



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 20, 2023

Reflection:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – *Romans 12:1-2*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Psalm 96:1-9*

Minister: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Minister: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

People: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

People: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

All: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

Prayer of Praise

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Take My Life and Let It Be



1. Take my life ___ and ___ let it be con - se - crat - ed, ___
 2. Take my hands _ and ___ let them move at the im - pulse ___
 3. Take my voice ___ and ___ let me sing al - ways, on - ly ___
 4. Take my sil - ver ___ and my gold— Not a mite _ would _
 5. Take my will ___ and ___ make it Thine— It shall be ___ no ___
 6. Take my love— my ___ Lord, I pour at Thy feet ___ its ___

4 F/C C F C F F/A B♭ F/A



Lord, to ___ Thee; Take my mo - ments _ and my days— _ Let them flow in
 of Thy _ love; Take my feet and ___ let them be ___ swift and beau - ti -
 for my _ King; Take my lips and ___ let them be ___ filled with mes - sag -
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use ___ ev - 'ry pow'r as
 long - er ___ mine; Take my heart— It ___ is Thine own; ___ It shall be Thy
 treas - ure _ store; Take my - self, and ___ I will be ___ ev - er, on - ly

8 C/G F F/C C Dm B♭ F/C C F



cease - less ___ praise, ___ let them flow in ___ cease - less praise.
 -ful ___ for ___ Thee, ___ swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 -es ___ from ___ Thee, ___ filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 Thou _ shalt _ choose, _ ev - 'ry pow'r as ___ Thou shalt choose.
 roy - al ___ throne, _ it shall be Thy ___ roy - al throne.
 all ___ for ___ Thee, ___ ev - er, on - ly, ___ all for Thee.

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

Q: How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A: **Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-8

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget and weak to climb. I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours and my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit, like Mary, at your feet, lean, like John, on your breast, appeal, like Peter, to your love, count, like Paul, all things dung. I believe, help my unbelief. 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.

Your Will Be Done

Verse 1

Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Saviour
prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 3

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to the one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I
sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 4

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and
pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Ending

And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and
pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Wayne Blanding

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 6:12-14*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

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7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
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Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
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D
G
D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

F
Bm
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D
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A7
D
7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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. 8/20	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
M. 8/21	2:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Aquarium
W. 8/23	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 8/23	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/23	11:00 am	Moms' Group	Spark Home
W. 8/23	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 8/24	7:00 pm	Young Adults' Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat. 8/26	4:00 pm	SILVERS Picnic	Lomax Home
Sat. 8/26	5:30 pm	Women's Book Club Potluck	Kay Home
Sun. 8/27	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/27	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/27	1:00 pm	Communion Service	Deets Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$168,172.95	\$198,646.84
Week of 8/13/23	\$5,096.15	\$5,342.00

Announcements, page 1

- **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! Feel free to keep it very simple!**
- **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.
- **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.
- **Womens' 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.
- **Communion Service:** A small communion service will be celebrated with Shirley Deets at her residence on Sun. Aug. 27 at 1pm. While communion is not private, space constraints dictate that there is room for only a small number of people.
- **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 7th to December 7th. 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.

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Announcements, page 2

- **Fall Sunday School Classes Resuming:**
 - On Sept 10, the adult Bible study will begin to study the book of Jeremiah.
 - On Sept 17, an Inquirers Class will begin to meet in classroom 2.
 - On Sept 17, all children's and youth classes will resume.
- **NLPC 20th Anniversary Celebration!** We will be celebrating with a special Second Sunday Lunch (on the Third Sunday!), September 17. Hot ham will be provided; side dishes are needed. **Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer.** Any questions see Shyrl Tompkins.
- **New Attendees Gathering:** If you consider yourself new to New Life, please come to the Rishel's home on Fri. Sept. 29 at 6pm for an evening of fellowship and hors d'oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to meet others from NLPC and to learn more about the church.

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 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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