



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 4, 2024

Reflections

Neighboring is not always about being happy and comfortable; it's about allowing God to polish off rough edges. Maturity happens when you put yourself in the place God wants you. Don't run because there's adversity. Maybe God wants to use the adversity to make you more like Jesus. — *Jay Pathak*

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” — *Matthew 22:36-40*

Welcome and Announcements

Will Pope

Prelude

Call to Worship – from *Isaiah 30:15, 18*

Minister: For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

People: “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

Minister: Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you.

People: For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Prayer of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

F F
Gm F C F
C F
C⁷ F C⁷

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F
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C F C⁷

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more, His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

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to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend,
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Your Name

Verse 1

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Verse 2

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

Chorus 2x

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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 – Leviticus 19:33-34

Sue Vester

Prayer of Confession

Our Father,

You tell us repeatedly in your word that the battle belongs to you. Our salvation was accomplished by your son. Our hope for daily strength comes from your Spirit. You are our hope, our righteousness, our refuge, and our rock. We praise you and thank you. We confess, Father, that our hearts are prone to wander. We often turn away from a posture of trusting you. We look at the challenges we face, and we feel overwhelmed. At times, we fail to rely on your promises and your grace. Sometimes that failure to trust leads to actions that dishonor you and wound ourselves and others. Forgive us, we ask, for our hope is in Christ alone. Help us, this week, to trustingly obey you in all things. We ask this in Jesus' 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.

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Verse 2x

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

Bridge

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King

Chorus 2x

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Prayers of the People

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 – *Luke 14:12-14; Matthew 25:34-40; Romans 12:13*

Luke 14:12-14

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Matthew 25:34-40

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

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

O Church Arise



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; Hear the call of Christ our Cap -
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap -
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick -
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give ___ grace for ev - 'ry hur -

4 D A^{7sus} D G/B A/C# D/F# G A^{sus} A



-tain. For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
 -tor; And with the sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
 -en; Then see His foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
 -dle; That we may run with faith, to win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -

8 D D/F# G D/F# A D/F# G D/F# Bm



-en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
 -our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
 -en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - merg - es from the
 -ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

12 A A^{7sus} D G/B A/C#



lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing
 -cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when, with

15 D/F# G A^{sus} A D D^{sus} D



out to those in dark - ness.
 -her - it - ance of na - tions.
 eye and heart shall see Him.
 Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

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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. 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
W. 2/7	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 2/7	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 2/7	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 2/7	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 2/7	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 2/7	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
F. 2/9	5:30 pm	Church-Wide Board Game Night	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 2/10	5:30 pm	SILVERS Outing	Bethlehem Life Church
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	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

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.
- **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.
- **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.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **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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