



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

July 2, 2023

Reflection

“At the bottom of all our hope, when everything else has given way, we stand on this great reality: the everlasting, all sufficient God is infinitely, unwaveringly, and eternally committed to the glory of his great and holy name. For the sake of his fame among the nations he will act. His name will not be profaned forever. The mission of the church will be victorious. He will vindicate his people and his cause in all the earth.” – *John Piper*

Welcome and Announcements

Will Pope

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Revelation 7:9-12*

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Prayer of Praise

To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo - ry - great things He has done! So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood - to ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He has taught us; Great things He has done, and great our re -



world that He gave us His Son, who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for
 - liev - er, the prom - ise of God. The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -
 - joic - ing through Je - sus, the Son. But pur - er and high - er and great - er will

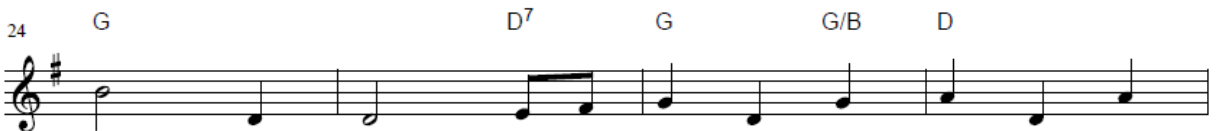
CHORUS



sin and o - pened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord! Praise the
 - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.



Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re -



- joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus, the



Son, and give Him the glo - ry - great things He has done!

Blessed Be the Lord

Chorus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say Amen—AMEN!

And let all the people say Amen—AMEN!

And let all the people say Amen, O praise the Lord!

Verse 1

Gather us, O Lord our God, from among the nations.

(echo)

Deliver us and save us, O God, God of our salvation.

(echo)

That we may give thanks to your holy name

And show forth all your praise...Alleluia!

Chorus

Verse 2

Praise the Lord give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

(echo)

For His steadfast love endures forever and He is good.

(echo)

We will tell the mighty deeds of the Lord

And show forth all His praise—Alleluia!

Chorus

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Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

* that is, universal

Scripture Reading – *Mark 8:31-38*

Sherry Rishel

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, You have not left us alone. As your Son promised, you have given us your Spirit. We are in need of daily guidance. Yet, we confess that we often fail to listen to you. We have a tendency to grieve the Spirit by going our own way. Rather than wait upon you and listen to your word, we often go off on our own. We repent of this sin, and we ask that you would guide us. Please direct our path. Lead us. We submit our lives to you, for we come in Jesus' name, Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Hebrews 9:27-28*

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Verse 1

O come behold the works of God
The nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our
side
We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men
And still You let them live
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win

Bridge

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of
all
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still
Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea
The nations rage
I know my God is in control

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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.

Response:

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit Three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Scripture – Numbers 14:1-19

Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. ² And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! ³ Why is the LORD bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴ And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. ⁶ And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷ and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. ⁸ If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁹ Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.” ¹⁰ Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? ¹² I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

¹³ But Moses said to the LORD, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, for you brought up this people in your might from among them, ¹⁴ and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O LORD, are in the midst of this people. For you, O LORD, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵ Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, ¹⁶ ‘It is because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.’ ¹⁷ And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, ¹⁸ ‘The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ ¹⁹ Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.”

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me

with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system contains the first three lines of the first verse. The second system contains the first three lines of the second verse. The third system contains the first three lines of the third verse. The fourth system contains the final two lines of the third verse. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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. 7/2	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/2	11:30 am	VBS Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/5	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/5	11:00 am	Moms’ Group	Spark Home
W. 7/5	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/5	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Fellowship Hall
W. 7/5	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 7/6	9:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Sun. 7/9	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/9	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/9	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 7/9	11:45 am	VBS Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/9	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$132,499.90	\$159,058.72
Week of 6/25/23	\$5,096.15	\$8,350.17

Announcements

- **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.
- **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.
- **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 with any questions.
- **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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