



**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

September 10, 2023

## Reflection:

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. – *Psalm 19:1*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Wayne Blanding*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from *Psalm 86:8-13*

*Wayne Blanding*

*There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.*

<sup>9</sup>*All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.*

<sup>10</sup>*For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.*

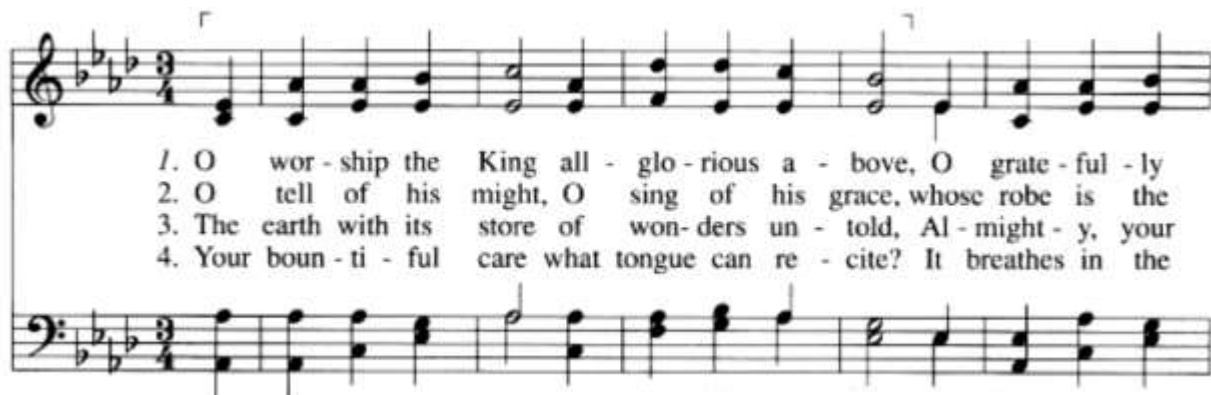
<sup>11</sup>*Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your name.*

<sup>12</sup>*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.*

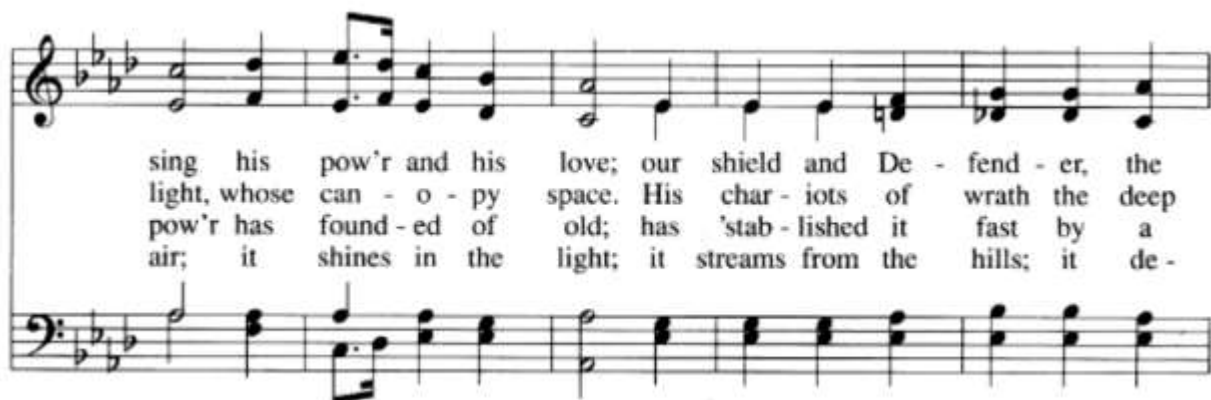
<sup>13</sup>*For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.*

## Prayer of Praise

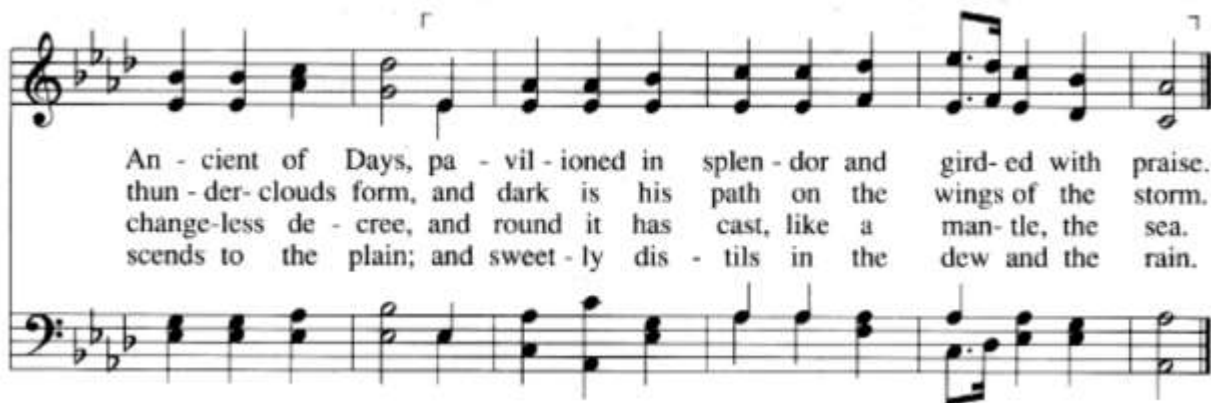
# O Worship the King



1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the



sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

# This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,  
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,  
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the  
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.  
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

## **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 – *Psalm 19***

*Connie Kay*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our 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.*

# Amazing Grace

Chords: G, Em, C, G

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares years,  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D, G, D, G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost  
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did  
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield  
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought  
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C, G, Em, G/D, D7, G

but that now grace am found, was blind but now I see.  
 and grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!  
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 me to safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

# 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 – *Psalm 97*

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and thick darkness are all around  
him;

righteousness and justice are the  
foundation of his throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all  
around.

<sup>4</sup>His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before  
the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.

<sup>7</sup>All worshipers of images are put to  
shame,

who make their boast in worthless  
idols;

worship him, all you gods!

<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O LORD, are most high over all  
the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the  
wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!



Sermon Notes

# How Great Thou Art

## Verse 1

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

## Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

## Verse 2

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

## Verse 3

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

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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. 9/10	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
M. 9/11	7:00 pm	Mercy Team Meeting	New Life
W. 9/13	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 9/13	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/13	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/13	7:15 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 9/14	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 9/14	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/14	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sun. 9/17	8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/17	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 9/17	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/17	11:30 am	Anniversary Luncheon	Fellowship Hall

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$183,461.40	\$214,539.18
<b>Week of 9/3/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$7,656.67

## Announcements, page 1 of 2

- **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.
- **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.
- **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 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.

## Announcements, page 2 of 2

- **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.
- **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:** 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+:** 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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