

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

April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

Reflections:

“Jesus was the only One that ever raised the dead and He shouldn’t have done it. He thrown everything off balance. If He did what he said, then it’s nothing for you to do but throw away everything and follow Him, and if He didn’t, then it’s nothing for you to do but enjoy the few minutes you got left the best way you can.”

— Flannery O’Connor

“Those who celebrate the mighty resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, have an awesome responsibility. When we say, “Alleluia! Christ is risen,” we are saying that Jesus is Lord of the world, and that the present would-be lords of the world are not. When we sing, in the old hymn, that “Judah’s Lion burst his chains, and crushed the serpent’s head,” are we ready to put that victory into practice? ...Are we ready to speak up for the truth of the gospel over the dinner table, and in the coffee bar, and in the council chamber? Let’s make no bones about it: if Easter isn’t good news, then there is no good news. But if it is—if it is true that Jesus Christ is risen indeed—then Easter day, and the Easter message, is the true sun which, when it rises, puts all others suns to shame.”

— N.T. Wright

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – Psalm 1 and 1 Peter 1

Minister: Christ is Risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Minister: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Minister: and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade —kept in heaven for you,

People: who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

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 – 1 Corinthians 15:3b-4

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ...he was buried, ...he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, You have called us by your name and you have placed your love on us. We have sinned against you. We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, forgive, we pray, for Jesus's sake. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to follow you this week. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness - Isaiah 53:7-12

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Strife Is O'er the Battle Done

Refrain (to be sung at beginning and conclusion)

Fine

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; The vic - to - ry of life is won;
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst; But Christ their le - gions has dis - persed;
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped; He ris - es glo - rious from the dead;
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell;
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed You, In us You've won the vic - t'ry too,

The song of tri - umph has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umphs tell: Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live, and sing to You: Al - le - lu - ia!

New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Connie Kay

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.

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Verse 2

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

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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 – Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes

O Praise the Name

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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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.

Communion Special Music – “Lamb of God”

Women’s Ensemble

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod,
and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified,
they laughed and scorned him as he died,
the humble King they named a fraud,
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in his precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died,
but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod,
and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God,
O wash me in his precious blood,
till I am just a lamb of God.

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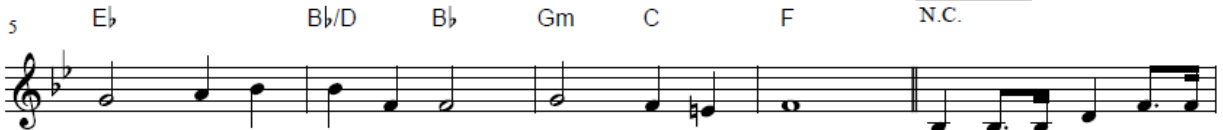
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Low In the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)



1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!

CHORUS



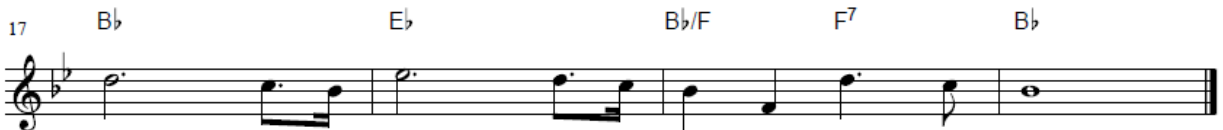
Wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a -
 Vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord!
 He tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord!



-rose, with a might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose a vic - tor from the



dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -



-rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
 the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
 the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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. 4/9	6:30 am	Sunrise Service	Ray & Renee Henry Home
Sun. 4/9	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 4/10	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Aquarium
Tues. 4/11	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 4/12	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
W. 4/12	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 4/12	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/12	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/13	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 4/13	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 4/15	9:00 am	Marriage Seminar	New Life
Sun. 4/16	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 4/16	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/16	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$ 71,346.10	\$ 87,907.21
Week of 4/2/23	\$5,096.15	\$ 5,242.00
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$23,968.57

Announcements

- **Men's Breakfast:** We now meet at 7am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at Cracker Barrel. We are studying *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Contact Rob Rothermel with questions.
- **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).
- **Inquirer's Class:** Whether you are new to the church, or just interested in learning more about NLPC, you are welcome to the Inquirer's 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.
- **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.
- **Birdwatching Hike:** The NLPC community is invited to go on a birdwatching hike on Sat. April 22 at 7:30 am. Whether you are a birding enthusiast or a novice, please join in! Frank Blum will be leading the hike. **Meet at Lake Redman Boardwalk on Iron Stone Hill Rd.** Directions: Take 83 to South Queen Street. Follow South Queen Street until you reach the third red light and there will be a slight right hand turn onto Iron Stone Hill Road (Nell's grocery store). Follow Iron Stone Hill Road to a stop sign. Continue past the stop sign on Iron Stone Hill Road and there will be a parking lot on the right.

- **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.
- **Potluck lunches:** Since the second Sunday falls on holidays for both April and May, we will instead celebrate our potluck lunches on April 23 and May 21.
- **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.
- **New Attendees Gathering:** On Fri. May 5 at 6:00 pm, New Attendees are invited to a social gathering at the Rishel's home for hors d'oeuvres, fellowship, and, in closing, a brief time of discussion about NLPC's history, beliefs, and culture.
- **Upcoming Men's Event: Sat. May 6:** Meet at the church at 9am to carpool to the Lancaster Bible History museum. Those who wish can also join us for lunch at Dienners. Contact Mark Flaharty with questions.

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 Wednesday 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.

Young Adults: We meet every 3rd Sunday at 6pm and every fourth Thursday at 7pm. Contact Pastor Erik for more information. (erik@newlifeyorkpca.com)