



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 5, 2023

Reflection:

*“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.” – Isaiah 55:6-7*

Welcome and Announcements

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Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 95 and 100

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Minister: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the peaks of the mountains are his also.

People: The ocean is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Minister: Today, if you hear his voice, draw near to him and do not harden your hearts!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Prayer of Praise

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

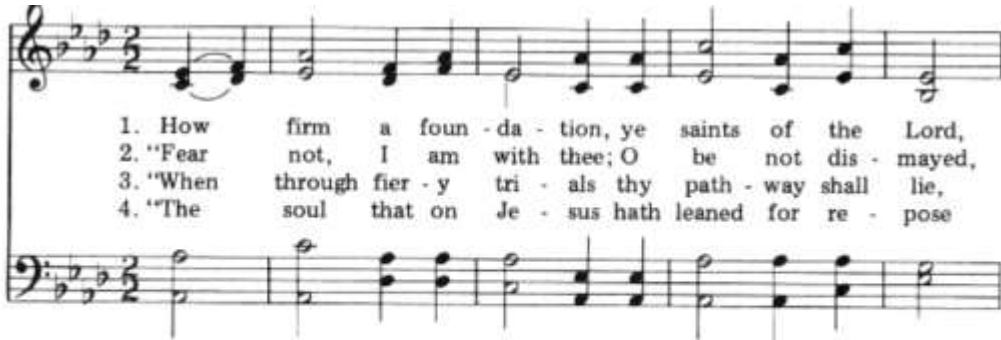
Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

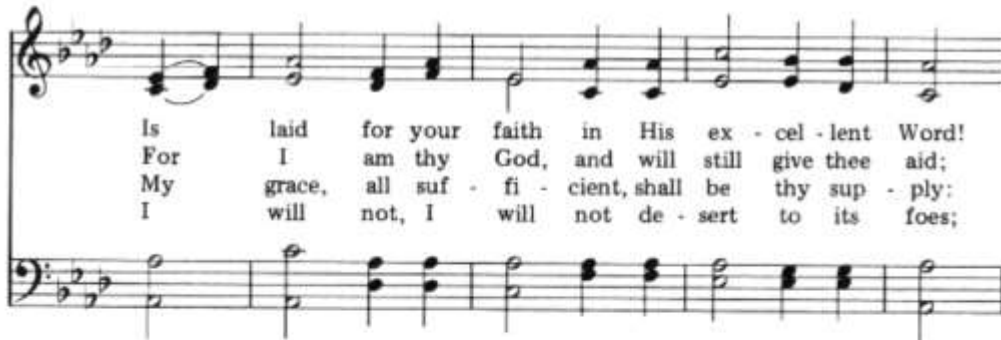
I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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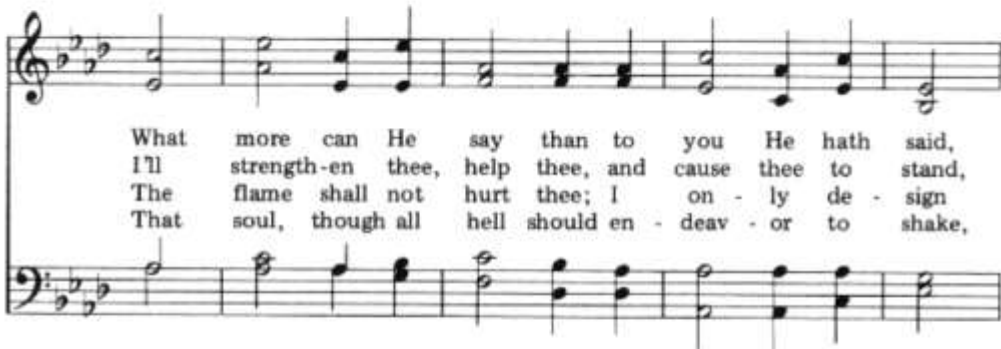
How Firm a Foundation



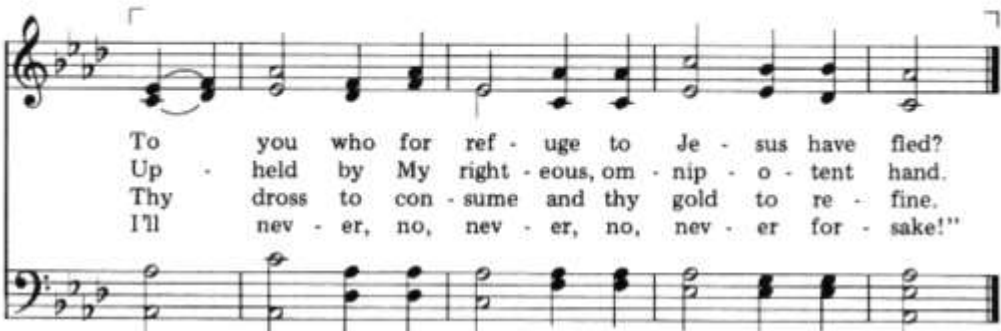
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

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 18:9-15

Sue Vester

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls; in you we trust, O our God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good, O Lord. For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, for it is great. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame for we take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you. Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles! 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

It Is Well with My Soul

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin— O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN
 "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

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 28*

In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army." ² David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life."

³ Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land. ⁴ The Philistines assembled and came and encamped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. ⁵ When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. ⁶ And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. ⁷ Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."

⁸ So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments and went, he and two men with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you." ⁹ The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the necromancers from the land. Why then are you laying a trap for my life to bring about my death?" ¹⁰ But Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." ¹¹ Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He said, "Bring up Samuel for me." ¹² When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul." ¹³ The king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a god coming up out of the earth." ¹⁴ He said to her, "What is his

appearance?” And she said, “An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped in a robe.” And Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground and paid homage.

¹⁵ Then Samuel said to Saul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” Saul answered, “I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams. Therefore I have summoned you to tell me what I shall do.” ¹⁶ And Samuel said, “Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has turned from you and become your enemy? ¹⁷ The LORD has done to you as he spoke by me, for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, David. ¹⁸ Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you this day. ¹⁹ Moreover, the LORD will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The LORD will give the army of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.”

²⁰ Then Saul fell at once full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. ²¹ And the woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, “Behold, your servant has obeyed you. I have taken my life in my hand and have listened to what you have said to me. ²² Now therefore, you also obey your servant. Let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.” ²³ He refused and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants, together with the woman, urged him, and he listened to their words. So he arose from the earth and sat on the bed. ²⁴ Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she quickly killed it, and she took flour and kneaded it and baked unleavened bread of it, ²⁵ and she put it before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

Sermon: Rebellion's Downward Slope
Series: I 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

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine 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. 3/5	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/5	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/5	11:30 am	Photo-taking for Directory	Classroom 3
Sun. 3/5	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/5	6:00 pm	Women's Book Club Dinner	Kay Home
Tues. 3/7	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
Tues. 3/7	7:00 pm	SILVERS Planning Team	Aquarium
W. 3/8	9:00 am	Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/8	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 3/8	9:15 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
W. 3/8	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 3/11	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$45,865.35	\$58,861.76
Week of 2/26/23	\$5,096.15	\$6,789.00
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. **Today** is the last day 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. **Please also make any address corrections or additions to the draft on the lobby table.**
- **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) with any questions. We hope to see your children there!
- **Women’s Book Club:** We will meet at Connie Kay’s home for a potluck dinner **TONIGHT** at 6:00 pm. Questions? Contact Connie.
- **New Adult Ed. Class:** 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.
- **Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Please return your Human Life Services baby bottles to the church by next Sunday March 12.
- **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 next Sun. March 12.
- **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.
- **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.:** 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.

- **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.
- **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.**

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. 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. 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 2nd and 4th 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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