



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

November 12, 2023

Reflections:

“He, a persecutor of the church, a proud man who had lived his life looking down on others, now a preacher of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Why, before he became a Christian, moments before he became a Christian, he couldn't stomach the name of Jesus Christ. He had stood and watched Stephen be stoned to death simply because he was a follower of Christ and he was glad to see it happen. The blood and the groans flowing from that good man as the stones struck hadn't bothered Saul of Tarsus one whit! And now, wonder of wonders, he was the world's most prominent Christian! He would, in time, suffer Stephen's fate and rejoice that he was counted worthy to suffer for the Name! He was spending his life, burning the candle at both ends, all to reach as many people as he possibly could with the good news that there was salvation in Jesus of Nazareth. A man who looked down on non-Jews was now known as the Apostle to the Gentiles! A proud man was now a humble man. The hater of Christ was now the lover of Christ.”

- Rob Rayburn, on the conversion of Paul

“Love the LORD, all you his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.” – Psalm 31

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 92

Minister: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High.

People: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

Minister: For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

People: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

Minister: You, O Lord, are exalted forever.

People: The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.

Prayer of Praise

A Mighty Fortress



1. A might - y for - tress is _____ our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our _____ own strength - con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And tho' this world, _____ with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That word a - bove _____ all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

4 Dm G C C/E C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am



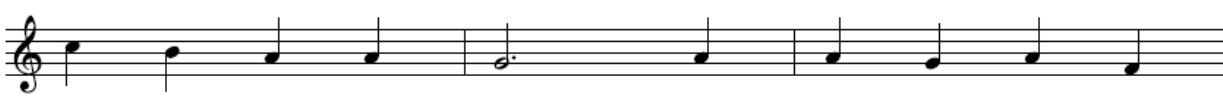
fail - ing; Our help - er He _____ a - mid _____ the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
 los - ing; were not the right - man on _____ our side, the man of God's own
 -do _____ us, we will not fear, _____ for God _____ hath willed His truth to tri - umph
 -bid - eth; The Spir - it and _____ the gifts _____ are ours through Him who with us

8 Dm G C Am G/B D G C G/B C F G⁷/D Am E/G#



-vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe - His
 choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He - Lord
 thru _____ us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him - His
 sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The

13 Am E/B Am/C D G F F/A C A/C# Dm



craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cru - el
 Sab - a - oth His name, from age to age the
 rage we can en - dure, for lo, his doom is
 bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth

16 E Am Em F C Am Dm G C



hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, and He must win the bat - tle.
 sure: One lit - tle word shall fell _____ him.
 still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Ancient of Days

Verse

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Bridge

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

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Affirmation of Faith – Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 49:1-7

Converse Kay

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O gracious and loving Father, your majesty is beyond full description, your glory more than our sinful eyes could withstand to see, and your holiness fills the heavens.

Yet, your mercy pursues us in dark and guilty places, your grace unveils our faces, and your holiness reaches down to where we are, transforming us into instruments of your redeeming love.

We marvel that you would love us.

May we never cease our wonderment at your amazing grace!

Forgive us, Lord, our sins, which are many.

Enflame a single passion for your glory in our lives.

Create a deep hunger within us, and satisfy that longing with more of your Son, the only Savior we need, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 32:1-2, 5

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.*

*² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

*⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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Prayers of the People

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 – *Ephesians 3:1-13*

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

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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. 11/12	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 11/12	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/12	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
W. 11/15	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/15	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/15	5:30 pm	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/15	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/15	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 11/15	7:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 11/16	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 2
Th. 11/16	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 11/16	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 11/18	6:00 pm	Game Night and Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/19	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 11/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$229,326.75	\$279,747.46
Week of 11/5/23	\$5,096.15	\$8,332.17

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- **Volunteer Schedule:** The 4th quarter volunteer schedule is up in the foyer. Please consider signing up to provide Sunday fellowship refreshments. Remember you can keep it simple!
- **Prayer for the Chile Mission Trip:** Please continue to be in prayer for the team that is in Santiago, Chile from **Nov. 7-14**. New Life has sent 7 people: Ethan and Abby Waldrop, Sue Rothermel, Carol and Isaiah Feeney, Bontivea Myles, and Erik Swanson. The team is providing the teaching and support for the local church to be able to be strengthened through a spiritual retreat.
- **Cleaner Openings:** We are in big need of some more cleaners for the church. Over the winter, we only have two teams volunteering and we don't want someone to have to clean more than once a month. Would you consider volunteering? Kelly is happy to answer any questions you may have.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Boxes are due back to New Life **TODAY**. See Connie Kay 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>
- **New Adult Sunday School Class: "What is the Church?"** Have you ever heard a Christian say, "I believe in Jesus but I don't need the church"? Starting **Nov. 26**, a second adult Sunday school will consider the topic: "What is the Church? Understanding our Call as God's People." Meet in Classroom 2.
- **Young Adult and Youth Group Game and Snack Night:** The young adults and youth group are invited to mingle together on **Sat. Dec. 16** for a fun night of games and snacks. Attenders are asked to bring a game and snack to share. Come along to socialize even if you won't be playing a game!

- **Advent and Christmas at New Life**

- An order sheet for **Christmas Poinsettias** is on the table in the foyer. Orders must be placed by **Sun. Nov. 26**.
- Pick up an **Advent Devotional**, written by members and regular attenders of New Life.
- **Sun. Nov. 26:** Join the **Advent Party** at New Life from 6:30-8:00 pm. Make an advent wreath (\$5 per wreath), participate in singing Christmas carols, and enjoy festive foods.
- **Sat. Dec. 2:** Drop your child off (**register through EventBrite**) or participate as a volunteer in our **Kids' Christmas Party/Parents' Day Out**. NLPC will host a VBS-at-Christmas kids' program from 9am-1pm. Please invite your community to participate.
- **Fri. Dec. 8:** Come anytime between 5-8 pm to the **Swanson's Open House Christmas Party**. The only thing requested is your presence; appetizers, snacks, and treats will be provided.
- **Sat. Dec. 9:** The **Youth Group Christmas Party** will meet at 6 pm for Christmas Caroling in the community, followed by a gift exchange game (\$5-10 gift, please) at New Life.
- **Sun. Dec. 17:** The **Kids' Christmas Pageant** will be at 4 pm at New Life, followed by refreshments.
- **Sun. Dec. 24:** Worship will occur as normal at 10 am. There will be no children's Sunday school that morning. The **Lessons and Carols** service will be at 6:30 pm.

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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