



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 15, 2023

Reflections:

“We have a great need for Jesus, and a great Jesus for our need.” – Spurgeon

“O Lord of love and Lord of pain,
Who, by the bitter Cross,
Dost teach us how to measure gain,
And how to measure loss –
Whom, seeing not, our hearts adore,
We bring our love to Thee;
And where Thou art, Lord, evermore
Would we Thy servants be.”

- Amy Carmichael

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Minister: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

**People: I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.**

Minister: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

People: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Prayer of Praise

Come, People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

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Be Thou My Vision

D A/C# Bm G A D

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou man's emp - ty Word
 3. Rich - es I heed not nor my vic - to - ry praise
 4. High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won

5 A A/G G Asus A

Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
 I ev - er in with Thee and Thou with me Lord
 May mine I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's ways
 sun

9 Bm A G A D A/C# Bm A

Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Thou my great Fa - ther and I Thy true son
 Thou and Thou on heart ly what - ev - er my be - heart
 Heart of my own heart what - ev - er my be - heart fall

13 D A/C# Bm G A D

Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with Thee one
 High King of hea - ven my O trea - sure Thou art
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all

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 – 1 Peter 2:9-12

Connie Kay

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

All: Father, you have given us life, breath, and all that we have. Our community, our families, our resources, our responsibilities, and our talents are all gifts from your hand. Of eternal significance, you sent your Son so that we, by faith, could be part of your family. You are good, and every good and perfect gift comes from you. We confess to you our ingratitude. While the struggles of our lives are real, we are quicker to become anxious than we are to remain thankful. Forgive us for how quickly we forget your blessings and for how quickly we take your blessings for granted. Grant us the ability to daily remember the many blessings you have given us. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. We give thanks to you for all your blessings! 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.*

I Will Run to You

Verse 1

Your eye is on the sparrow
And Your hand it comforts me
From the ends of the earth
To the depths of my heart
Let Your mercy and strength be seen

Verse 2

You call me to Your purpose
As angels understand
For Your glory may You draw all men
As Your love and grace demands

Chorus

And I will run to You
To Your words of truth
Not by might not by power
But by the Spirit of God
Yes I will run the race
'Til I see Your face
Oh let me live in the glory (of Your grace)

Ending

Oh let me live in the glory
Oh let me live in the glory of Your grace

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment - Keystone Family Alliance

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 8:12-17*

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken

You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

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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. 10/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 10/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/15	11:45 am	Building Expansion Dialogue	Aquarium
Sun. 10/15	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
W. 10/18	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/18	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/18	5:30 pm	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/18	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/18	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 10/18	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 10/19	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 10/19	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/19	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 10/21	6:30 pm	Women's Dips & Games Night	Johns Home
Sun. 10/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 10/22	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/22	11:45 am	Building Expansion Dialogue	Aquarium

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$208,942.15	\$252,501.37
Week of 10/8/23	\$5,096.15	\$13,235.00

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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.
- **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!
- **Setting the Record Straight:** Last week, New Life inadvertently printed that the church's YTD giving was \$293,276.37. This was a typo and was incorrect. The correct number is: \$239,276.37.
- **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.
- **LEAP 2024?** Please prayerfully consider whether you are interested in potentially participating in a short-term mission trip to London in the summer of 2024. The trip is titled; "London Evangelism and Prayer," and it will occur from July 1 through July 8. The mission organization New Life may partner with, Serge, is ministering to the East Asian community (Indians, Pakistanis, etc.) who reside in London. Approximately 1/3 of the time is spent learning about other religions and how to share the gospel, 1/3 of the time is spent in direct evangelism - street evangelism and door-to-door evangelism, and 1/3 of the time is spent in prayer. Meet in the aquarium room at 12pm on **Sun. Oct. 29** for more information, or contact Pastor Erik. We have not made any decision regarding participation; we are simply seeking to see whether there is interest.
- **Lost & Found:** PLEASE check the lost-&-found table by the coat racks. Any items not claimed by **Tues. Oct. 31** will be donated.

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- **Men's Game Night:** Men (and age appropriate sons) who like strategy games, come out for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun on **Fri. Nov. 3** at 6pm at New Life. Bring a donation for the pizza dinner provided. Contact John Kloetzli for more info.
- **Prayer for the Chile Mission Trip:** Please continue to be in prayer for the team that will be traveling to Santiago, Chile from **Nov. 7-14**. New Life is sending 7 people: Ethan and Abby Waldrop, Sue Rothermel, Carol and Isaiah Feeney, Bontivea Myles, and Erik Swanson. The team will provide the teaching and support for the local church to be able to be strengthened through a spiritual retreat.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Please consider filling a Christmas gift shoebox with appropriate gifts and toys for a child in another country. Boxes come with packing ideas and can be picked up from the foyer. Printing your labels and paying online is strongly recommended especially since you can track your box that way. Otherwise, brochures are available with labels and envelopes attached in order to send your shipping donation of \$10 per box by mail. (Do not place checks inside boxes or affix to the outside). Boxes are due back to New Life no later than **Sun. Nov. 12**. See Connie Kay with questions.
- **Game Night and Ice Cream Social:** The whole church is invited to a game night and ice cream social hosted by the SILVERS on **Sat. Nov. 18** from 6-8 pm. Please bring along your favorite game and favorite ice cream topping to share!
- **Save the Date for Parents' Day Out/Kids' Christmas Party:** Mark your calendars for **Sat. Dec. 2** from 9am-1pm, for our annual Parents' Day Out/Kids' Christmas Party. Parents can experience the opportunity to chip away at the holiday to-do list while kids experience a Christmas-themed day of VBS. Contact Pastor Erik to volunteer.

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.

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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