

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 31, 2024 – Easter

Reflections:

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. – *Matthews 28:6*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from 1 Peter 1:3 and Psalm 117

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Minister: Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

People: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD.

Prayer of Praise

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

f 7

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

f 7

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

This Is Our God

Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin
and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't
escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death
and grave
They were like mountains that stood in
our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath
away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

Chorus

Bridge 1

Who pulled me out of that pit
He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin
Nobody but Jesus

Bridge 2

Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Him

Chorus

Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

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 – *Luke 24*

Bryan McGahan

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have harmed their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus’ sake. And grant that your Spirit, by whom you rose Jesus from the dead, might enable us to walk in your ways, the ways of love, justice, and faithfulness, to the glory of your holy 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.

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus 2x

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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.

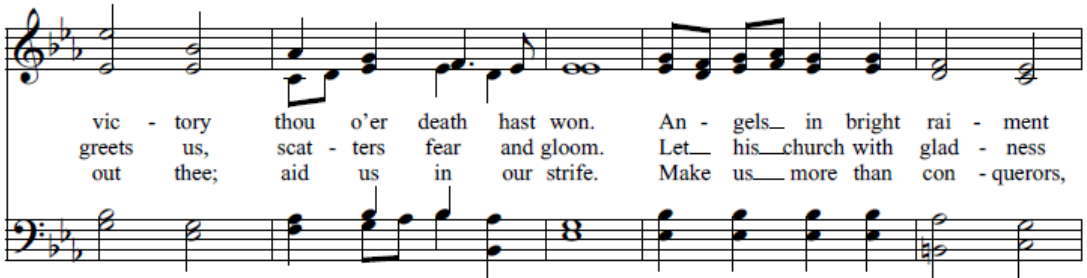
Offering

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:



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son; end - less is the
2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lo - ving - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -



vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bo - dy lay.
death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son;
to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Sermon Notes

Verse 1

I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out of
time
Sin separated the breach was far too
wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

Verse 2

So You made a way across the great
divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it
here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I
owed
Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Chorus

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into
glorious light

Verse 3

You took my place laid inside my tomb of
sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting and life has
no end
For I have been transformed by the blood
of the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge

There is nothing stronger
Than (Oh) the wonder working power
Of the blood the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood the blood

Chorus

Ending

Glory to His name
Glory to His Name
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name

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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

Low in the Grave He Lay



1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!

CHORUS

5 Eb Bb/D Bb Gm C F N.C.

Wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a -
 Vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord!
 He tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord!

10 Bb Eb Bb F7

-rose, with a might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose a vic - tor from the

14 Gm Eb Bb Eb C F

dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -

17 Bb Eb Bb/F F7 Bb

-rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

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. 3/31	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
W. 4/3	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 4/3	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/3	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 4/3	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 4/3	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 4/3	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 4/4	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 4/4	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sun. 4/7	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/7	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/7	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$80,446.08	\$84,180.61
Week of 3/24/24	\$6,703.84	\$4,327.00

Announcements

- **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.
- **Youth Group Events:**
 - The youth are inviting the young adults to join them for an evening of active, outdoor group games on **Fri. April 19** from 6-9 pm.
 - On **Sat. May 11**, from 2-5 pm, the youth will sample ice creams from various York County creameries. Pick up and drop off is at church, and bring \$ with you.
- **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 has been sent out with registry information. Please contact Christy Borch if you didn't receive one.
- **LEAP Fundraiser Dinner:** On **Sat. May 4** at 5:30pm, you are invited to 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.
- **Save the Dates!** Please save the dates for these future events:
 - Servants Work Week, **June 3-7**: Sign up here for the June 3rd work camp: <https://www.servants.org/workcamps>
 - NLPC Vacation Bible School, **July 22-26**
 - 5th Annual Church-Wide Camping Trip, **Sept. 6-8**: There will be a Saturday dinner for the whole church, not just for those camping. Make an online camping reservation ASAP here: <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/codorus-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880316>

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.