



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 5, 2023

Reflections:

“Let ne no more my comfort draw
From my frail hold of thee;
In this alone rejoice with awe –
Thy mighty grasp of me.” – John Shairp

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” – The Apostle Paul

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 89

Minister: *“I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all
generations.
² For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”
³ You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
⁴ ‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”*

People: **⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
⁷ a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
⁸ O LORD God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,
with your faithfulness all around you?**

Prayer of Praise

Battle Belongs

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

Bridge

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

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O God the battle belongs to You

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Desert Song

Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth
than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall
remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Bridge

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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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 – Psalm 31:14-24

Sue Ann Randall

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Stories of New Life

Andy Rishel

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.*

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus



1. O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus. Vast, un -
 2. O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus; spread His ___
 3. O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus, love of ___

6 B/D# Em Am B⁷ Em Em/G B C Am B



-mea - sured, bound - less, free. Roll - ing ___ as a might - y ___
 praise _ from shore _ to shore! How He ___ lov - eth, ev - er ___
 ev - 'ry love ___ the best. 'Tis an ___ o - cean vast of ___

12 Em G D/F# (C/E B/D# Em Am B⁷ Em G G/B



o - cean in its ___ full - ness o - ver me. Un - der -
 lov - eth, chang - eth ___ nev - er, nev - er - more. How He ___
 bless - ing; 'tis a ___ ha - ven sweet _ of rest. O the ___

18 D^{sus} D Em Em/G B^{sus} B Em Em/D C D Em C



-neath me, all a - round me, is the ___ cur - rent of Thy ___
 watch - es o'er His ___ loved ones, died to ___ call them all His ___
 deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus; 'Tis a ___ heav'n of heav'ns to ___

24 B Em Em/G B C Am B Em



love. Lead - ing ___ on - ward, lead - ing ___ home - ward,
 own. How for ___ them He in - ter - ced - eth,
 me. And it ___ lifts me up to ___ glo - ry,



to my ___ glo - rious rest ___ a - bove.
 watch - es ___ o'er ___ them from ___ the throne.
 for it ___ lifts me up ___ to Thee.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment - *Prayer for the Chile Team*

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 – *Romans 8:31-39*

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

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

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! — Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion — all is at rest, — I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

4 G C F/C C F⁶ G⁷



-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, — born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, — filled with His good - ness, lost in His

CHORUS

8 C C F C F C/E D



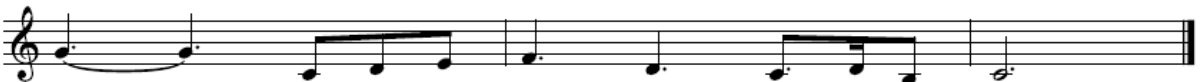
blood. — This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love. —
 love. —

12 G G⁷ C F/C



long. — This is my sto - ry, this is my

14 C F⁶ G⁷ C



song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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. 11/5	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	New Life
Sun. 11/5	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/5	12:00 pm	Parents' Day Out/Kids' Christmas Party Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 11/5	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
W. 11/8	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/8	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/8	5:30 pm	Pageant Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/8	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 11/9	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 11/9	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 11/9	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2023	\$224,230.60	\$271,415.29
Week of 10/29/23	\$5,096.15	\$6,269.00

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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!
- **Parents' Day Out/Kids Christmas Party Planning Meeting:** Volunteers for the kids' Christmas party, please join the planning meeting in the aquarium **TODAY** 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.
- **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>
- **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.

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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 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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