



**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.

# Worshipping God

September 3, 2023

## Reflection:

“To teach morality is, speaking generally, a sheer waste of time. The best it can ever do is to frighten certain timorous people against certain particular sins; it will do nothing more. It cannot change the heart, it cannot change the desires, it cannot change the man.” – Martin Lloyd Jones

“But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.” - Paul

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 118

*Wayne Blanding*

Minister: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Minister: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Minister: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

**People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## Prayer of Praise

# King of Kings

## Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

## Chorus

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

## Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

## Verse 3

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

## Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

# Breathe On Me Breath Of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,  
 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

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that I may love what Thou dost  
 un - til with Thee I will one  
 till all this earth - ly part of  
 but live with Thee the per - fect

10 Gm $^7$  F/C C $^7$  F

love, and do what Thou wouldst do.  
 will, to do and to en - dure.  
 me glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
 life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## **Affirmation of Faith – *Colossians 1:15-20***

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## **Scripture Reading – *Psalms 30***

*Barry Francisco*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failure and shortcomings toward you and toward my family, friends, and others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may from now on serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Acts 2:21***

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

# Thy Mercy, My God

## Verse 1

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

## Verse 2

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

## Verse 3

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

## Verse 4

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness 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 7:1-6*

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.



**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**

# O Church Arise

## Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are  
strong

In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

## Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the  
wounded whole

We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which  
He died  
An inheritance of nations

## Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and  
mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His  
feet

For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

## Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every  
stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the  
prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the  
day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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## **Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **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. 9/3	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 9/3	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 9/6	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/6	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/6	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	New Life
W. 9/6	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 9/6	7:00 pm	SILVERS Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 9/6	7:15 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 9/7	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/7	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th. – Sun.	9/7 – 9/10	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual New Life Camping Trip	Codorus State Park
Sat. 9/9	5:30 pm	Campout Community Dinner	Codorus State Park
Sun. 9/10	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 9/10	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/10	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

## **Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$178,365.25	\$206,882.51
<b>Week of 8/27/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$3,240.00

## Announcements, page 1 of 2

- **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.
- **CALLING ALL SINGERS!** It's not too late to join the choir singing "My Tribute" for our 20th Anniversary Celebration. Adult and youth singers are invited to participate. The remaining rehearsals will be on Wednesdays Sept. 6 and 13 from 6:30 to 7:15 pm and on Sun. Sept. 17 from 8:30 to 9:00 am. Please contact Jenn Ryan with any questions and to sign up.
- **Wednesday Prayer Meeting:** Come join us this Wednesday evening at 7pm at the church in classroom 3 for a time of prayer.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Our study of Luke begins this Thurs. Sept. 7. It is not too late to join us. For more information contact Marlene Spark.
- **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.
- **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.

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## Announcements, page 2 of 2

- **NLPC 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Moms' Group becomes Moms+:** Beginning Sept. 20, Moms+ will meet in Classroom 2 at New Life on Wednesdays from 9-11am. This is a group of women dedicated to living life together. We spend the first hour sharing life and praying together. The second hour we spend studying God's Word together. Come as you are and no prep needed for this study, but be ready to dive deep. This fall, the women will begin studying Revelation using the book *Blessed* by Nancy Guthrie. Children are welcome to attend three different classes: Nursery with Bible story, craft and snack; Early Elementary (studying an introduction to world cultures and geography); and Upper Elementary/Jr. High Geography. You are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Joy Swanson.
- **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'oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to meet others from NLPC and to learn more about the church.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Sept. 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 9:30-11 am at church, or 7-8:30 pm 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+:** Moms+ will start up again on Wed. Sept. 20. 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 evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel. The daytime group meets every Thursday (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 8:30am. Contact Sue Rothermel.

**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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