



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 30, 2023

Reflection:

“There is no quid pro quo in the love manifested: divine love is spontaneously demonstrated towards sinners without a hint that it is repaying a love already shown. The death of Christ is for us, sinners, precisely the proof of God’s love for us.” – *Joseph Fitzmyer*

“See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?”
- *Isaac Watts*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude – “Undefeated”

VBS Kids

Verse 1

The fight is on
I'll hold my ground
I'm gonna crash the lies of the enemy
I wont back down
Cause I'm not alone
With You my God I'll conquer anything

Chorus

In You I have the victory, victory
You're the undefeated
I know that You're the risen king, risen king
You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated

Verse 2

The fight is on
I'll hold my ground
I'm gonna crash the lies of the enemy
When I doubt you won't knock me out
Because I know my God You fight for me

Chorus

In You I have the victory, victory
You're the undefeated
I know that You're the risen king, risen king
You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated

Bridge

I will fight I will rise above
In You my God I am strong enough

Chorus

In You I have the victory, victory
You're the undefeated
I know that You're the risen king, risen king
You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated

“Undefeated” words and music by Elevation Church Kids

Call to Worship – *Psalm 100*

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

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave
us
His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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Music

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Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

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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

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Minister: O Lord our God, you have created us and bought us with a price, so we are not our own, and therefore we should wholly live to obey, trust and love you.

All: But we have not obeyed you: we have treated ourselves as kings instead of you; we have exalted and pleased ourselves.

Minister: And we have not trusted you fully: though your promises are great and precious and never fail, yet we have only haltingly relied on them, and in anxiety and fear have not put our full hope in you.

All: And we have not loved you completely: though you are infinitely good, and you are love itself, yet we have not made you our full desire and delight, and instead have clung to idols that do not live. We have sinned, at times secretly and openly, half-consciously and deliberately, in attitude and in action, against your law and your love. But now, O God, let your face shine upon us to give us pardon and freedom! Plough your grace deep into us until we become a garden of holiness and joy in you. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

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Missions Moment

Sue Rothermel

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Christmas Pageant

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.

Refrain

Put on the full armor of God
Stand strong against the evil one
Put on the full armor of God,
The full armor of God

Verses

First things first, you got the belt of truth
Ay-oh, Ay-oh
Put on my boots, gotta tell the good news
Ay-oh, Ay-oh
The armor of God and the shield of faith
Ay-oh, Ay-oh
Got my sword and my helmet,
Now it’s time to pray
Ay-oh, Ay-oh

Bridge

Now in faith we can stand, stand, stand
Against every evil plan, plan, plan
Now it’s time to be strong, strong, strong
HE HAS WON!

Put on the full armor of God
Stand strong against the evil one
Put on the full armor of God,
The full armor of God

Put on the full armor of God
Stand strong against the evil one
Put on the full armor of God,
The full armor of God

“Full Armor of God” words and music by KidSpring Children’s
Ministry of NewSpring Church

Doxology:

**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 5:6-11

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Sermon: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us
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

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken

You have saved me

It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

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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. 7/30	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/30	5:00 pm	VBS Volunteers' Party	Fellowship Hall
W. 8/2	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/2	11:00 am	Moms' Group	Spark Home
W. 8/2	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 8/2	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	New Life
W. 8/2	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 8/2	7:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
Th. 8/3	9:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Sat. 8/5	1:00 pm	Women's Pool Party	Spark Home
Sun. 8/6	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/6	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$152,884.50	\$182,148.57
Week of 7/23/23	\$5,096.15	\$3,778.68

Announcements

- **VBS Volunteers' Party:** All VBS volunteers and their families are invited to a party TONIGHT Sun. 7/30 at 5pm at the church. Please RSVP to Megan Reese.
- **Wednesday Prayer Meeting:** Please join us this Wednesday evening at 7pm for a time of prayer in Classroom 3. We meet every first Wednesday of the month.
- **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. (If you do not receive one, please let Christy know.) Please contact Christy Borch with any questions.
- **SILVERS Picnic:** SILVERS, come enjoy a picnic at the Lomax house on Sat. Aug. 26 beginning at 4pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; please bring a dish to share. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- **Ladies' Book Club:** Our potluck dinner and discussion of *A Thousand Resurrections* by Maria Garriott will be held on Sat. Aug. 26 at 5:30 at the home of Connie Kay.
- **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.

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- **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!

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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