



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 30, 2023

Reflection – Psalm 19:1-6

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

² *Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

³ *There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.*

⁴ *Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

In them he has set a tent for the sun,

⁵ *which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*

⁶ *Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – From Isaiah 60:1

Joe Heidler

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Prayer of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one.

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

6 C Dm F/C C F Dm C/E F Dm

-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing. Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

11 Am F/A (C^{sus})(C) F B \flat Gm C Dm F/C C F

An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

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 – Psalm 23

Will Pope

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, You tell us repeatedly in your word that the battle belongs to you. Our salvation was accomplished by your Son. Our hope for daily strength comes from your Spirit. You are our hope, our righteousness, our refuge, and our rock. We praise you and thank you. We confess, Father, that our hearts are prone to wander. We often turn away from a posture of trusting you. We look at the challenges we face, and we feel overwhelmed. At times, we fail to rely on your promises and your grace. Sometimes that failure to trust leads to actions that dishonor you and wound ourselves and others. Forgive us, we ask, for our hope is in Christ alone. Help us, this week, to trustingly obey you in all things. We ask this 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.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Ending

Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Quarterly Financial Update*

Wayne Blanding

Membership Vows

Charles and Sarah Fox

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 1:18-32*

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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

God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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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. 4/30 | 9:00 am | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| Sun. 4/30 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Tues. 5/2 | 7:00 pm | Bible Study Fellowship | Classroom 1 |
| Tues. 5/2 | 7:00 pm | SILVERS Committee Meeting | Aquarium |
| W. 5/3 | 9:00 am | Moms' Group | Classroom 2 |
| W. 5/3 | 9:00 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Classroom 1 |
| W. 5/3 | 7:00 pm | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Th. 5/4 | 9:30 am | Women's In-Person Bible Study | Aquarium |
| Th. 5/4 | 7:00 pm | Women's Zoom Bible Study | Zoom |
| F. 5/5 | 6:00 pm | New Attendees' Gathering | Rishel Home |
| Sat. 5/6 | 9:00 am | Men's Trip to Lancaster | Bible History Museum |
| Sat. 5/6 | 2:00 pm | Service for Bill Brown | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 5/7 | 9:00 am | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| Sun. 5/7 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |

New Life Presbyterian Church Financial Report

January 1 to March 31, 2023

| Fund Description | Balance as of 1/1/23 | Income | Expenses | Transfers | Balance as of 3/31/23 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | 104,796.91 | 83,025.04 | 68,541.26 | - | 119,280.69 |
| Deacon's Fund | 5,260.67 | 150.00 | 250.00 | - | 5,160.67 |
| Building Improvement | 18,052.57 | 4,600.00 | 8,028.00 | - | 15,074.57 |
| Capital Reserve | 99,327.05 | - | - | - | 99,327.05 |
| Short Term Missions | 3,377.99 | | 325.00 | - | 3,052.99 |
| Totals | 231,265.19 | 87,775.04 | 77,144.26 | - | 241,895.97 |

Fund Descriptions:

- General Fund is used for church operating expenses (e.g., utilities, ministry costs, salaries)
- Deacon's Fund is used to provide financial aid to those within and outside of the church
- Building Improvement Fund is used to fund projects that add new features to the building
- Capital Reserve Fund is used to fund projects that replace worn out building infrastructure (e.g., roof, HVAC units, parking lot)
- Short Term Missions Fund is used to fund short term missions trips

Notes:

- The church has a building mortgage with an outstanding balance of \$206,951.60, currently at a 4.5% interest rate that resets on 10/31/25. Without principal prepayments, the mortgage will be fully paid off in early 2029.
- Short Term Missions balance of gift cards on hand but not yet sold is \$800

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 Journal:** If you missed out, it's not too late! There is one last Romans Scripture Journal on the lobby table. First come, first served. Please place your money (\$4 per journal) in the provided envelope.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby to 1) Help serve dinner to the workers on 8 June at 5pm at Chapel Church 2) Provide dessert for the meal on 8 June 3) Sign up as an individual worker during the week of 5-9 June. Individual worker signups can be in half day increments and must be registered by 13 May with Servants at <https://www.servants.org/events-1/faith-beyond-the-pews-2023>.

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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