



**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

January 28, 2024

## Reflections

“Do you ever think about dying?” – *“Barbie”*

“World Death Rate Holding Steady At 100 Percent” – *The Onion*

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” - *Jesus*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

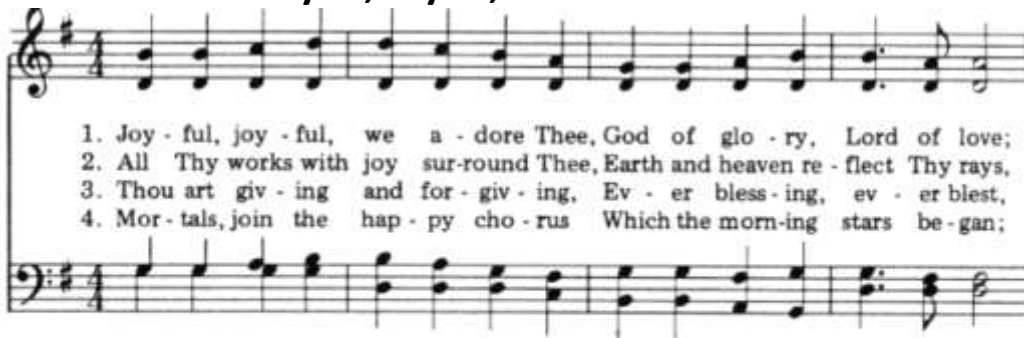
### Call to Worship – from 1 Timothy 6:16

*Wayne Blanding*

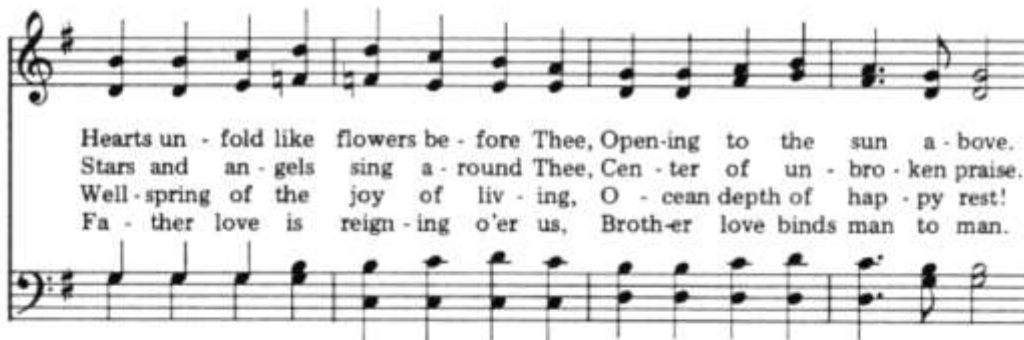
*He alone can never die, and he lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach him. No human eye has ever seen him, nor ever will. All honor and power to him forever! Amen.*

## Prayer of Praise

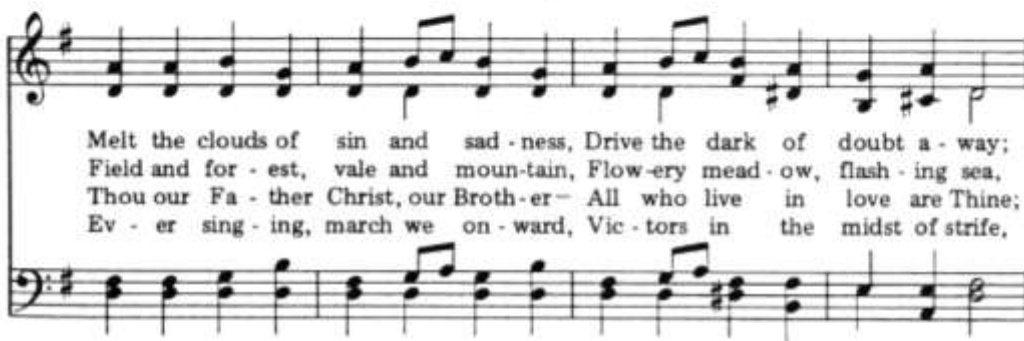
# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



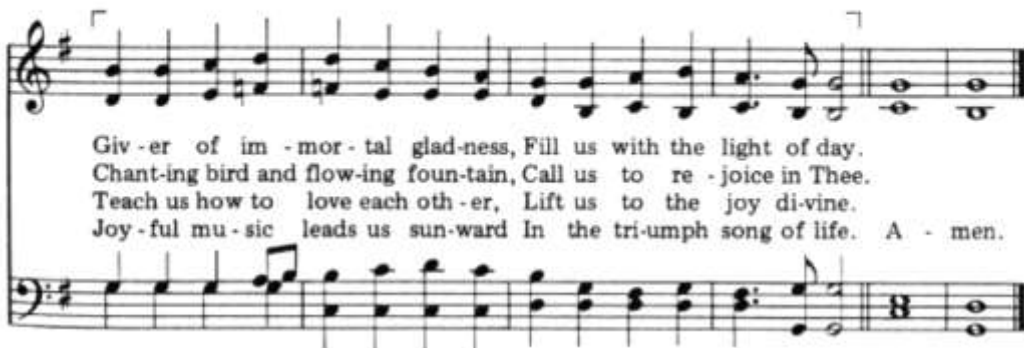
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er - All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

# God of Wonders

## Verse 1

Lord of all creation  
Of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle  
Glory to the Lord on high

## Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth

## Verse 2

Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night

## Chorus

## Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
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## Chorus

## Bridge

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## **Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\* that is, universal

## **Scripture Reading – *Psalm 49***

*Rich Vester*

## **Prayer of Confession – *from Psalm 25***

**To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls; in you we trust, O our God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good, O Lord. For the sake of your name, O Lord, forgive our iniquity, for it is great. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame for we take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you. Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles! Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *1 John 1:9***

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F F
C
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Gm
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7

1. When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Bb
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Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing.

Gm
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C
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C7
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C7
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count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

# Prayers of the People

## Ministry Moment

### 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 – *Ecclesiastes 9:1-10*

But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God. Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. <sup>2</sup>It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. <sup>3</sup>This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. <sup>4</sup>But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. <sup>5</sup>For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup>Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

<sup>7</sup>Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

<sup>8</sup>Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.

<sup>9</sup>Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. <sup>10</sup>Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.



**Sermon: Dealing with Death**

**Series: Ecclesiastes**

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

**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**

# How Great Thou Art

## Verse 1

O Lord my God  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made  
I see the stars  
I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy pow'r thru'out  
The universe displayed

## Chorus

Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art  
Then sings my soul  
My Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art  
How great Thou art

## Verse 2

And when I think  
That God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die  
I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross  
My burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died  
To take away my sin

## Chorus

## Verse 3

When Christ shall come  
With shout of acclamation  
And take me home  
What joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow  
In humble adoration  
And there proclaim  
My God how great Thou art

## Chorus

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## **Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

*The LORD bless you and keep you;*

*<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*<sup>26</sup> 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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 1/28	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/28	11:30 am	VBS Meeting	Aquarium
W. 1/31	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 1/31	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 1/31	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 2/1	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Sun. 2/4	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/4	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$20,111.52	\$16,692.52
<b>Week of 1/21/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$6,273.17

## Announcements

- **Vacation Bible School Meeting:** All those interested in helping with VBS this summer, please meet in the Aquarium after the service **today** for a brief meeting.
- **Church-Wide Board Game Night:** Drop by NLPC on **Fri. Feb. 9** anytime after 5:30pm for a community dinner and board games. Bring a donation for the pizza, and bring a board game or two!
- **Souper Bowl Sunday:** In celebration of the Super Bowl, February's Second Sunday Lunch (**Feb. 11**) will consist of soup and sandwiches. See the sign-up sheet in the lobby.
- **Youth Group Winter Retreat:** The Youth Group Winter Retreat to Camp Hebron has been rescheduled to **Fri. Feb. 23 through Sun. Feb. 25**. We will depart NLPC at 6pm and return in time for Sunday morning worship.
- **Young Adults Escape Room:** NLPC young adults will be going to an escape room near Harrisburg the evening of **Sat. Feb. 24**. Contact Abby Waldrop for more information.
- **Women's Book Club:** This winter we will be reading *All My Knotted-Up Life* by Beth Moore. Read at your own pace, then join us for a dinner and discussion on **Sun. Feb. 25**. Exact time and place to be determined. Contact Connie Kay with any questions.
- **Refreshments:** The volunteer sign-up for 2024's first quarter has been posted in the lobby. Thank you to all our volunteers! You'll notice there is a need for refreshment providers. Remember, please keep it simple!

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education:** Sunday School for all ages is offered during the 9:00 hour.

**Women's Bible Study:** We will resume again in the spring. Please contact Marlene Spark with questions.

**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 11:15am. Contact Sue Rothermel.

**Bible Study Fellowship (BSF):** 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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