



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

May 14, 2023

Reflection

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. - *Galatians 5:1*

Time and time again...you are told that freedom...is the most important idea.... Freedom is the great illusion.... Everyone is enslaved to something. The goal of faith is to make you enslaved to the right stuff.... Christians exist to demonstrate to our culture that true freedom is being yoked to what is true—Jesus. - *Stanley Hauerwas*

Love God, then do what you want. - *St. Augustine*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – *Psalm 86:8-13*

Wayne Blanding

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Prayer of Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
 Come now is the time to give your heart
 Come just as you are to worship
 Come just as you are before your God
 Come

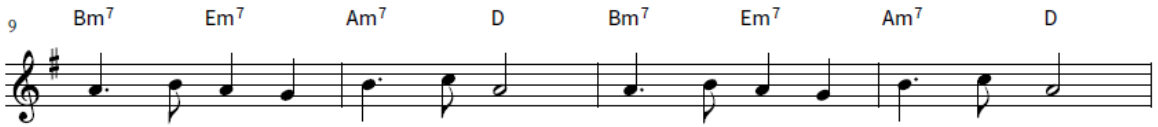
One day every tongue
 Will confess You are God
 One day every knee will bow
 Still the greatest treasure remains
 For those who gladly choose You now

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Rock of Ages



1. Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy_ law's de-mands,
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy_ cross I cling;



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy wound - ed side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and_ power.
 all for sin could not a - tone, thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun-tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I_



die.

4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath,

when my eye - lids _ close in death, when I soar to worlds un-known,

27 Cm⁷ Fm⁷ B \flat m⁷ E \flat Cm⁷ Fm⁷ B \flat m⁷ A \flat /C D \flat maj⁷

see thee on thy judg - ment throne, rock of ag - es, cleft for me,

31 Cm⁷ Fm⁷ B \flat m⁷ E \flat ⁷ A \flat E \flat ^{7sus} E \flat A \flat

let me hide my - self in ___ thee. _____

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Affirmation of Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Scripture Reading – *Isaiah 59:15b-21*

Iren Snavelly

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you tell us that you are light and that there is no darkness in you. You call us to walk in the light, as you are in the light. In obedience to you, then, we walk in the light by confessing our sins. In this last week, we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have loved ourselves rather than loving our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, for we trust in Jesus. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. Thank you for the light of your love. Thank you that you have brought us into fellowship with you and with one another. We ask that you would strengthen us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we would obey our Lord's command to let our light shine before others. Help us to walk in obedience and love. We ask this in Jesus' name, 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, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Nothing But the Blood

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of
 2. For my par - don this I see: noth - ing but the blood of
 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of
 4. This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of

Je - sus. What can make me whole a - gain?
 Je - sus. For my clean - sing this my plea:
 Je - sus. Naught of good that I have done:
 Je - sus. This is all my right - eous - ness:

Refrain

Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. O pre - cious
 noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
 noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

is the flow that makes me white as snow; no o - ther

fount I know; noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Giving Thanks for Mothers

Prayer for Graduates

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 2:12-16*

For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³ For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 3

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

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Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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. 5/14	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 5/14	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 5/17	9:00 am	Moms' Group	Classroom 2
W. 5/17	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/17	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 5/17	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Aquarium
W. 5/17	7:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Classroom 2
Th. 5/18	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/18	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 5/20	4:00 pm	Mother-Daughter Tea	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 5/21	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 5/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/21	4:00 pm	Spring Festival	New Life

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$96,826.85	\$120,212.47
Week of 5/7/23	\$5,096.15	\$8,663.00
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$26,279.00

Announcements

- **Men's Breakfast:** Please note we have changed our location. We now meet at NLPC in the fellowship hall at 7am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Breakfast will be provided.
- **Additional Opportunity for Community Prayer:** If anyone is interested in a week night opportunity to gather with others for prayer, NLPC is considering adding a Wednesday evening prayer time. The idea is to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at NLPC in the Resource Room. Contact Rob Rothermel if you are interested.
- **Cleaning Teams:** We need a few more cleaners! If you are interested in serving on this crew, please contact the office (kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com).
- **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. See the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Note that there will be no post-church refreshments this day.
- **Congregational Meeting:** On May 5, the elders called for a Congregational meeting on June 4 at 11:45. The purpose of this meeting will be for a congregational vote on three candidates for the office of deacon: Dave Lomax, Dennis Tompkins, and Kiel Reese.
- **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* by serving others - *building relationships* with homeowners and each other; *transforming lives* by meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs; and *providing hope* to the community. Projects include painting, yard work, bathroom modifications, and wheelchair ramps. Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby to: 1) Serve dinner to the workers on June 8 at 5pm at Chapel Church; 2) Provide dessert for the meal on June 8; 3) Individual workers may sign up for the week of June 5-9 in whole or half-day increments. Participants must register by May 13 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 New Life 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): BSF will begin again in September and will study the book of John. 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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