



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

November 19, 2023

Reflections:

“So much as we see of the love of God, so much shall we delight in him, and no more. Every other discovery of God, without this, will but make the soul fly from him; but if the heart be once much taken up with this the eminency of the Father’s love, it cannot choose but be overpowered, conquered, and endeared unto him.... If the love of a father will not make a child delight in him, what will?” – John Owen

Welcome and Announcements

Wayne Blanding

Prelude

Call to Worship – *from Psalm 46*

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Minister: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Minister: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

All: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prayer of Praise

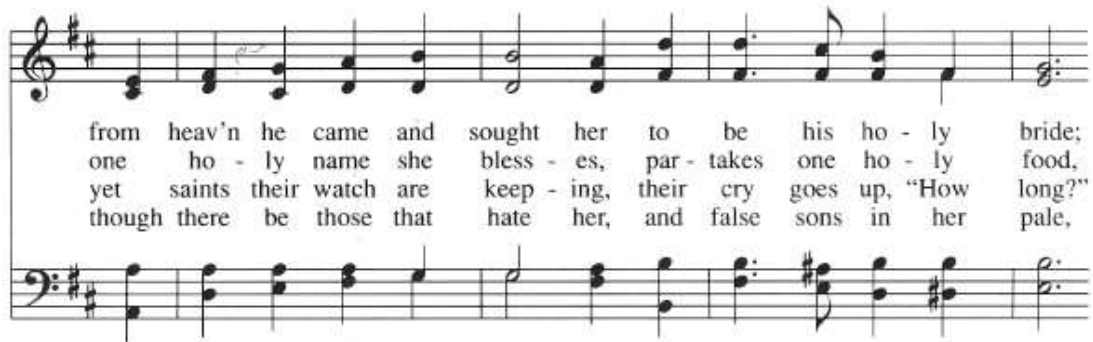
The Church's One Foundation



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

Build My Life (with How Firm a Foundation)

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Tag

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

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 – 1 Peter 3:13-17

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious Father, we have heard the way of kingdom living, and we confess we fall short. You see our sin and stumbling, our rebellion and neglect of your law. Jesus, Lord of Mercy, you paid the penalty of our sins upon the cross. Forgive us, we pray, for so quickly and persistently taking them up again. As our sin was nailed to the cross with you, so may we live for you now. As we turn from our iniquity and mortify our lusts, take away our love of sinning, even as you have taken away our guilt for sinning. Holy Spirit, cleanse us, restore us, and give us a passion for works of new obedience to your Word. With full confidence in the name of Jesus, we pray. 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.*

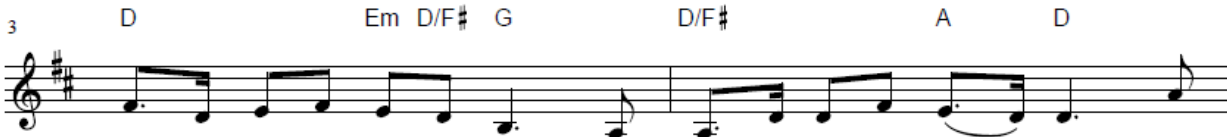
*⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;*

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

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



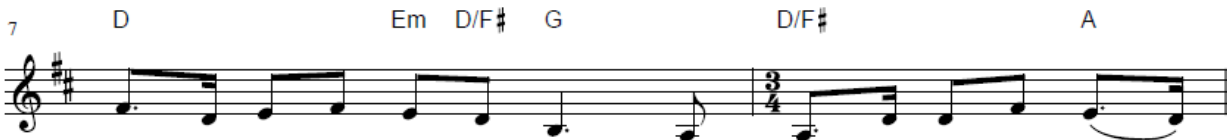
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a-mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

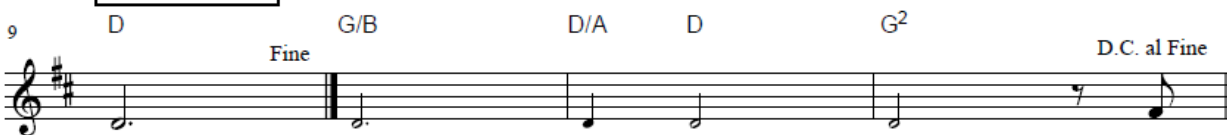


great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held _ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His _ re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wonds have paid my ran -

TURNAROUND



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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Sue Rothermel

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 – *Matthew 5:13-16*

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

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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. 11/19	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 11/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 11/22	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 11/22	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/22	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Sun. 11/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 11/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/26	6:30 pm	Advent Party	Fellowship Hall

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$234,422.90	\$285,878.63
Week of 11/12/23	\$5,096.15	\$6,131.17

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- **Diaconate Help:** The deacons are hoping to create a “minuteman” list, a list of women or men who are willing, assuming availability, to help at a moment’s notice with practical needs that arise. Examples are helping drive others to a doctor’s appointment or to run errands. Please contact Steve Harman if you’re willing to have your name on the contact list for diaconate help.
- **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!
- **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.
- **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 **TODAY.** **Please make checks payable to New Life Presbyterian Church and write “SILVERS mystery dinner” in the memo line. Don’t forget to mark “paid” on the sign-up sheet so that we get you a ticket!** 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 at New Life on **Sat. Dec. 16** at 7pm 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!

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- **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 (**must 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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