



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

February 18, 2024

Reflections

By contrasting Israel in the wilderness with Israel in worship, we can say that a complaint is an accusation against God that maligns His character, but a lament is an appeal to God based on confidence in His character. – *N.T. Wright*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 46

*Minister: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

**People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

*Minister: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

**People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

*Minister: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.*

**People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

*Minister: The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

**People: Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

*Minister: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.*

**People: “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

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

Prayer of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and ___ man the Son. Thee will I
 robbed in the bloom - ing ___ garb of spring. Je - sus is
 and all the twin - kling ___ star - ry host. Je - sus shines
 Son of ___ God and ___ Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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 – Psalm 13

Barry Francisco

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners; we seek to glory ourselves and we live for ourselves instead of seeking you above all and glorying in you alone. On our own, we would have no right to come into your presence. In Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior's glory; in whose name we pray. 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.

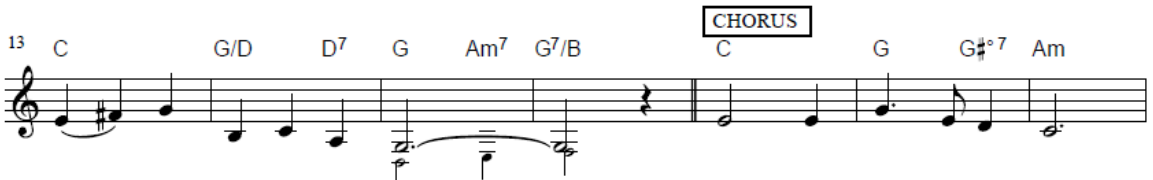
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus



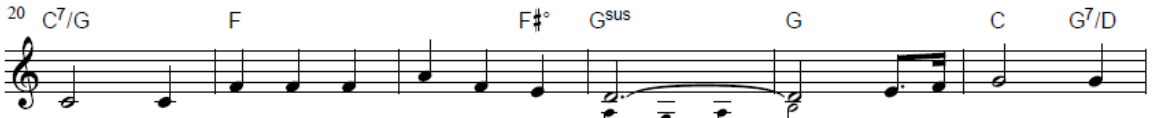
1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
 3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



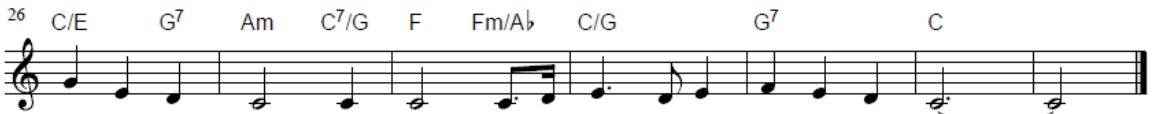
dark - ness you see? _____ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
 fol - low Him there; _____ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion- for
 all will be well: _____ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His



life more a - bun - dant and free! _____ Turn your eyes up - on Je -
 more _ than con-q'rors we are! _____
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____



-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____ And the things of



earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Ethan Waldrop

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 4

Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. ²And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. ³But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

⁴Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

⁵The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

⁶Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

⁷Again, I saw vanity under the sun: ⁸one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹²And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

¹³Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice. ¹⁴For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been born poor. ¹⁵I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king's place. ¹⁶There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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

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 -

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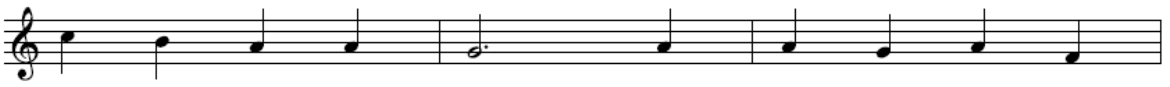
fail - ing; Our help - er He — a - mid — the flood of mor - tal ills pre -
 los - ing, were not the right — man on — our side, the man of God's own
 -do — us, we will not fear, — for God — hath willed His truth to tri - umph
 -bid - eth; The Spir - it and — the gifts — are ours through Him who with us

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.

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. 2/18	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
W. 2/21	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 2/21	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 2/21	6:30 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 2/21	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 2/21	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
Th. 2/22	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 2/22	7:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
F. – Sun.	2/23-2/25	Youth Group Winter Retreat	Camp Hebron
Sat. 2/24	5:30 pm	Young Adult Escape Room Outing	Meet at New Life
Sun. 2/25	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/25	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/25	5:30 pm	Women's Book Club Dinner	Kay Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$33,519.20	\$30,771.52
Week of 2/4/24	\$6,703.84	\$10,155.00

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$40,223.04	\$38,365.69
Week of 2/11/24	\$6,703.84	\$7,594.17

Announcements

- **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.
- **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** at 5:30pm at the home of Connie Kay.
- **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.
- **NLPC Spring Picture Directory:** It's almost time for a new NLPC directory! If you would like to add or update your picture for the next edition, you can either submit a photo to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com, or have your picture taken in Classroom 4 after church on **March 3 or 10**. An old draft of the directory will be in the lobby soon so you can make your additions or updates to your information.
- **Easter Flowers:** Help the church look beautiful on Easter by purchasing a 6-inch tulip or daffodil! You can sign up in the lobby and give payment (\$11 per flower) to Steve Harman or Kelly Steenstra. Last day to place an order is **Sun. March 10**. Take home after the service on Easter day.
- **SILVERS:** Save the date! Join us for lunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant (20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion) on **Sat. March 16** at 1:30pm. Please sign up in the lobby if you plan to join us. Questions? Contact Mel King or Alice Lomax.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be **Sat. March 23** (Rain Date March 30). Doors open at 10am, with the hunt beginning at 10:30. Ages 0-10 are invited! Please invite your community, and please consider signing up to help (erik@newlifeyorkpca.com).

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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