



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 23, 2023

Reflection:

That is what he is anxious to teach us, that our salvation -- if we really see and believe this doctrine of justification by faith, and if we thus rest our faith upon Christ -- that our ultimate complete salvation is certain, is guaranteed, is absolute.

- DML Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 25

Minister: To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.

People: **In you we trust, O God.**

Minister: Do not let us be put to shame, nor let our enemies triumph over us.

People: **No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame.**

Minister: Turn to us and be gracious to us, for we are lonely and afflicted.

People: **The troubles of our hearts have multiplied; free us from anguish.**

Minister: Look upon our affliction and distress and take away all our sins.

People: **Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame. For we take refuge in you.**

Minister: May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you.

People: **Redeem us, O God, from all our troubles!**

Prayer of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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Desert Song

Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth
than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall
remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Bridge

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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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 – *Isaiah 26:3-4*

John Kloetzli

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

***All:* Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer?

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Quarterly Financial Report

Wayne Blanding

Reception of New Members

Kevin and Tammy Friedrich

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

I never said that I would give you silver or gold
Or that you would never feel the fire
Or shiver in the cold
But I did say you'd never
Walk through this world alone
And I did say don't make this world your home

Verse 2

I never said that fear
Wouldn't find you in the night
Or that loneliness was something
That you'd never have to fight
But I did say that
I would be right there by your side
And I did say I'll always help you fight

Chorus 1

'Cause you know I made a promise
That I intend to keep
My grace will be sufficient in ev'ry time of need
My love will be the anchor
That you can hold on to
This is the promise
This is the promise I've made to you

Verse 3

I never said that friends would
Never turn their backs on you
Or that the world around you
Wouldn't see you as a fool
But I did say like me
You'll surely be despised
And I did say My ways confound the wise

Verse 4

I didn't say you'd never taste
The bitterness of death
Or have to walk through chilly Jordan
To enter into rest
But I did say I'd be waiting
Right on the other side
And I did say I'd dry ev'ry tear you cry

Chorus 2

'Cause you know I made a promise
That I prepared a place
And some day sooner than you think
You'll see me face to face
And you'll sing with the angels
And a countless multitude
This is the promise
This is the promise I've made to you

Chorus 3

So just keep on walkin'
Don't turn to the left or right
But in the midst of darkness
Let this be your light
That hell can't separate us
And you're gonna make it through
This is the promise
This is the promise I've made to you

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I've made to you I've made to you

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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 – *Romans 5:1-5*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Sermon: God's Love Has Been Poured into Our Hearts
Series: The Gospel of God Concerning His Son

Pastor Erik Swanson

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

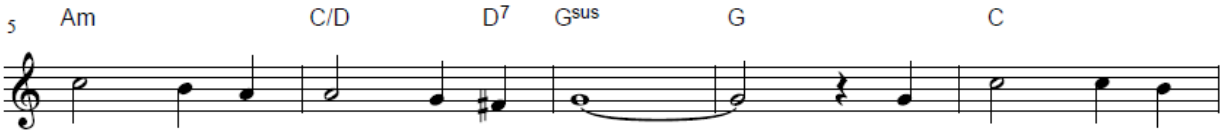
The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

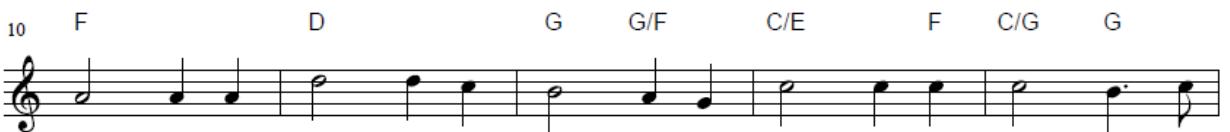
It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

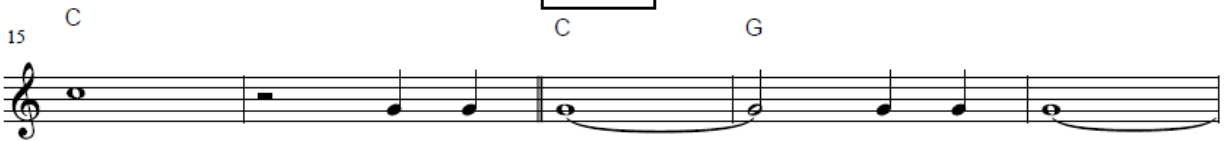


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; _____ What - ev - er my
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; _____ That Christ hath re -
 sin - not in part, but the whole; _____ Is nailed to the
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; _____ The trump shall re -



lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my

CHORUS



soul." It is well _____ with my soul, _____
 soul.
 soul!
 soul.



— it is well, it is well with my soul.

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. 7/23	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/23	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/23	11:30 am	VBS Meeting and Set-Up	Aquarium
Sun. 7/23	11:30 am	VBS Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary
M. 7/24	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
Tu. 7/25	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
W. 7/26	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 7/26	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/26	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
W. 7/26	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 7/27	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
Th. 7/27	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
F. 7/28	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
F. 7/28	12:00 pm	VBS Clean-Up	New Life
Sat. 7/29	4:00 pm	Young Adult BBQ	Waldrop Home
Sun. 7/30	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/30	5:00 pm	VBS Volunteers' Party	Fellowship Hall

New Life Presbyterian Church Financial Report

January to June 2023

Fund Description	Balance as of 1/1/23	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Balance as of 6/30/23
General Fund	104,796.91	159,639.39	129,229.52	-	135,206.78
Deacon's Fund	5,260.67	2,652.67	3,322.00	-	4,591.34
Building Improvement	18,052.57	7,560.43	25,902.00	-	161.00
Capital Reserve	99,327.05	858.00	23,850.00	-	76,335.05
Short Term Missions	3,377.99	15,941.17	11,769.33	-	7,549.83
Totals	231,265.19	186,651.66	194,072.85	-	223,844.00

Fund Descriptions:

- General Fund is used for church operating expenses (e.g., utilities, ministry costs, salaries).
- Deacon's Fund is used to provide financial aid to those within and outside of the church.
- Building Improvement Fund is used to fund projects that add new features to the building.
- Capital Reserve Fund is used to fund projects that replace worn out building infrastructure (e.g., roof, HVAC units, parking lot).
- Short Term Missions Fund is used to fund short term missions trips.

Notes:

- The church has a building mortgage with an outstanding balance of \$198,834.62, currently at a 4.5% interest rate that resets on 10/31/25. Without principal prepayments, the mortgage will be fully paid off in early 2029.
- Short Term Missions balance of gift cards on hand but not yet sold is \$700.

Announcements

- **VBS Meeting and Set-Up:** VBS volunteers, please meet in the Aquarium after the service.
- **VBS Clean-Up:** Volunteers are needed to help put the church back together at noon this Friday the 28th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby or contact Megan Reese if you are able to help.
- **VBS Volunteers' Party:** All VBS volunteers and their families are invited to a party next Sun. 7/30 at 5pm at the church. Please RSVP to Megan Reese.

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- **Young Adults:** Sat. July 29 BBQ at the Waldrops starting at 4pm. RSVP to Abigail Waldrop and bring a side to share and a camp chair.
- **Missionaries:** All are invited to attend a presentation by missionaries involved in medical missions, church planting and teaching on Sun. July 30 during the Sunday School hour. This will be in lieu of the normal adult Sunday School class at 9 am. All are welcome, even if you do not normally attend Sunday School.
- **Women's Pool Party:** All New Life Ladies are invited to the home of Marlene Spark on Sat. Aug. 5 from 1-5pm for a pool party and wine and cheese tasting. Wine and other beverages will be provided. Please RSVP directly to Marlene to let her know if you are coming and if you can bring some cheese or another snack to share. We are looking forward to an afternoon of fun & relaxation by the pool & hope you can join us! Pool party rain date is Sat. Aug. 12.
- **Youth Group (6th-12th Grades) Pool Party: Fri. Aug. 11: 4pm-7pm.** Pool Party at the Sparks. This will be a joint event with the Providence PCA youth group. Hot Dogs, Buns, and Hamburgers provided. Please bring a drink or side to share. Bring your towel and sunscreen.
- **Baby Shower:** Women and girls are invited to attend a baby shower for Shannon Wright on Sat. Aug. 19 at 10 am at the church. An evite will be sent out with registry information. Please contact Christy Borch with any questions.
- **NLPC 20th Anniversary Celebration!** Mark your calendar for Sun. Sept. 17! We will have a special Second Sunday Lunch (on Third Sunday!) Watch for details.
- **Community Groups Hoping to Re-Launch:** Prayerful plans are being made to re-start community groups this Fall. For more information on the purpose and format of community groups, pick up a flyer from the information table. Please be in prayer about the possibility of joining a community group. More info TBA.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Please notice the 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!