

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! |
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| Joyfully, |
| Pastor Erik Swanson |
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P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

June 25, 2023

Reflection

"None of us must promise ourselves what the gospel does not promise: "Happier times are on the way; I'm going to do this, and buy that." No; it is better for you to pay attention to him who is not deceived, and has never deceived anyone. He has promised you happiness, but happiness in himself, not here. When all these things have passed away, may you hope to reign with him for ever. Take care lest in wanting to reign here you neither enjoy good cheer in this world, nor find it in the next." - Augustine

Welcome and Announcements

Will Pope

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Deuteronomy 6:4-6*

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Prayer of Praise

O God, Our Help in Agest Past



How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

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Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 26

- Q. What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
- A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

Scripture Reading – Mark 4:35-41

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

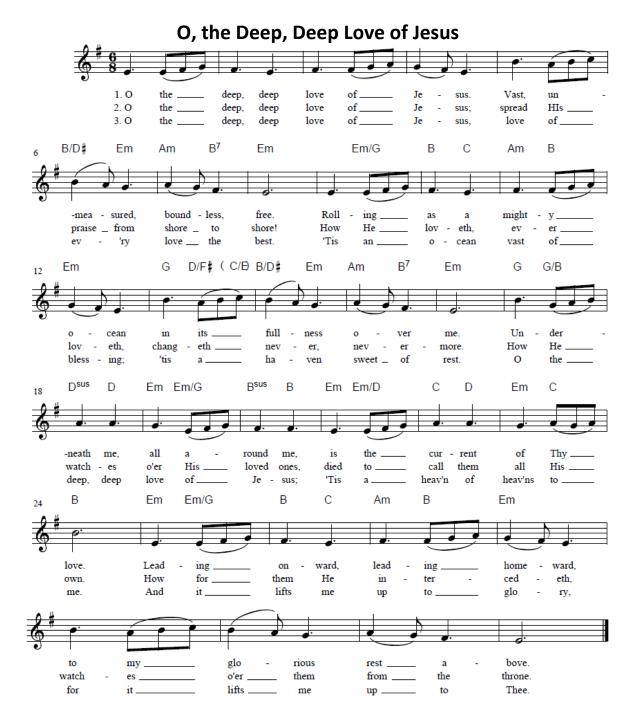
All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners; we seek to glory ourselves and we live for ourselves instead of seeking you above all and glorying in you alone. On our own, we would have no right to come into your presence. In Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness - Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.



Prayers of the People

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 – Psalm 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

- ³ Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,

before the Lord of all the earth.

- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,

who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!

- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

- O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Sermon Notes

Shout to the Lord

Verse

My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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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. 6/25 | 9:00 am | Adult Sunday School | Aquarium |
| Sun. 6/25 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 6/25 | 11:30 am | VBS Music Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| W. 6/28 | 7:00 am | Men's Breakfast | Fellowship Hall |
| W. 6/28 | 9:00 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Classroom 1 |
| W. 6/28 | 11:00 am | Moms' Group | Spark Home |
| W. 6/28 | 7:00 pm | Music Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
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Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year to Date 2023 | \$127,403.75 | \$150,708.55 |
| Week of 6/18/23 | \$5,096.15 | \$4,947.00 |

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- **Volunteers Needed:** Please notice the new volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. There are multiple spots open for Sunday refreshments, mowing, and weed-whacking! Thanks to all volunteers for your time and energy!
- Vacation Bible School Snacks Needed: Requesting volunteers to provide a snack(s) for 1 or 2 days during the week of VBS. (Drinks to be provided.) Due to possible nut allergies, please no nuts in snacks. Also looking for volunteers willing to serve the children the snacks 1 or more days would be appreciated. If interested, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Snacks may be brought on the day you choose or on Sunday 6/23 if more convenient. If any questions, please see Sandy Leader at church or call 717-741-0044.
- Running/Walking Saturday group: Every Saturday morning at 8 am, anyone is welcome
 to join a group (some run, some walk) that meets at the Brillhart Station on the Rail
 Trail. Come for fellowship and exercise! Contact Sarah Fox with any questions.
 (hatgirl84@gmail.com or 717-712-3985)
- Moms' Group: During the summer, every week on Wednesday from 11-1 we will gather at Marlene Spark's pool for swimming and prayer. There will be pool time for younger kids and school-aged kids, too. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joy Swanson 717-501-6083.
- Youth Discipleship Meeting: We are meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 7-8:30pm at the church. It is for all students in/entering 6th through 12th grades. For questions, contact Carol Loht (cskinner319@gmail.com or 717-500-1064.)
- Upcoming Women's Event: The Women of New Life will be hosting a group trip to Hershey Gardens on Sat. July 15. Admission includes a 23-acre garden, the Milton & Catherine Hershey Conservatory, and the Butterfly Atrium. Meet at the church at 9am to carpool or meet us at the entrance at 10am. We will have a picnic lunch together outside of the Gardens, so please bring a lunch. Come by yourself or bring your kids to check out the Children's Garden. The regular rates are \$16.50 (adult) and \$12.50 (children ages 3-12), but discounted rates will be available if we have a group of 15 or more. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please contact Holly Wirt for any questions (holly hursh@yahoo.com).

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• Giant Gift Cards – Ongoing Fundraiser for Short-Term Missions Fund: You may already know that New Life participates in a fundraising program by selling Giant gift cards. In addition to being available every Sunday (and Wednesday and Thursday through the office), we will be setting up a table in the foyer on the first Sunday of every month. Interested in how exactly New Life makes a profit on these sales? See the explanation on the bulletin board or stop by the table!

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: During the summer, every week on Wednesday from 11-1 we will gather at Marlene Spark's pool for swimming and prayer. There will be pool time for younger kids and school-aged kids, too. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joy Swanson.

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: We have two opportunities: The daytime group meets on alternating Thursdays. Contact Sue Rothermel. The evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel.

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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