



# 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

August 13, 2023

## Reflection:

“To obey the cravings of sin is to be alive to sin; but not to obey the cravings of sin or succumb to its will, this is to die to sin.” – *Origen*

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” – *Galatians 2:20*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – *Psalm 117*

*Joe Heidler*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Praise

# This Is Our God

## Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin  
and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't  
escape  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death  
and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in  
our way  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those giants are dead now

## Chorus

This is our God this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does  
He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

## Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath  
away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will

## Bridge

Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus

## Bridge

Who rescued me from that grave  
Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise  
Nobody but Jesus (Him)

## Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

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# Holy Forever

## Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in  
worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

## Pre-Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

## Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy  
All creation cries Holy  
You are lifted high Holy  
Holy forever

## Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been  
redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His  
name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

## Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy  
To the King of Kings Holy  
You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

## Tag

You will always be Holy  
Holy forever

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**Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A # 26**

**Q:** How is Christ a king?

**A:** **As a king, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.**

**Scripture Reading – Titus 2:11-14**

*Wayne Blanding*

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

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

**Prayer of Confession**

**Everlasting Father, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We confess that we have been foolish, have strayed from you and have wandered on our own way. But you have been merciful to us by sending your only begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. We confess that we have not faithfully loved you, or adequately cared for our neighbors. We have not had the same mind that was in Christ, or shared in his humility. Pour out, therefore, your grace upon us that we might enjoy purity of heart and strength of purpose, and in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 37:39-40**

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

The LORD helps them and delivers them;  
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

## Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

## Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

## Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

## Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

## Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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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.

#### 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 – *Romans 6:1-11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



**Sermon: Dead to Sin and Alive to God**  
**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**

# Jesus Paid It All

## Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

## Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

## Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

## Chorus 1

## Verse 3

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

## Chorus 1

## Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead

## Chorus 1

## Tag

Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow

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## Benediction – John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

## 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. 8/13	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/13	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/13	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/13	12:30 pm	Furniture-Moving	Foyer, Fellowship Hall, Aquarium
Sun. 8/13	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
M.-F.	8/14-8/18	Tile floor installation	Foyer, Fellowship Hall, Aquarium
W. 8/16	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/16	11:00 am	Moms' Group	Spark Home
W. 8/16	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	New Life
W. 8/16	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 8/17	9:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Kay Home
F. 8/18	TBD	Furniture-Moving – See Steve Harman	Foyer, Fellowship Hall, Aquarium
Sat. 8/19	10:00 am	Baby Shower	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/20	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$163,076.80	\$193,304.84
<b>Week of 8/6/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$7,848.27

## Announcements

- **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! **Helpful idea for Sunday refreshments: try signing up with a partner, or your whole discipleship group or ministry team!**
- **Sound Team Openings:** We are searching for 2 or 3 new volunteers to serve on the NLPC Sound Team. While individuals with either music, sound, livestreaming, or other audio/visual experience are preferred, we are willing to train interested adults and high school-aged teens with an aptitude and willingness to learn. Please contact either Ed Feeney or Jenn Ryan for more information.
- **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.
- **New Floor Installation:** Our new floor will be installed this week Mon. Aug. 14 through Fri. Aug. 18! **Please use only the two back doors to access the building**, as the foyer and fellowship area (including kitchen, nursery, and aquarium) will be off-limits. **We will need volunteers** to help move furniture etc. on Sun. the 13<sup>th</sup> after the luncheon, and also on Fri. evening the 18<sup>th</sup>, time TBD. Please see Steve Harman if you can help.
- **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 was sent out with registry information. (If you did 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.

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- **Women's Bible Study:** Come and join us this year as we see Jesus in *Luke*. For our fall session, we will be using Jon Nielson and Philip G, Ryken, *Luke: Knowing For Sure, Volume 1 (Chapters 1-10), A 13-Lesson Study*. There are two Thursday study groups: in-person in the Aquarium 9:30-11:00am or Zoom 7:00-8:30pm. We will meet from September 7<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>. Books have been pre-ordered; the cost is \$5.50. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marlene Spark. Someone once said that to grow to be *Christ-like* you need to know what *Christ is like*. Let's embrace the beauty of Christ together.
- **NLPC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!** We will be celebrating with a special Second Sunday Lunch (on the Third Sunday!) Hot ham will be provided; side dishes are needed. **Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.** Any questions see Shyrl Tompkins.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Adult Sunday School is offered during the 9:00 hour. Youth Sunday School will resume on September 17.

**Women's Bible Study:** Beginning September 7, we will be studying the gospel of Luke using the guide *Luke: Knowing For Sure, Volume 1 (Chapters 1-10), A 13-Lesson Study*. Dates and Times: Thursdays 9:30-11am at church, or 7-8:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Marlene Spark for details.

**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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