



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 28, 2023

Reflection

“It is well known that Pentecost reverses Babel. The people who built the tower of Babel sought to make a name, and a unity, for themselves. At Pentecost, God builds his temple, uniting people in Christ. Unity – interpretive agreement and mutual understanding – is, it would appear, something that only God can accomplish. And accomplish it he does, but not in the way we might have expected. Although onlookers thought that the believers who received the Spirit at Pentecost were babbling (Acts 2:13), in fact they were speaking intelligibly in several languages (Acts 2:8-11). Note well: they were all saying the same thing (testifying about Jesus) in different languages. It takes a thousand tongues to say and sing our great Redeemer’s praise.” – *Kevin Vanhoozer*

“Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!” – *Psalm 47*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from *Psalm 67 and Jude*

Wayne Blanding

Minister: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples
justly and guide the nations of the earth.

People: **To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and
forevermore! Amen.**

Prayer of Praise

Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You've done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

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King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

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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 – *Acts 2:1-21*

Barry Francisco

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,
 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

7 F F/A B♭

that I may love what Thou love dost
 un - til with Thee I will part one
 till all this earth - ly part of
 but live with Thee the per - fect

10 Gm⁷ F/C C⁷ F

love, and do what Thou wouldst do.
 will, to do and to en - dure.
 me glows with Thy fire di - vine.
 life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

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 3:1-8*

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? ²Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written,

“That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged.”

⁵But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.) ⁶By no means! For then how could God judge the world? ⁷But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner? ⁸And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest; Sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

6 C/E C D/A A⁷ D⁷ G G⁷ C G⁷/C C Dm C/E



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright hope for to -

CHORUS

12 Fmaj⁷ F#^{o7} C/G G⁷ C G



fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is Thy
 wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

18 F/C C A⁷ Gm/D Dm G⁷ C Cm⁶ G/D D⁷



faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I

24 G G⁷ C G⁷/C C Dm C/E Fmaj⁷



see; All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed -



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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. 5/28	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 5/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 5/31	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/31	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 6/3	2:00 pm	Youth Group Event	Freysville Park
Sun. 6/4	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/4	11:45 am	Congregational Vote	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$107,019.15	\$130,167.15
Week of 5/21/23	\$5,096.15	\$5,353.01

Announcements

- **Cleaning Teams:** We need a few more cleaners! If you are interested in serving on this crew, please contact the office (kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com).
- **Ephesians Book Study:** Over the summer, the adult Sunday School class will study the book of Ephesians. Please join us at 9:00 am!
- **Youth Group:** On Sat. June 3, the youth group will meet at Freysville Park from 2:00-4:00 pm to play basketball and volleyball.
- **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.
- **“First of All” Meeting:** In addition to the Thursday morning prayer group, a similar evening prayer opportunity is being added. The 1st Wednesday evening of the month we will gather for one hour of concise and guided prayers for the church, and everything that is touched by its ministries. Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:1, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.” Our first meeting will be June 7 at the church from 7-8 pm. Contact Sherry Rishel. For information about the Thursday morning prayer group, contact Sue Rothermel.
- **Calling all NLPC children and youth/adult VBS helpers:** After worship on Sundays June 11, 25, and July 2, 9, 16, and 23, we will be having informal music rehearsals to learn the words and motions for the songs that will be used during our 2023 VBS. All NLPC children and VBS volunteers are invited to come to the sanctuary @ 11:30 am each Sunday to join us for about 30 minutes of singing, praying, and preparing for NLPC’s VBS. Knowing some of the songs ahead of time will help us all encourage our young visitors to join us in praising God in song during VBS. Also, parents please mark your calendars: NLPC students and youth VBS volunteers are invited to sing a song (or two!) in worship on Sun. July 30.
- **Women’s Book Club:** This summer, we will be reading *A Thousand Resurrections* by author Maria Garriott. Books are available through Amazon from other sellers. Read the book at your own pace, then join us for a dinner and discussion, probably the last weekend in August. If all goes according to plan, we hope to have the author herself join us! Questions? Contact Connie Kay.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Adult Sunday School is offered during the 9:00 hour. Youth Sunday School will resume in September.

Women's Bible Study: We are on break until September. 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: Contact Joy Swanson for information

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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