contact Rob Rothermel.
- **Lost & Found:** Please note that by Sat. April 1, any unclaimed items in the lost & found will be donated.
- **Easter Events at NLPC:**
  - **Egg-Stuffing Party:** At 6:00 pm **today**, 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.**
- **Inquirer’s Class:** Whether you are new to the church, or just interested in learning more about NLPC, you are welcome to the elder-taught Sunday school class beginning April 16 and continuing through May 7. This class will examine New Life’s theology, vision/mission/values, history, and culture.
- **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 seven 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 \$14,000. 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.
- **Volunteers needed for NLPC service project:** On Sat. April 29, the Deckard family needs assistance with spring garden clean-up. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the "Deckard Spring Gardening Project" sheet in the lobby.

## 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 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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