



**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 8, 2023

## Reflections:

“Under the old order, before the coming of the Spirit, it was impossible to do the will of God, and if people’s lives are still dominated by that old order, to do his will remains an impossibility. But those who belong to the new order of the Spirit do the will of God from the heart.” – F. F. Bruce

“Grace was given that the law might be fulfilled.” - Attributed to Augustine

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”  
– The apostle Paul

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – Psalm 113

*Will Pope*

*Minister: Praise the LORD. Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD.*

**People: Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.**

*Minister: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.*

**People: The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.**

*Minister: Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,*

**People: Who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

*Minister: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;*

**People: He seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.**

*Minister: He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.*

**People: Praise the LORD.**

## Prayer of Praise

# God So Loved

## Verse 1

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

## Verse 2

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

## Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

## Verse 3

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the  
cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

## Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

## Bridge

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

## Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save

## Verse 4

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the  
cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

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# Living Hope

## Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-  
kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless  
grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me  
free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the  
promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

## Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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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 – Isaiah 40:1-2**

*Tim Loht*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: we confess that we have not fully lived as those who are one with you. We have been more caught up in the world’s allure than in the majesty of your glory; we have not made the truth of the gospel the center of our attention and hope; we have failed to make your concerns our own. Forgive us, and fill us with love and awe for your holy name, that we might show forth your great glory, O Lord; for you are three persons in one God, world without end. 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.*

# Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

## Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and  
freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and  
boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is  
mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend  
me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall  
overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Verse 3

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my  
pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am  
free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me  
home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips  
shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Ending

When the race is complete still my lips  
shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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 8:1-11*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



**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**

# Jesus Paid It All

## Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

## Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

## Verse 2

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

## Chorus 1

## Verse 3

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

## Chorus 1

## Chorus 2

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead

## Chorus 1

## Tag

Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow  
He washed it white as snow

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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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 10/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 10/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/8	11:30 am	Pancake Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 10/8	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
W. 10/11	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 10/11	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/11	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/11	5:30 pm	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/11	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/12	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 10/12	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/12	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 10/14	9:00 am	Women's Presbytery Retreat	New Life
Sat. 10/14	6:30 pm	Youth Group Game Night	Fellowship Hall
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	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

### Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2023</b>	\$203,846.00	\$293,276.37
<b>Week of 10/1/23</b>	\$5,096.15	\$9,566.69

## Announcements, page 1 of 2

- **Thank you!** to everyone who donated items to the gift baskets for the Voices conference. We asked for items to fill 10 baskets and through your generosity we were able to donate 20 gifts. God is good. See pictures in the foyer.
- **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!
- **Second Sunday Pancake Lunch:** Join us today for a special Pancake Second Sunday Lunch.
- **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 send your picture to Kelly. Submissions due by this Tues. Oct. 10.
- **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.
- **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 **TODAY** 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.

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- **Youth Group Game Night:** Youth Group, come on out to the church Sat. Oct. 14 from 6:30-9pm for a variety of games and activities.
- **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.
- **Lost & Found:** PLEASE check the lost-&-found table by the coat racks. Any items not claimed by Tues. Oct. 31 will be donated.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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