



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

February 11, 2024

Reflections

But I trust in you, O LORD;
I say, "You are my God."
My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!
– *Psalm 31:14-16*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from *Psalm 33*

Will Pope

Minister: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous.

People: It is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Minister: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made.

People: The stars were made by the breath of his mouth.

Minister: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars.

People: He puts the deep into storehouses.

Minister: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD.

People: Even as we put our hope in you.

Prayer of Praise

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge 2x

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus 2x

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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

Chorus

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)

Chorus

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 – Heidelberg Catechism 27-28

27. Q. *What do you understand by the providence of God?*

A. God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

28. Q. *What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?*

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

Scripture Reading – Philippians 1:3-11

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Verse 1

O come behold the works of God
The nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our
side
We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men
And still You let them live
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win

Chorus

Bridge 2x

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of
all
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still
Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea
The nations rage
I know my God is in control

Chorus 2x

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Human Life Services*

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 3:1-8, 11, 17*

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

¹⁷ I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

F
D
Bm
A
D
G
D
7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A
D
Bm
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E7
A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D
Bm
A
D
G
D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

F
Bm
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D
G
A7
D
7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be,
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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. 2/11 | 9:00 am | Sunday School for All Ages | Classrooms |
| Sun. 2/11 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 2/11 | 11:30 am | Souper Bowl Second Sunday Lunch | Fellowship Hall |
| Sun. 2/11 | 11:45 am | Children's Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 2/11 | 12:30 pm | Young Adult Bible Study | Classroom 2 |
| W. 2/14 | 7:00 am | Men's Breakfast | Fellowship Hall |
| W. 2/14 | 9:00 am | Mom's + | Classroom 2 |
| W. 2/14 | 9:00 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Classroom 1 |
| Th. 2/15 | 11:15 am | Prayer Meeting | Resource Room |
| Sun. 2/18 | 9:00 am | Sunday School for All Ages | Classrooms |
| Sun. 2/18 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 2/18 | 11:30 am | Children's Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Year to Date 2024 | \$26,815.36 | \$20,616.52 |
| Week of 1/28/24 | \$6,703.84 | \$3,924.00 |

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **Service Opportunity: Communion Wafers:** A big thank you to Larry & Nancy Hoch for their dedicated years of baking our communion wafers. Since they will no longer be able to provide this service, we are looking for someone to take over this behind-the-scenes ministry. Batches can be baked in large quantities so that you only need to attend to this every other month or so. Contact Connie Kay for more information.
- **Thank you note** to all in our New Life Church Family who helped me to celebrate my 80th birthday this past week with a card shower. I am so blessed by your act of friendship. A big thank you to Jerry who planned it! God bless you all! - *Love in Christ Jesus our Lord, Mary Brubaker*
- **Children's Choir for Palm Sunday:** Students aged 4 through 8th grade are once again invited to participate in a children's choir that will help lead worship on **March 24**, Palm Sunday. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays after worship beginning on **Feb. 11**. Please contact either Catherine Kloetzli or Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) with any questions. We hope to see you there!
- **Women's Bible Study:** Come and join us as we journey with Jesus through the second half of the book of Luke where Jesus fixes his eyes on Jerusalem and travels to the cross, the grave, and the sky. Jump right in at this point in the book; you will have no difficulty. There are two study groups, choose which works best for you. Dates and times are as follows: Thursdays (in-person in the Aquarium room 9:30-11:00 am; Zoom 7:00-8:30 pm), **Feb. 29– May 23**. The total cost of materials is \$9 (scholarships are available). For more information or to sign up, please contact Marlene Spark.
- **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.

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- **Women's Book Club:** This winter we are 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.
- **New Attendees Gathering:** Whether you've worshipped at New Life for one week or one year, please come to the new attendees gathering at the Kay's home on **Sat. March 2** at 6pm for hors d'oeuvres and conversation.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

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

Women's Bible Study: Beginning Feb. 29 we will be studying the gospel of Luke using the guide *Luke: Knowing For Sure, Volume 2 (Chapters 11-24), 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 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 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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