



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 27, 2023

Reflection:

“Freedom from the Law does not mean freedom from God but freedom for God.”
– Brunner

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
– The Apostle Paul

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Psalm 116:1-2*

Joe Heidler

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Prayer of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



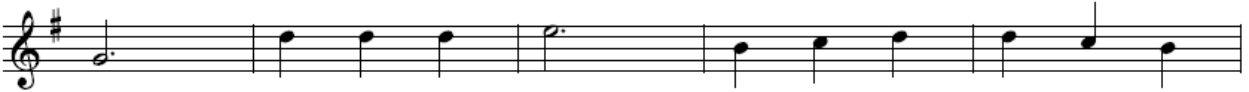
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

6 G G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C D7



-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va -
 -eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain -
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend -
 thee; Health hath vouch - safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath stayed
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

12 G G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D7/A G/B



-tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
 -eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 thee. What need or grief ev - er hath failed of re -
 Him! Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

17 D G/B C D7/A Em C B7 C D7 G Fine



near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do, if with His love he be - friend thee.
 -lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.
 -gain; Glad - ly for aye (all) we a - dore Him.

You've Already Won

Verse 1

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide
Just like You always have

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Verse 3

There's mercy in the waiting
Manna for today
And when it's gone I know You're not
You are my hope and stay

Verse 4

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
I'll say that it is well
Oh I know that it is well

Bridge

I know how the story ends
We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense
No more fear in life or death

Tag

I know how this story ends

Tag

I'm fighting a battle You've already won

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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 – Exodus 19:4-6

Carol Loht

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You tell us that you are light and that there is no darkness in you. You call us to walk in the light, as you are in the light. In obedience to you, then, we walk in the light by confessing our sins. In this last week, we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have loved ourselves rather than loving our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, for we trust in Jesus. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. Thank you for the light of your love. Thank you that you have brought us into fellowship with you and with one another. We ask that you would strengthen us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we would obey our Lord's command to let our light shine before others. Help us to walk in obedience and love. We ask this in Jesus' name, 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.

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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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 6:15-23*

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon: Free to Serve the LORD
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

Hymn of Heaven

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the
streets
To look upon the one who bled to save
me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in
desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 2

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

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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. 8/27	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
W. 8/30	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/30	11:00 am	Moms’ Group	Spark Home
W. 8/30	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 8/30	7:15 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 8/31	9:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
F. 9/1	7:30 pm	Family Movie Night	New Life Lawn
Sun. 9/3	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 9/3	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$173,269.10	\$203,642.51
Week of 8/20/23	\$5,096.15	\$4,995.67

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- **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.
- **Communion Service:** A small communion service will be celebrated with Shirley Deets at her residence today at 1pm. While communion is not private, space constraints dictate that there is room for only a small number of people.
- **CALLING ALL SINGERS!** We are pulling together a choir to sing "My Tribute" for our 20th Anniversary Celebration. Singers of high school age and up are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays, Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and 13 from 6:30 to 7:15 pm and on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 8:30 to 9:00 am. Please contact Jenn Ryan with any questions and to sign up.
- **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. **To receive a discounted book price of \$5.50, please order with Marlene TODAY as she will be ordering more books tomorrow. If you miss the deadline, you can still order the book on your own and join us!** 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.
- **New Life Campout:** Even if you will not be camping with us that weekend, everyone is invited to join the New Life campers for a community meal at 5:30 pm on Sat. Sept. 9 at Codorus State Park (Section C, Campsites 88, 90, 137). Please bring a dish or dessert to share; hot dogs and beverages will be provided. If you so desire, stay for the 6:30 praise song time around the campfire; don't forget to bring a lawn chair! Anyone is also invited to the Sunday morning worship time at site 139 at 8:15 am.

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- **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.
- **Voices Supplies Needed:** Providence Presbyterian Church (along with the assistance of many local PCA churches) will be hosting its annual conference "Voices, helping survivors of abuse find their voice" again this October. New Life will be providing 10 gift baskets for door prizes. Please see the display in the foyer for items needed. All items need to be dropped off at church by Sun. Sept. 23. Thank you in advance for your help with this project. 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'oevres. This is a great opportunity to meet others from NLPC and to learn more about the church.
- **2nd Annual Presbytery Women's Retreat:** New Life has the pleasure of hosting the PCA Women's Retreat this year on Sat. Oct. 14 from 9 am until 3 pm. Cost is \$20 which includes lunch, coffee, and breakfast goodies. Sharon Wolcott will be speaking on the theme of "Growing Together in Christ." Sign up by Sun. Oct. 8 via the QR code on the flyers in the foyer. Alternatively, you can also type the following into your browser: <https://forms.gle/GSyqZ23dLbgSkWJS9>. If digital sign-ups are not your forte, ask a younger-generation New Life friend for help.

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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