



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

April 23, 2023

Reflection

*Whether I kneel or stand or sit in prayer
I am not caught in time nor held in space,
But, thrust beyond this posture, I am where
Time and eternity are face to face;
Infinity and space meet in this place
Where crossbar and upright hold the One
In agony and in all Love's embrace.
The power in helplessness which was begun
When all the brilliance of the flaming sun
Contained itself in the small confines of a child
Now comes to me in this strange action done
In mystery. Break time, break space, O wild
and lovely power. Break me: thus I am dead,
Am resurrected now in wine and bread. – Madeleine L'Engle*

*And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his
faith is counted as righteousness. - Paul*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Minister: Praise the LORD. Let us praise the LORD from our hearts.

People: We will praise the LORD all our lives. We will sing praise to our God as long as we live.

Minister: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save.

People: When their spirits depart, they return to the ground. On that day their plans come to nothing.

Minister: Blessed is the person whose help is the God of Jacob.

People: Whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Minister: The LORD is the maker of heaven and earth.

People: The LORD is the maker of the sea and everything in it.

Minister: The LORD remains faithful forever. The LORD reigns forever.

People: Praise the LORD.

Prayer of Praise

Morning Sun

Verse 1

On the first day of the week
Mary came the grave to seek
Jesus met her by the way
On that first resurrection day

Chorus

Rising like the morning sun
Bringing hope to everyone
Who sees Him
Praise the Lord
His work was done
Jesus is my morning sun

Verse 2

Hiding in that secret room
His disciples
Full of gloom and sorrow
Suddenly the Lord appeared
Death is conquered dry your tears

Verse 3

Then at last on the mountain top
Angels told them
You should stop your crying
Jesus Christ will come again
What a glad reunion then

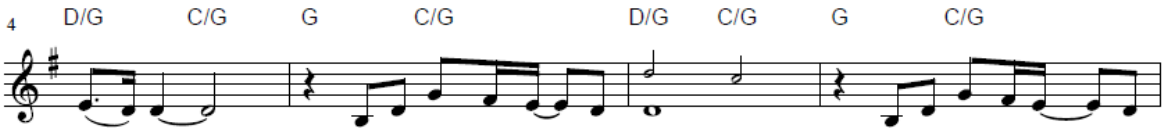
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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift Your name _ on high;

Lord, I love to sing _ Your

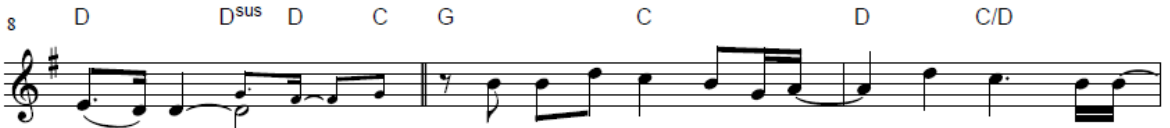


prais - es. _

I'm so glad You're in _ my life;

I'm so glad You came _ to

CHORUS

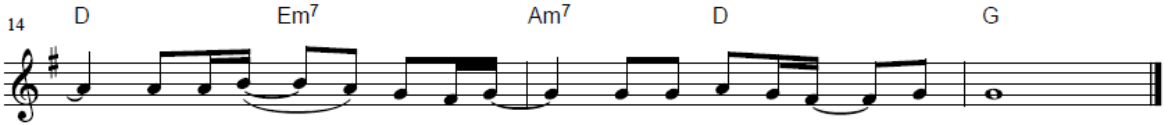


save _ us. _

You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, .



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _ From the cross _ to the grave, .



_ from the grave _ to the sky; _ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

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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 Scripture

Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Gavin Mayne

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

***People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Minister: We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

***People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Minister: We confess to you all our unfaithfulness: the pride, lust, hypocrisy, anger, and impatience of our lives,

***People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Minister: We confess to You our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people. For our condescension and judgmentalism toward those around us, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

***People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Minister: We confess to You our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work. For our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us.

***People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Minister: We confess to You the wrongs we have done: our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty. For all false judgments and uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our contempt toward those who differ from us,

***People:* Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Minister: Now let Your anger depart from us; favorably hear us, for Your mercy is great. Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation, that we may show forth Your glory in the world. By the death and resurrection of Your Son our Lord, bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection. Amen.

***People:* 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.

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and
freedom

My steadfast love my deep and
boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is
mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend
me

Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall
overcome

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon

And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am
free

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me
home

And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips
shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips
shall repeat

Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Music Ministry*

Jenn Ryan

Offering

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 – *Romans 1:16-17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

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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:

Minister: 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. 4/23	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 4/23	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/23	11:30 am	Potluck Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 4/23	11:30 am	Servants Informational Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 4/23	6:30 pm	Missionary Meet & Greet	Sanctuary
Tues. 4/25	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 4/26	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
W. 4/26	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 4/26	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/26	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/27	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 4/27	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
Th. 4/27	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th. 4/27	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat. 4/29	9:00 am	Deckard Spring Gardening Project	Deckard Home
Sun. 4/30	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 4/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$81,538.40	\$101,712.70
Week of 4/16/23	\$5,096.15	\$7,260.27
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$24,968.57
4/16 ST Missions Offering		\$7,819.00

Announcements

- **NLPC Mowing Team:** We are looking for volunteers to join our mowing/weed-whacking team. Please contact Steve Harman if you can help!
- **Scripture Journals:** If you missed out, it's not too late! There are two last Romans Scripture Journals on the lobby table. First come, first served. Please place your money (\$4 per journal) in the provided envelope.
- **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 **TODAY** 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.
- **Missionary Meet & Greet:** Join us **TONIGHT** at 6:30pm to hear one of our missionary couples, Mel and Martha Pike, update us about their ministry in Ukraine. Light desserts will follow.
- **Prayer Meeting:** We will be meeting on alternate Thursdays at 11:00 am beginning April 27. Any interested are welcome to join us in the New Life library.
- **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. Questions? Contact Steve Harman.
- **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.

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- **Mother-Daughter Tea:** On Sat. May 20, the women's group will be hosting a mother-daughter tea starting at 4 pm. All women are invited; bring your mother, daughter, sister, neighbor, friend, or come by yourself. Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby.
- **Spring Festival:** In lieu of May's second Sunday lunch, NLPC will be hosting a Spring Festival on Sun. May 21 beginning at 4:00 pm. Roast pork, hotdogs, and drink will be provided. Volunteers are needed to provide side dishes – please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Please note there will be no post-church refreshments this day.

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 Thursdays, beginning at 11 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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