



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 24, 2023

Reflections:

But when our hearts redirect their gaze to the Jesus of the Bible in all his glorious gentleness and dazzling love, sin gets starved and begins to wilt. As we enjoy the truths this book has been reflecting on--realities such as our union with Christ and his unshakable embrace of us and God's irreversible acquittal of us--then, right then, spiritual life and vigor begin to have the ascendancy, and the grip of sin loosens. Flavel puts it this way: "Would you have your corruptions mortified? This is the way: to have the food and fuel removed that maintained them; for as prosperity begat and fed them, so adversity, when sanctified, is a means to kill them." – Dane Ortlund

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Isaiah 30:15, 18*

Wayne Blanding

Minister: For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

People: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Minister: Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

People: For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Prayer of Praise

Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

6 C Dm F/C C F Dm C/E F Dm

-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

11 Am F/A (C^{sus})(C) F B \flat Gm C Dm F/C C F

An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

Your Name

Verse 1

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Verse 2

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

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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.

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 119:1-16*

Bryan McGahan

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Lord! We belong to you! Yet we confess that we are quick to forget your work of redemption. We are slow in remembering what you have done. When we forget, we go our own way. We live in fear and pride rather than living in trust and humility. In failing to remember, we both sin against you and we harm others. Have mercy, we pray! We call to mind your mighty deeds of redemption! We remember our Lord's life, his sacrificial death, and his glorious resurrection! We remember that you have given your Spirit. Help us, we pray, to remember daily what you have done, so that we might walk in the freedom which you have purchased for us. This we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Acts 2:21*

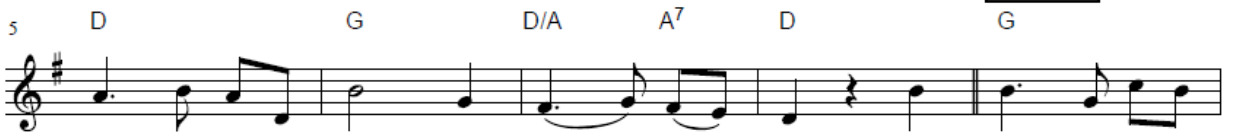
And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

I Need Thee Every Hour



1. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious _ Lord; No
 2. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, stay Thou _ near _ by; Temp -
 3. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy _ or _ pain; Come
 4. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly _ One; O

CHORUS



ten - der voice like Thine can peace _ af - ford. I need Thee, O I
 -ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou _ art _ nigh.
 quick - ly and a - bide or life _ is _ vain.
 make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed _ Son!



need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee; O



bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come _ to Thee!

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Holly Wirt

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 7:7-12*

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

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

Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

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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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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	Photo-taking for Directory	Classroom 4
Sun. 9/24	11:30 am	Women's Retreat Food Prep Meeting	Classroom 2
W. 9/27	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 9/27	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 9/27	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/27	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 9/28	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 9/28	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/28	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th. 9/28	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
F. 9/29	6:00 pm	New Attendees' Gathering	Rishel Home
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$193,653.70	\$227,075.68
Week of 9/17/23	\$5,096.15	\$8,304.50

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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.
- **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!
- **Men's Breakfast:** Men are welcome to join us at 7am at the church every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. **For planning purposes, please call ahead to Rob Rothermel each week that you plan to attend.**
- **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 and next Sunday in Classroom 4.
- **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 TODAY Sun. Sept. 24. 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.

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

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. We are discussing *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. **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.

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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