



# 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

March 10, 2024

## Reflections

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!”  
~ *Psalm 111:10*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

### Call to Worship – from *Psalm 105:1-6, 8*

*Minister:*      *Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people!*

**People:**      **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!**

*Minister:*      *Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!*

**People:**      **Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

*Minister:*      *Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,*

**People:**      **O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

*Minister:*      *He remembers His covenant forever,*

**People:**      **The word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

## Prayer of Praise

# God So Loved

## Verse 1

Come all you weary  
Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more

## Verse 2

Come all you sinners  
Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for

## Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

## Verse 3

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the  
cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

## Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

## Bridge

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

## Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save

## Chorus 2

## Verse 4

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the  
cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

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# Behold Our God

## Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

## Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

## Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all  
things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

## Chorus

## Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

## Chorus

## Bridge

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(REPEAT 6X)  
You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill)

## Chorus

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## Affirmation of Faith – *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men\* and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* that is, humans

\* “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

## Scripture Reading – *Job 28*

*Minister:*        *This is the word of the Lord.*

**All:**                **Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, We confess and grieve our coldness, poverty, emptiness, imperfect vision, languid services, prayer-less prayers, and praise-less praises. Allow us not to grieve or resist you. Come as power, to expel every rebel lust, to reign supreme and keep us yours; Come as teacher, leading us into all truth, filling us with all understanding; Come as love, that we may adore you, and love you above all; Come as joy, to dwell in us, move in us, animate us; Come as light, illuminating the Scripture, molding us in its laws; Come as sanctifier, for body, soul and spirit are wholly yours; Come as helper, with strength to bless and keep, directing our every step; Come as beautifier, bringing order out of confusion, loveliness out of chaos. We submit our lives to you, asking for you to transform our lives, and may others see your glory in and through our lives. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 53:4-5

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

## Thy Word

### Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

### Verse 1

When I feel afraid  
And I think I've lost my way  
Still You're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear  
As long as You are near  
Please be near me to the end

### Chorus

### Verse 2

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to Your side  
I will love You to the end

### Chorus

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## Prayers of the People

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Ministry Moment: Mercy Team Report on House of Hope

*Sue Rothermel*

## 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 6:10-7:23**

<sup>10</sup> Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. <sup>11</sup> The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man? <sup>12</sup> For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?

<sup>7</sup> A good name is better than precious ointment,  
and the day of death than the day of birth.

<sup>2</sup> It is better to go to the house of mourning  
than to go to the house of feasting,  
for this is the end of all mankind,  
and the living will lay it to heart.

<sup>3</sup> Sorrow is better than laughter,  
for by sadness of face the heart is made glad.

<sup>4</sup> The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,  
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

<sup>5</sup> It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise  
than to hear the song of fools.

<sup>6</sup> For as the crackling of thorns under a pot,  
so is the laughter of the fools;  
this also is vanity.

<sup>7</sup> Surely oppression drives the wise into madness,  
and a bribe corrupts the heart.

<sup>8</sup> Better is the end of a thing than its beginning,  
and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

<sup>9</sup> Be not quick in your spirit to become angry,  
for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

<sup>10</sup> Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?"  
For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

<sup>11</sup> Wisdom is good with an inheritance,  
an advantage to those who see the sun.



<sup>12</sup> For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money,  
and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it.

<sup>13</sup> Consider the work of God:  
who can make straight what he has made crooked?

<sup>14</sup> In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one  
as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him.

<sup>15</sup> In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his  
righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing. <sup>16</sup> Be not overly  
righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself? <sup>17</sup> Be not  
overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time? <sup>18</sup> It is good that you  
should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall  
come out from both of them.

<sup>19</sup> Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

<sup>20</sup> Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

<sup>21</sup> Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing  
you. <sup>22</sup> Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

<sup>23</sup> All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me.

**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 I 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**

# Be Thou My Vision

D A/C# Bm G A D

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart  
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true Word  
 3. Rich - es I heed not nor man's emp - ty praise  
 4. High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won

5 A A/G G Asus A

Naught be all else to me and save that Thou art  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me al - ways  
 Thou mine in - her - it - ance now and bright heaven's sun  
 May I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun

9 Bm A G A D A/C# Bm A

Thou my best thought by day or by night  
 Thou my great Fa - ther and Thy true son  
 Thou and Thou on heart ly first in my be - heart  
 Heart of my own heart what - ev - er my be - fall

13 D A/C# Bm G A D

Wa - king in or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light  
 Thou King of me dwell - ing and my I with Thee one  
 High King of of hea - ven and my trea - sure Thou art  
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all

## Benediction – Romans 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

## The Sending

*Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 3/10	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/10	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/10	After service	Photo-Taking for Directory	Classroom 4
Sun. 3/10	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 3/10	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/10	12:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Classroom 2
Sun. 3/10	6:30 pm	Easter Egg Stuffing Party	New Life
W. 3/13	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 3/13	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 3/13	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/13	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 3/14	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 3/14	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 3/14	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 3/16	1:30 pm	SILVERS luncheon	Lion's Pride
Sat. 3/16	5:00 pm	Youth & Young Adult Game Night	New Life
Sun. 3/17	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/17	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/17	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/17	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$60,334.56	\$67,653.61
<b>Week of 3/3/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$13,593.75

## Announcements

- **NLPC Spring Picture Directory:** **TODAY** is the last day for making changes/additions to the upcoming directory. Have your picture taken in Classroom 4 after the service or email a picture to [kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com). Don't forget to mark the old directory in the foyer with any changes or additions.
- **Easter Flowers:** Help the church look beautiful on Easter by purchasing a 6-inch tulip or daffodil! You can sign up in the foyer and give payment (\$11 per flower) to Steve Harman or Kelly Steenstra. Last day to place an order is **TODAY**. Take home after the service on Easter day.
- **Easter Egg Stuffing Party:** To prepare for the March 23<sup>rd</sup> community-wide egg hunt, please join the egg stuffing party **TONIGHT** at 6:30pm. The whole church is invited as we fill approximately 2,500 eggs.
- **SILVERS:** Join us for lunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant (20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion) **this Sat. March 16** at 1:30pm. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to join us. Questions? Contact Mel King or Alice Lomax.
- **Youth & Young Adult Game Night:** The Young Adults would like to invite the youth group to join them at 5pm **this Sat. March 16** for an evening of games and fellowship. Snacks will be provided by the young adults; all are invited to bring a favorite board game. Pick up for the youth is at 8:30pm.
- **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](mailto:erik@newlifeyorkpca.com)).
- **Easter at New Life:**
  - **Sat. March 23 @ 10am:** Community Egg Hunt
  - **Sun. March 24 @ 9:55am:** Palm Sunday Processional
  - **Fri. March 29 @ 6:30pm:** Good Friday Service
  - **Sun. March 31 @ 6:30am:** Sunrise Service, followed by potluck breakfast. Meet at the Henry's home
  - **Sun. March 31:** No Sunday School, with our regular worship service @ 10am.
- **Inquirer's Class:** For those interested in more information regarding New Life's beliefs, theology, history, culture, and membership, please join the "Inquirer's Class." Starting on April 7, the class will meet for 5 weeks during Sunday School in Classroom 2.

- **Engaging Disability Open House:** Engaging Disability with The Gospel is the denominational disability ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). If you want to find ways to enfold individuals with disabilities into the life of the church, come to this free open house on **Sat. Apr. 20** from 9:30-11am at Hope Church in Shippensburg. Find out more at <https://engagingdisability.org/>
- **Save the Date:** Save the date of **Sat. May 4** at 5:30pm for a Fundraiser Dinner for the mission trip to London, LEAP (London Evangelism and Prayer). A very brief program, sharing the details of the trip and closing in prayer, will conclude the dinner.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

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

**Women's Bible Study:** This spring we are 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 9:30-11am at church, or 7-8:30pm 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 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.