



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 17, 2024

Reflections

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”

~ *Proverbs 9:10*

“What a glorious God we have: Maker from the beginning, Judge at the end, and Shepherd all the way through.”

~ *Kathleen Nielson*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – *from Psalm 31:23-24*

Love the LORD, all you his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful

but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

Prayer of Praise

O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove,
 2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,

G D G C C D7 G

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 ▶ It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in whom you do we trust, nor find you to fail,
 whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove!

D D7 G D G D7

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 ▶ it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,

G D G C G D7 G

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 ▶ and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!
 in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat (repeat)

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Chorus

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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 – Jeremiah 9:23-24

Mark Flaharty

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

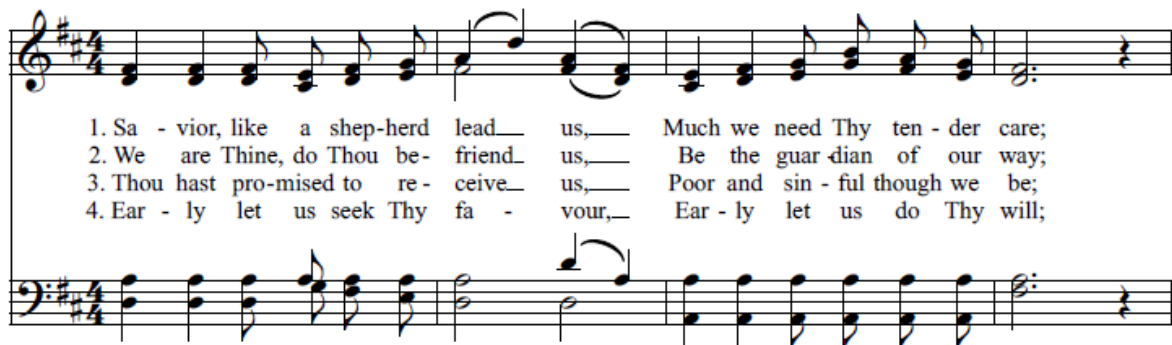
Prayer of Confession

O God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We praise you and thank you for the gift of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank you that you have put us in one body. You have given each of us unique spiritual gifts. We ask your forgiveness for the times that we have failed to steward your gifts well. Some of us have acted in pride in response to your gifts. Some of us have enviously drawn comparison to the gifts of others. Sometimes, we have exalted one gift over another, forgetting that every gift is given for our good and for your glory. At times we have not used the talents that you have given us, living selfishly instead. For these and many other sins in our use of the gifts you have given, we ask your forgiveness. Thank you that in Christ our sins are washed away! Help us, this week and every week, to receive all of your gifts with gratitude and obedient worship. We ask this, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit and 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.

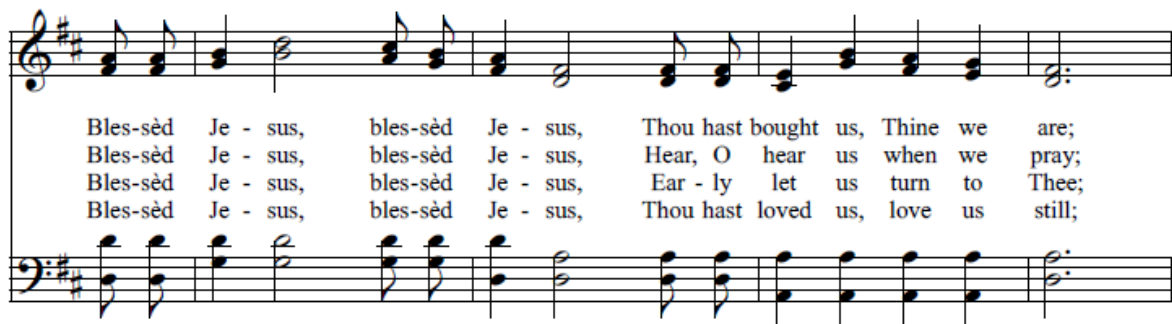
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



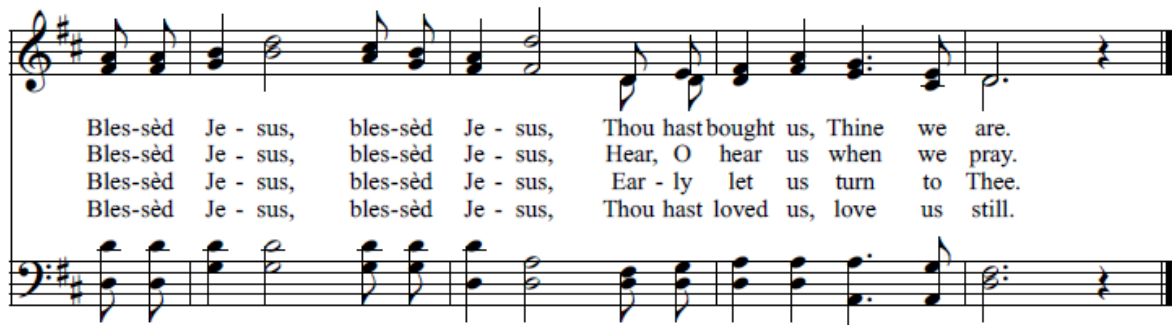
1. Sa - vior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. We are Thine, do Thou be - friend us, Be the guar - dian of our way;
 3. Thou hast pro - mised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vour, Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre - pare:
 Keep Thy flock, from sin de - fend us, Seek us when we go as - tray:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 Bles - sed Lord and on - ly Sa - viour, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bles - sèd Je - sus, bles - sèd Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bles - sèd Je - sus, bles - sèd Je - sus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bles - sèd Je - sus, bles - sèd Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
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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

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 12:1, 9-14*

¹Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, "I have no pleasure in them";

⁹Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. ¹⁰The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.

¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings; they are given by one Shepherd. ¹²My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. ¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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

Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

6 C Dm F/C C F Dm C/E F Dm

-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

11 Am F/A C (C^{sus})(C) F B \flat Gm C Dm F/C C F

An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

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. 3/17	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
W. 3/20	9:00 am	Mom’s +	Classroom 2
W. 3/20	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/20	6:15 pm	Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 3/20	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 3/20	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 3/20	7:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 3/21	9:30 am	Women’s In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 3/21	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 3/21	7:00 pm	Women’s Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 3/23	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt	New Life Lawn
Sun. 3/24	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/24	9:55 am	Palm Sunday Processional	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/24	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/24	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$67,038.40	\$73,243.61
Week of 3/10/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,590.00

Announcements

- **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).
- **Easter at New Life:**
 - **Sat. March 23 @ 10am:** Community Egg Hunt
 - **Sun. March 24 @ 9:55am:** Palm Sunday Processional. Please begin the line at the Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary door and continue down the back hallway.
 - **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.
- **Missionary Visit on March 24th:** A missionary who seeks to evangelize and disciple youth in Muslim majority countries will present during Sunday school and the worship service missions moment on March 24th.
- **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/>
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Marie Salim on **Sat. Apr. 27** at 10am at the church. An evite will be sent out with registry information. Please contact Christy Borch with any questions.
- **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 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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