



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 22, 2023

Reflections:

“Suffering, failure, loneliness, sorrow, discouragement, and death will be part of your journey, but the Kingdom of God will conquer all these horrors. No evil can resist grace forever.” - Brennan Manning

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” - Jesus

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 118

Will Pope

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his love endures forever.

All: Let those who fear the LORD say “His love endures forever.”

Minister: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

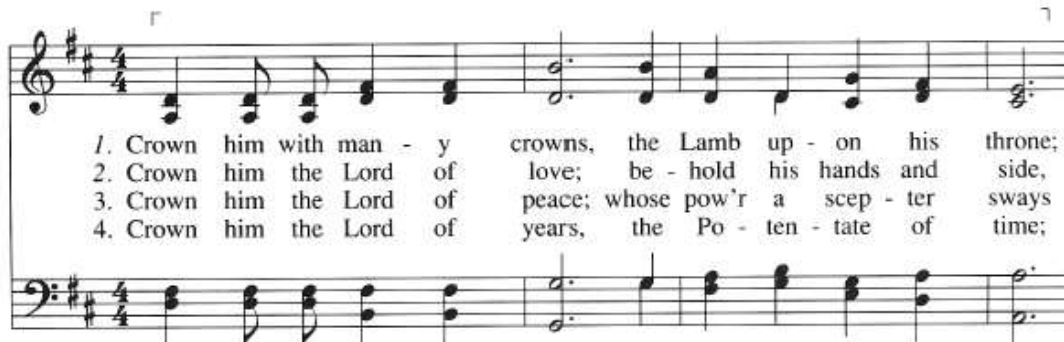
All: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Minister: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

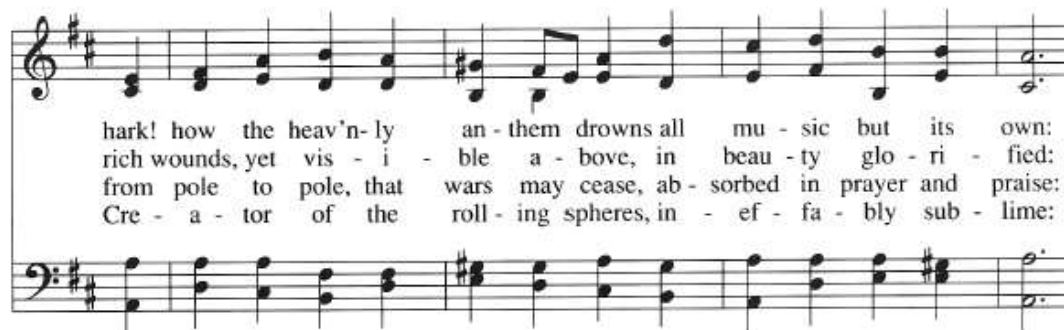
All: You are our God, and we will give you thanks: you are our God, and we will exalt you.

Prayer of Praise

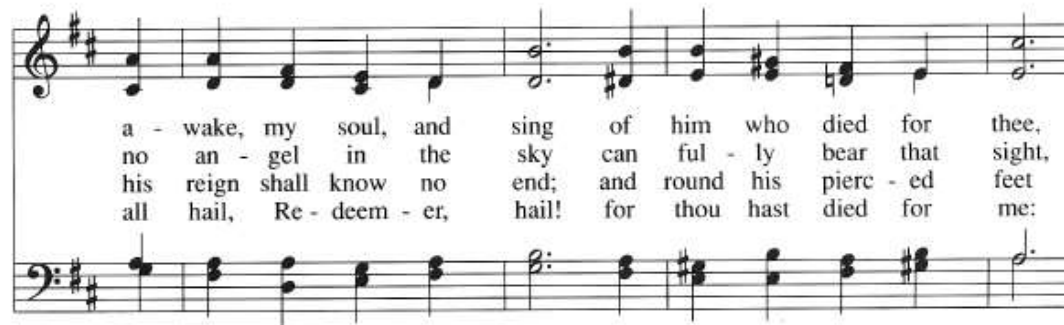
Crown Him with Many Crowns



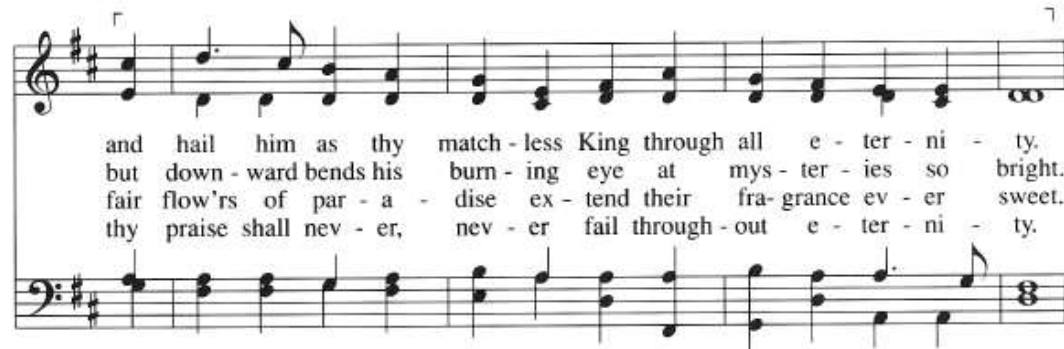
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side;
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Verse 1

O come behold the works of God
The nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our
side
We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men
And still You let them live
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win

Bridge

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of
all
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still
Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea
The nations rage
I know my God is in control

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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 – Genesis 3:14-21

Sue Vester

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, you tell us that you are light and that there is no darkness in you. You call us to walk in the light, as you are in the light. In obedience to you, then, we walk in the light by confessing our sins. In this last week, we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have loved ourselves rather than loving our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, for we trust in Jesus. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. Thank you for the light of your love. Thank you that you have brought us into fellowship with you and with one another. We ask that you would strengthen us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we would obey our Lord’s command to let our light shine before others. Help us to walk in obedience and love. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen!

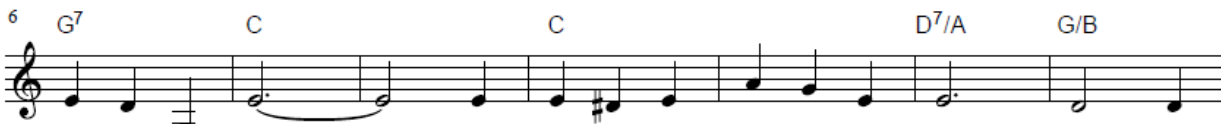
Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 43:25

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

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

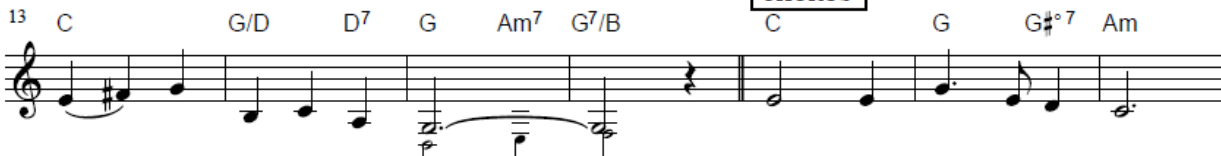


1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you— He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



dark - ness you see? _____ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
 fol - low Him there; _____ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion— for
 all will be well: _____ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

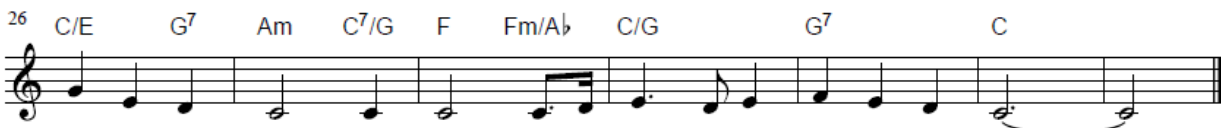
CHORUS



life more a - bun - dant and free! _____ Turn your eyes up - on Je -
 more _ than con-q'rors we are! _____
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____



-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____ And the things of



earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment: Gideons

Keith Tombs

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 8:18-28*

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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

It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

5 Am C/D D7 G^{sus} G C



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; _____ What - ev - er my
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; _____ That Christ hath re -
 sin - not in part, but the whole; _____ Is nailed to the
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; _____ The trump shall re -

10 F D G G/F C/E F C/G G



lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my

CHORUS

15 C C G



soul." It is well _____ with my soul, _____
 soul.
 soul!
 soul.

20 C F C/G G C



_____ it is well, it is well with my soul.

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. 10/22	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
Sun. 10/22	2:00 pm	Shirley Deets Memorial Service	Sanctuary
W. 10/25	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 10/25	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/25	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/25	5:30 pm	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/25	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/26	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 10/26	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/26	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Th. 10/26	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Sat. 10/28	9:00 am	Young Adults Outing	Ricketts Glen
Sun. 10/29	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 10/29	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/29	12:00 pm	LEAP 2024 Discussion	Aquarium

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$214,038.30	\$260,071.37
Week of 10/15/23	\$5,096.15	\$7,570.00

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- **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!
- **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.
- **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.
- **Parents' Day Out/Kids Christmas Party Planning Meeting:** Volunteers for the kids' Christmas party, please join the planning meeting in the aquarium on **Sun. Nov. 5** at 12pm.
- **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.

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- **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!
- **S.I.L.V.E.R.S.** group will be attending a Valentine mystery dinner on **Sat. Feb. 10**. "Death by chocolate" will be at the Bethlehem Life Church in Dallastown from 5:30-9pm. Tickets are \$44.50 per person and money is due by **Sun. Nov. 19**. For more information contact Shyrl Tompkins. If you need a ride, please let Mel King know. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/valentines-murder-mystery-tickets-703455072057>
- **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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