



**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 9, 2023

## Reflection

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” - Jesus

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – *Psalms 110*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

## Prayer of Praise

# Cornerstone

## Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

## Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

## Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

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# In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of  
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#



Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that  
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I  
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I  
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of  
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D



stand.  
 live.  
 Christ.  
 stand!

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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 – *Genesis 15:1-6***

*Sue Vester*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and most merciful father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

# I Come by the Blood



1. You are the per - fect and right - eous God whose pres - ence bears\_ no sin;  
 2. You are the high\_ and ex - alt - ed King, the One the an - gels fear;

5 G/F F G/F A $\flat$  B $\flat$  C<sup>SUS</sup> C



You bid me come\_ to Your ho - ly place: How can I en - ter in when Your  
 So far a - bove\_ me in ev - 'ry way, Lord, how can I\_ draw near to the

9 A $\flat$  B $\flat$  C<sup>SUS</sup> C Dm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup>



pres - ence bears no sin?\_ Through Him who poured out His life for me,\_ the a -  
 One the an - gels fear?\_ Through Him who laid down His life for me\_ and as -

13 C G<sup>SUS</sup> G Dm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ <sup>2</sup> E $\flat$  E $\flat$ /D



-ton - ing Lamb of God,\_ through Him and His work a - lone\_ I bold - ly come.\_  
 -cend - ed to Your side,\_ through Him, through Je - sus a - lone\_ I bold - ly come.\_

## CHORUS

18 C<sup>SUS</sup> C B $\flat$  F/A



I come by the blood,\_ I come by the cross,\_ where Your mer - cy flows.

21 Gm F C/E C B $\flat$  Dm<sup>7</sup>



\_ from hands pierced for me.\_ For I dare not stand on my right - eous - ness,\_ my ev - 'ry hope



rests on what Christ has done,\_ and I come\_ by the blood.\_\_\_\_\_

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# Prayers of the People

## Ministry Moment

### 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 – *Romans 4:1-12*

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

<sup>9</sup>Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. <sup>10</sup>How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. <sup>11</sup>He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, <sup>12</sup>and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.



**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**

# Glory, Glory Hallelujah

## Chorus

Glory, glory, hallelujah  
Since I laid my burdens down  
Glory, glory, hallelujah  
Since I laid my burdens down

## Verse 1

I feel better, so much better  
Since I laid my burdens down  
I feel better, so much better  
Since I laid my burdens down

## Verse 2

I won't treat you like I used to  
Since I laid my burdens down  
I won't treat you like I used to  
Since I laid my burdens down

## Verse 3

I'm going home to be with Jesus  
Since I laid my burdens down  
I'm going home to be with Jesus  
Since I laid my burdens down.

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
W. 7/12	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 7/12	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/12	11:00 am	Moms' Group	Spark Home
W. 7/12	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 7/15	9:00 am	Women's Event	Hershey Gardens
Sun. 7/16	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/16	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/16	11:30 am	VBS Music Rehearsal	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$137,596.05	\$165,203.72
<b>Week of 7/2/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$6,145.00

## Announcements

- **Vacation Bible School Kids and Volunteers Music Rehearsal** is cancelled for today. Practice will be held as scheduled shortly after worship on Sundays July 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **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 is hosting a group trip to Hershey Gardens this 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.
- **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.

## 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 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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