



# 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

June 4, 2023

## Reflection

*1 Corinthians 15:17-20, ESV*

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

*Heidelberg Catechism, Question 45:*

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, so that He could make us share in the righteousness which He had obtained for us by His death. Second, by His power we too are raised up to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is to us a sure pledge of our glorious resurrection.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 2

*Will Pope*

*Minister:* Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

*People:* **The kings of the earth take counsel together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

*Minister:* He who sits in heaven laughs. The Lord holds them in derision.

*People:* **He will terrify them in his fury saying, "I have established my King on my holy hill."**

*Minister:* Now therefore, O kings, be wise. Be warned O rulers of the earth.

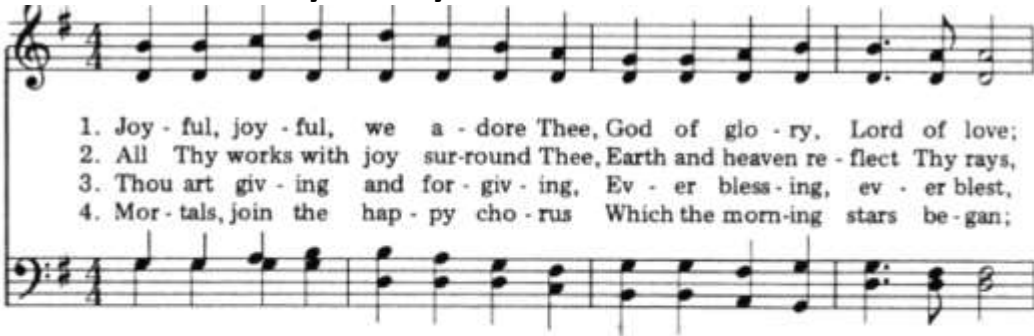
*People:* **Serve the LORD with fear. And rejoice with trembling.**

*Minister:* Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and you perish in the way.

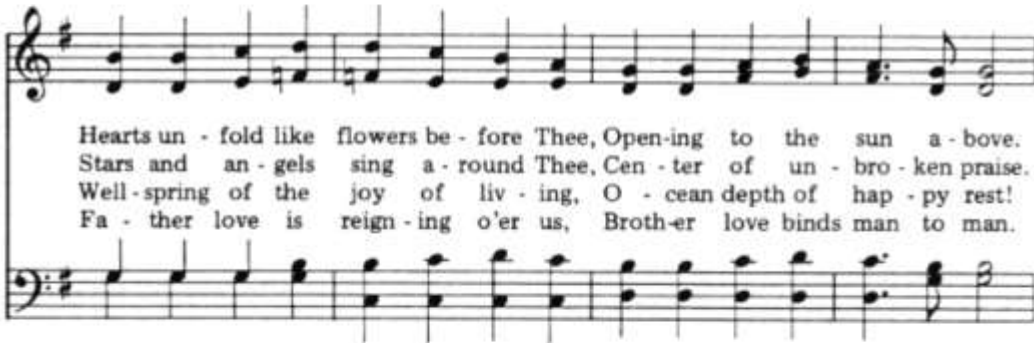
*People:* **Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.**

## Prayer of Praise

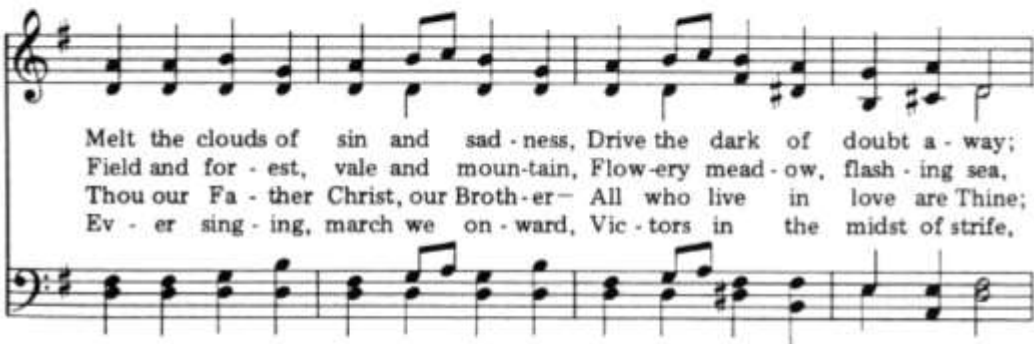
# Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



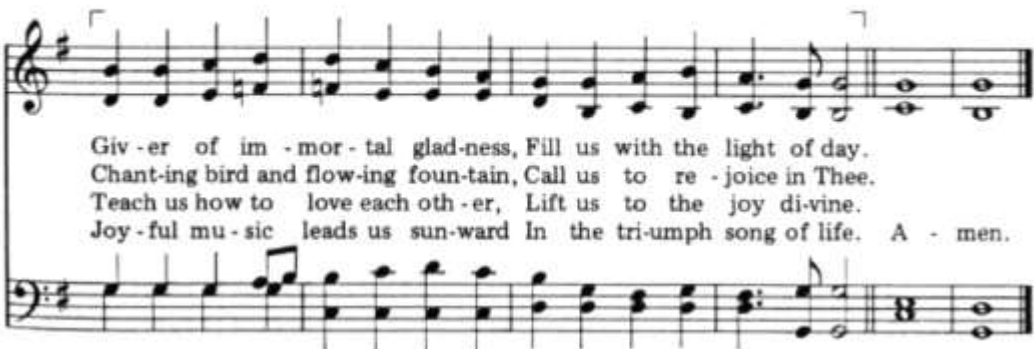
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry. Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er - All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

# Days of Elijah

## Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

## Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

## Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

## Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah  
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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 – Isaiah 59

*Sherry Rishel*

*Reader:* This is the word of the LORD.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer of Confession

**Eternal Father, you are good beyond all thought, but I am vile, wretched, miserable, blind; My lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel, and my ways are reluctant to amend. I bring my soul to you; break it, wound it, bend it, mold it. Unmask to me sin's deformity, that I may hate it, abhor it, flee from it. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against you; as a rebel I have misused my strength, and served the foul adversary of your kingdom. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness – Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> 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.

# Jesus, What a Beautiful Name



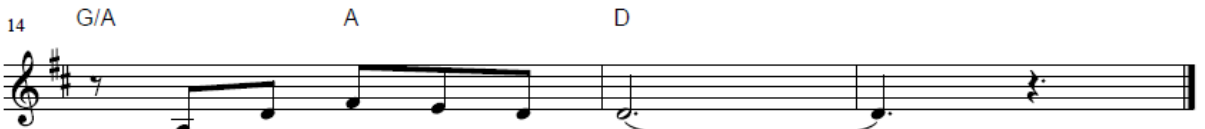
1. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name. Son \_\_\_\_\_ of God, Son of  
 2. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name. Truth \_\_\_\_\_ re - vealed, my fu - ture  
 3. Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_ what a beau - ti - ful name. Res - cued my soul, my strong -



Man, Lamb that was slain. \_\_\_\_\_ Joy \_\_\_\_\_ and peace, strength \_\_\_\_\_ and hope,  
 sealed, healed \_\_\_\_\_ my pain. \_\_\_\_\_ Love \_\_\_\_\_ and free - dom, life \_\_\_\_\_ and warmth,  
 -hold, lifts me from shame. \_\_\_\_\_ For - give - ness, se - cur - i - ty, pow - er and love,



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## Prayers of the People

**Ministry Moment** – *Teacher Appreciation*

*Barbara Henry*

**Ministry Moment** – *Kentucky Short-Term Mission Trip*

*Rebekah Skinner*

### 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 – *Acts 1:6-11*

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”



**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 Lion and the Lamb

## Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

## Chorus

Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

## Verse 2

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

## Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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**Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:28**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Tu. 6/6	7:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Aquarium
W. 6/7	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 6/7	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 6/7	7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 6/8	9:00 am	Morning Prayer Meeting	Kay Home
Sun. 6/11	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/11	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/11	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 6/11	11:45 am	VBS Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/11	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

**Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$112,115.30	\$132,991.32
<b>Week of 5/28/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$2,824.17

## Announcements, pg. 1

- **Communication Channels:** New Life uses the following methods of communication. Please contact the office so that you may receive the following:
  - Printed and verbal announcements on Sundays, as well as information in the foyer.
  - A weekly e-newsletter, “New Life News,” is emailed every Thursday at 2:00 pm.
  - Announcements are posted weekly to the website. Sermons are also uploaded weekly to the website and to the public facebook page.
  - There is a private New Life facebook group.
  - Occasional email announcements are sent out to the congregation as a whole.
- **Ephesians Book Study:** Over the summer, the adult Sunday School class is studying the book of Ephesians. Please join us at 9:00 am!
- **Congregational Meeting:** Please join the Congregational meeting TODAY at 11:45. The purpose of this meeting is a congregational vote on three candidates for the office of deacon: Dave Lomax, Dennis Tompkins, and Kiel Reese.
- **Prayer Meeting Opportunities:** In addition to the Thursday morning prayer group, a similar evening prayer opportunity is being added. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 evening meeting will be this Wednesday June 7 at the church from 7-8 pm. Contact Sherry Rishel. For information about the Thursday morning prayer group, contact Sue Rothermel.
- **Morning Prayer Meeting Update:** Please note that this week we will be meeting at the home of Connie Kay. Please also note that for the summer we will be meeting earlier at 9 am. Location during the summer months will vary. Please contact Sue Rothermel for updates.

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## Announcements, pg. 2

- **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 (11:45 on Second Sunday Lunch days) 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.
- **Upcoming Men's Event: Sat. June 24:** Join us for a hangout at Kain Park from 10am until 1pm. Bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Activities will include fishing, boating, and hiking. Contact Rob Rothermel with questions.
- **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.
- **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:** Contact Joy Swanson for information.

**Men's Group:** Meets at New Life every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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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