



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 17, 2023

Reflections:

All God's giants have been weak men and women who have gotten hold of God's faithfulness. – *Hudson Taylor*

Till now the Lord has helped us. – *the prophet Samuel*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
– *Psalms 136:1*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. – *Hebrews 13:8*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude – “Be Thou My Vision”

Anniversary Choir

Verse 1

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

Verse 3

Riches I heed not
Nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance
Now and always
Thou and Thou only
Be first in my heart
High King of heaven
My treasure Thou art

Verse 4

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart
Whatever befall
Still be my vision
O Ruler of all

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Minister: *Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

People: **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Minister: *In his hand are the depths of the earth; the peaks of the mountains are his also.*

People: **The ocean is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

Minister: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

People: **For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Minister: *Today, if you hear his voice, draw near to him and do not harden your hearts!*

People: **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Prayer of Praise

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf -
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame; From
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone; Short
 5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all its sons a - way; They
 6. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, be

14 C F Dm G C F E C/E Dm C F G C Fine

shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 -fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - 'ning day.
 Thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

“Great Things”

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2

You’ve been faithful through every storm
You’ll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You’ve done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

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

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Stories of New Life

*Ray Good
Sue Ann Randall*

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

**Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number,
and been guilty of pride and unbelief,
of failure to find your mind in your Word,
of neglect to seek you in our daily life.**

**Yet in our lostness you have given your grace
through your Son, our Redeemer.**

**Whose blood is our peace,
whose righteousness is our strength
whose Spirit is our power.**

**Let the Spirit continually reveal to us our interest in Christ,
and open to us the riches of your love in Him;
May He abide in us that we may know our union with Jesus,
and enter into constant fellowship with You. 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.*

“Goodness of God”

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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Prayers of the People

Minister: Our Father, we come before you in humble gratitude for your grace and mercy. First of all, we thank you for sending Jesus to save us. We thank you for sending your Spirit to give us new hearts.

People: For your great mercy, we worship you!

Minister: We thank you for the ongoing work of your Spirit in our lives. We thank you for the spiritual growth that you have produced in each of us individually.

People: For your great mercy, we worship you!

Minister: We give thanks for your faithfulness in bringing New Life church into existence and for sustaining this church over the last 20 years. We thank you for your provision of this building. We thank you for the sacrificial love of many who have cared for this building.

People: For your great faithfulness, we thank you!

Minister: We thank you for blessing this community with opportunities to grow, with the blessing of studying your word together, with the blessing of serving one another and our broader community, with the blessing of being your witnesses in this time and place.

People: For your great faithfulness, we thank you!

Minister: We thank you for your care for this church community, in times of joy and in times of sorrow, in times of abundance and in times of hardship.

People: For your great love, we bless you!

Minister: We thank you for your tender care for all your people, no matter the categories used by the world: for those in every age and stage of life, for those from every ethnic background, for those from varied economic, familial, or educational backgrounds. Thank you for gently leading every single one of your sheep!

People: For your great love, we bless you!

Minister: We thank you for hearing our prayers when loved ones were sick or suffering, when we faced difficulties we could not handle, and when we faced trials that could overwhelm us.

People: For your great compassion, we honor you!

Minister: We thank you for your providential care, your hand of provision, and your continuous protection, which are all undeserved gifts from you!

People: For your great compassion, we honor you!

Minister: We thank you for your presence and relationship with us. We thank you for your good commands, which are good for us as whole people, and for the good rhythms of work, rest, and worship that you call us to live.

People: For your great delight, we delight in you!

Minister: We thank you for blessing this community with deep friendships, with laughter and play, with shared joys, and with genuine community.

People: For your great delight, we delight in you!

Minister: We thank you that we have hope for the future, knowing that you are faithful to your promises and that you never let go of your sheep.

People: For your new mercies, we hope in you!

Minister: We thank you that we can trust you for the burdens and cares on each of our hearts, casting our anxieties upon you, for we know that you care for us. You know our longing to see you act in the lives of unbelieving loved ones, in the lives of those who are sick or suffering, in the lives of those who are struggling, and in many other places where we long to see you act. We surrender these burdens to you!

People: For your new mercies, we hope in you!

Minister: O Father, it is with joy and heartfelt gratitude that we remember your enduring grace and faithfulness. It is with confidence and hope for the future that we seek to keep our eyes fixed on your Son. May we always worship you, may we always live as Jesus' disciples, and may we always depend upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, for you are God and you are good!

People: For your greatness, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we worship you in Jesus' name! Amen!

Public Profession of Faith and Baptism

Faith Grove

Covenant Baptism

Snow Woods

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.

Special Music – “My Tribute”

Jim Spark and Anniversary Choir

Verse

How can I say thanks for the things
You have done for me
Things so undeserved
Yet You give to prove Your love for me
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude
All that I am and ever hope to be
I owe it all to Thee

Chorus

To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

With His blood He has saved me
With His pow'r He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

Bridge

Just let me live my life
Let it be pleasing Lord to Thee
And should I gain any praise
Let it go to Calvary

Ending

With His blood He has saved me
With His pow'r He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

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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 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought
forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and
the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are
God.

³ You return man to dust
and say, “Return, O children of man!”

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the
morning:

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is
renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are brought to an end by your
anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your
presence.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your
wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹ Who considers the power of your
anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of
you?

¹² So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your
steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our
days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you
have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen
evil.

¹⁶ Let your work be shown to your
servants,
and your glorious power to their
children.

¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be
upon us,
and establish the work of our hands
upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest; Sun, moon and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

6 C/E C D/A A⁷ D⁷ G G⁷ C G⁷/C C Dm C/E



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright hope for to -

CHORUS

12 Fmaj⁷ F#^{o7} C/G G⁷ C G



fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is Thy
 wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.
 -mor-row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

18 F/C C A⁷ Gm/D Dm G⁷ C Cm⁶ G/D D⁷



faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer - cies I

24 G G⁷ C G⁷/C C Dm C/E Fmaj⁷



see; All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed-



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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.*

Choral Reflection – “The Blessing” *Catherine Kloetzli, Jennifer Ryan, and Worship Team*

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace

Bridge

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you

All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Tag

He is for you
He is for you

Chorus

Amen
Amen
Amen

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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. 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
W. 9/20	9:00 am	Moms+	New Life
W. 9/20	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/20	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/20	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	New Life
W. 9/20	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 9/20	7:30 pm	Mercy Team Meeting	Classroom 4
Th. 9/21	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 9/21	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/21	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sun. 9/24	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 9/24	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/24	11:30 am	Women's Retreat Food Prep Meeting	Classroom 2

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$188,557.55	\$218,771.18
Week of 9/10/23	\$5,096.15	\$4,232.00

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- 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.

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- **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.
- **Katallasso Celebration Breakfast:** Our Mercy Team here at New Life supports Katallasso Family Health Center, which is a faith-based, charitable healthcare center that provides licensed services to the uninsured and underinsured of York County. You're invited to join them at Genesis Church (1408 Seven Valleys Road) for their annual Celebration Breakfast on Sat. Sept. 30 from 8-10 am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast while learning more about Katallasso.
- **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: 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 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 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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