



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

October 1, 2023

Reflections:

“‘I am carnal, sold under sin’ is stated categorically and without qualification, not because this is the whole truth about Paul the Christian, but because it is the only part of the truth about himself that the law can tell him.” - J. I. Packer

"Believers are perfect as to their justification, but their sanctification is only begun. It is a progressive work. When they believed in Christ, they knew but very little of the fountain of corruption that dwells in them. When Christ made Himself known to them as their Saviour, and the Beloved of their souls, the carnal mind seemed to be dead, but they found out afterwards that it was not dead. So some have experienced more soul trials after their conversion than when they were awakened to a sense of their lost condition. 'O wretched man that I am!...' is their cry till they are made perfect in holiness. But He that hath begun a good work in them will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." - D. MacFarlane

“The more seriously a Christian strives to live from grace and to submit to the discipline of the gospel, the more sensitive he becomes to the fact of his continuing sinfulness, the fact that even his very best acts and activities are disfigured by the egotism which is still powerfully within him – and no less evil because it is often more subtly disguised than formerly.” - C.E.B Cranfield

“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’” – the Apostle James

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Minister: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Minister: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Fount



1. Come, Thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith-er by Thy help I'm come; And I
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! Let Thy

5 D D/F# A D D/F# G D D/A A⁷ D D/F# Em



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me ___
 hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus ___
 grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to ___

9 D F#m G D G/D D D/F# Em D F#m G D A⁷



some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by ___ flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wan-d'ring _ from the fold of God; He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel ___ it, prone to ___ leave the God I love; Here's my

13 D D/F# A D D/F# G D D/A A⁷ D



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 1&2

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. 1. Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. 2. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Scripture Reading – Galatians 5:16-26

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Father,

I sin –

**Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it,
never be content with myself,
never think I can reach a point of perfection.**

Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self.

**Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,
to live for you and not for self,
to copy your words, acts, spirit,
to be transformed into Christ’s likeness,
to be consecrated wholly to you,
to live entirely to your glory.**

In Jesus’ name, Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 43:25

I, I am he

*who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.*

Rock of Ages

Verse 1

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Verse 2

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyelids close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

The Sacrament of Baptism

Audrey Renee Smith

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:

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Scripture – *Romans 7:14-25*

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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

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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Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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. 10/1	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 10/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/1	11:30 am	Photo-taking for Directory	Classroom 4
Sun. 10/1	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay and Loht Homes
W. 10/4	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/4	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/4	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/4	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 10/4	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 10/4	7:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
Th. 10/5	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/5	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sun. 10/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 10/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/8	11:30 am	Second Sunday Pancake Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 10/8	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$198,749.85	\$229,709.68
Week of 9/24/23	\$5,096.15	\$2,634.00

Announcements

- **Elder Candidate Nominations Requested:** The Session of New Life would ask the congregation to consider prayerfully nominating candidates for the office of elder. The nominations window will run from September 10-October 15. Please pick up the flyer in the foyer explaining both the qualifications and the process.
- **Volunteer Schedule:** The quarter 4 volunteer schedule is up in the foyer. Please consider signing up to provide Sunday fellowship refreshments. Remember you can keep it simple!
- **Photo Directory:** Our updated fall edition of our photo directory will be out in a few weeks. If you need to add/update an entry, please either email your information (kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com) or correct the sample copy in the foyer. If you want to add/update a photo, you can either send your picture to Kelly or have your photo taken by Charles Fox. He will be available today after church in Classroom 4.
- **Community Groups Re-launching Tonight:** These are intended to be a microcosm of the church, an intergenerational gathering for fellowship, food, bible study, (singing), and prayer. They will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30pm. Stop in at the Kays or the Lohts and join us as we study the Beatitudes.
- **1st Wednesday Prayer Meeting:** Join us for prayer on the 1st Wednesday of every month in Classroom 3 from 7-8pm.
- **Missionary Visit:** Please come to hear and welcome our most recently added International Missionaries next Sun. Oct. 8, during the Sunday School hour, when they will share their testimony and their ministry to closed countries in the 10-40 window. To hear the conversion story is a treat. For more information on their names and location please see Ethan Waldrop or any other Mission Team member.
- **Second Sunday Pancake Lunch:** Join us next Sun. Oct. 8 for a special Pancake Second Sunday Lunch. The SILVERS will be providing the pancakes. Come along with toppings or a breakfast side dish to share.

- **Christmas Pageant Signups Are Open!** Signups for NLPC's Christmas Pageant are open. If you have a child between the ages of 4 and 14 who would like to be a part of this event, please either sign up at the information table or email Jenn Ryan at jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com. There are both speaking and non-speaking roles available. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 beginning Oct. 11. The pageant will be held in the NLPC sanctuary on Sun. Dec. 17 at 4pm. Questions? Please see Sarah Fox, Catherine Kloetzli, or Jenn Ryan.
- **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.
- **Youth Group Game Night:** Youth Group, come on out to the church Sat. Oct. 14 from 6:30-9pm for a variety of games and activities.
- **Women's Event: Games and Dips Night:** On Sat. Oct. 21 at 6:30pm, Peggy Johns and Sarah Fox are hosting games and dips night at their house. Please bring your favorite dip with chips or crackers to share and maybe a favorite game. We have plenty of games and will be providing some dips as well. We would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please reach out to Peggy Johns.
- **Young Adults Outing:** Young Adults, on Sat. Oct. 28, meet at the church at 9am and we will carpool to Ricketts Glen State Park. Pack your own lunch and bring some money for a dinner stop on the way home.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School for all ages is offered during the 9:00 hour.

Women's Bible Study: We are 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+: This is a group of women dedicated to living life together. Children are welcome to attend concurrent classes. 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. **For planning purposes, please call ahead to Rob Rothermel each week that you plan to attend.**

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 is studying 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.

Community Groups: Designed to be a microcosm of the church, this is an intergenerational home-gathering for fellowship, food, bible study, (singing), and prayer. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30pm. See Pastor Erik if you would like to join a group.