



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

May 7, 2023

Reflection

Yes, there is joy in worship, but this joy in no way cancels another primal emotion in the presence of holiness: an awe that improbably results from both terror and attraction. It's as though our joy in being saved by God's grace in Christ fills us with childlike abandon and we happily dance into the throne room of the universe. But once there, we suddenly become aware of our surroundings, conscious of our true situation, and we feel embarrassed and unworthy and even out of place. Worship has drawn us into an ever-deepening awareness of the mystery of God; our illusions of a manageable deity have been blown away. – David McCullough

*A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.
– C S Lewis*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude – Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Catherine Kloetzli and Jami Paules

Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Verse 2

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Verse 3

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

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Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Minister: 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.

People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

All: **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Prayer of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won

And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

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I Know that My Redeemer Lives

1 I know that my Re - dee - mer lives! What joy this
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4 He lives, my kind, wise, hea - venly friend; he lives and
 5 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

blest as - su - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - al - ted,
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
 Sa - viour, still the same; what joy this blest as -

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Pro - phet, Priest and King!
 - sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - dee - mer lives!

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 – *Psalms 130*

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Loving Father, Your word assures us of your love and your care. Yet we confess our anxiety and our fear. You tell us not to fret; we admit that we are often filled with fear. You remind us that you are able to save; we acknowledge that we at times act as if we must save ourselves. You tell us that although we face difficulty we will not be undone. We concede that we sometimes feel undone in the face of trials. Forgive us, we pray! Thank you for your promise that you will not forsake your people! Thank you for sending the Lord Jesus! Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Help us, by your power, to turn from evil and do what is good in your sight. Thank you that you promise a future for all who trust in you. 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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to
anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on
singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to
find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is
failing
The end draws near and my time has
come
Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending
Ten thousand years and then
forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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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.

Verse 1

Nineveh oh Nineveh
The Lord is turning toward you
Compassion or calamity
Will you heed the warning

Pre-Chorus

Fall on your knees tear down your idols
When you choose surrender you choose
survival
Call on His Name turn from your violence
Out of the ashes He will revive You

Chorus

God have mercy
God have mercy

Verse 2

I know You are a gracious God
I know You're slow to anger
But I misunderstood Your love
Forgive me God for running

Pre-Chorus

You sent a wind stirred up the ocean
Still I rebelled my heart wasn't open
But when I prayed You were there
waiting
I made a vow to speak Your salvation

Verse 3

Nineveh oh Nineveh
The Lord is turning toward you

Bridge

Holy Spirit help me see
Where there is Nineveh in me
Turn away Your wrath once more
God have mercy
Perfect prophet priest and King
Christ became the reckoning
In His body bore my sin
Now to all who trust in Him
God has mercy
God have mercy on us

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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 2:1-11

Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ²We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

⁶He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality.

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

The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day: Christ on the road to
 2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face; Bear - ing the awe - some
 3. Now the day - light flees now the ground be - neath Quakes as its Mak - er
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, For through Your suff - 'ring,



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, Torn and beat - en, then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry ev - il deed
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. 1. 2. 3. This the power of the cross:—
 crown - ing Your blood stained brow. 4. This the power of the cross:—
 Fin - ished the vict - 'ry cry!
 Won through Your self - less love.



— Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame,
 — Son of God slain for us. What a name



— bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 — what a cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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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. 5/7	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 5/7	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues. 5/9	7:00 pm	Bible Study Fellowship	Classroom 1
W. 5/10	7:00 am	Men’s Breakfast	Cracker Barrel
W. 5/10	9:00 am	Moms’ Group	Classroom 2
W. 5/10	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/10	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/11	9:30 am	Women’s In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/11	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	New Life Library
Th. 5/11	7:00 pm	Women’s Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sun. 5/14	9:00 am	Sunday School	Classrooms
Sun. 5/14	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$91,730.70	\$111,549.47
Week of 4/30/23	\$5,096.15	\$6,923.77
Building-Improvement Fund	\$27,000	\$26,279.00

Announcements

- **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:** Due to schedule restraints and physical injury, one of our cleaning teams had to drop out of the rotation. 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 – 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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