



**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

April 14, 2024

## Reflections:

“Faith is not some kind of spiritual energy. It’s realizing that we don’t have the resources for living.” – *Paul Miller*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 135

*Joe Heidler*

*Minister:* Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise,  
O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the  
courts of the house of our God!

**People:** Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is  
pleasant! For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as  
his own possession.

*Minister:* For I know that the LORD is great, and that our LORD is above all  
gods.

**People:** Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in  
the seas and all deeps.

*Minister:* He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth, who makes  
lightnings for the rain and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

**All:** O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You who fear the LORD, bless  
the LORD! Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in  
Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Praise

# Build My Life

## Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

## Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

## Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

## Bridge

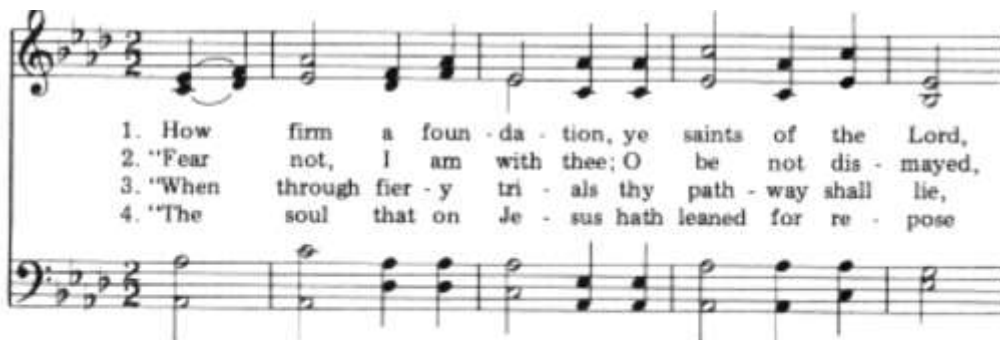
I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken (repeat)

## Chorus

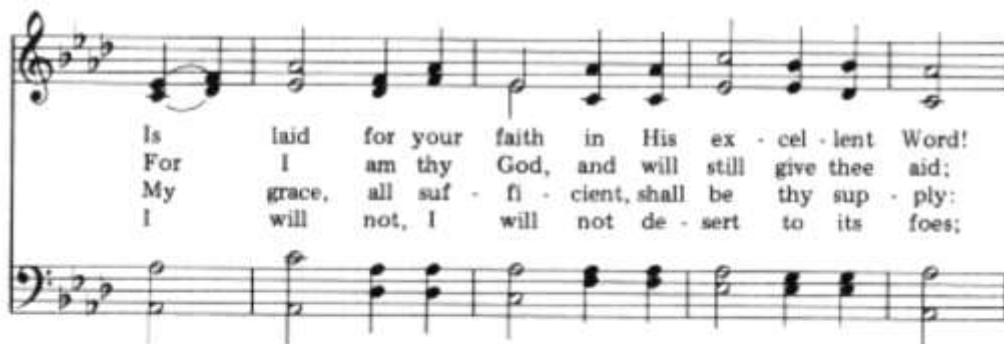
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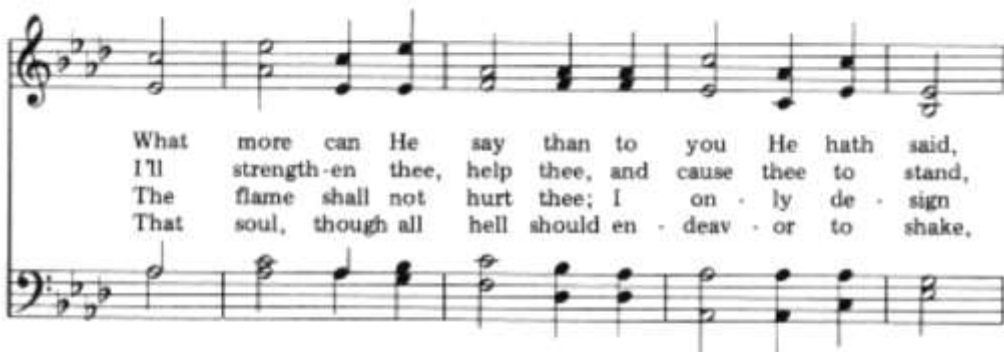
## How Firm a Foundation




1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

## Affirmation of Faith – *Philippians 2:5-11*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Scripture Reading – *Daniel 4:28-37*

*Sue Vester*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer of Confession

Lord God, To you every heart owes allegiance, before you every knee should bow, on you every mind should meditate, for you every hand should labor. We confess, Father, our frequent failures and the shortcomings of our sin. At times our hearts are enticed toward other loyalties, on occasion we serve others beside you, we find that our minds do not stay focused on you, and we acknowledge too much of self in the work of our hands. Have mercy, we pray! Do not give us over to our idols! By the power of your Spirit, soften our hearts, transform our wills, renew our minds, and direct our hands! We ask in Jesus name, amen!

## Assurance of Forgiveness – *1 John 1:9*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

# Christ Is Mine Forevermore

## Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

## Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

## Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

## Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

## Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

## Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

## Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## Chorus 4

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## Prayers of the People

### Mercy Moment – *Servants Ministry*

#### 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 – *1 Peter 2:11-17*

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.



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**

# The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day: Christ on the road to  
 2. Oh to see the pain writ-ten on Your face; Bear-ing the awe-some  
 3. Now the day-light flees now the ground be-neath Quakes as its Mak-er  
 4. Oh to see my name writ-ten in the wounds, For through Your suff-'ring,



Cal-va-ry. Tried by sin-ful men, Torn and beat-en, then  
 weight of sin. Ev-'ry bit-terthought, ev-'ry ev-il deed  
 bows His head. Cur-tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.  
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live.



nailed to a cross of wood. 1. 2. 3. This the power of the cross:  
 crown-ing Your blood stained brow. 4. This the power of the cross:  
 Fin-ished the vict-'ry cry!  
 Won through Your self-less love.



— Christ be-came sin for us. Took the blame,  
 — Son of God slain for us. What a name



— bore the wrath, We stand for-giv-en at the cross.  
 — what a cost, We stand for-giv-en at the cross.

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## Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:28

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

## The Sending

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## This Week at New Life

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Event</b>                       | <b>Location</b>  |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Sun. 4/14   | 9:00 am     | Sunday School for All Ages         | Classrooms       |
| Sun. 4/14   | 10:00 am    | Corporate Worship Service          | Sanctuary        |
| Sun. 4/14   | 11:30 am    | Second Sunday Lunch                | Fellowship Hall  |
| Sun. 4/14   | 12:00 pm    | Young Adult Bible Study            | Classroom 2      |
| W. 4/17     | 9:00 am     | Mom's +                            | Classroom 2      |
| W. 4/17     | 9:00 am     | Wednesday Morning Bible Study      | Classroom 1      |
| W. 4/17     | 7:00 pm     | Music Team Rehearsal               | Sanctuary        |
| W. 4/17     | 7:00 pm     | Youth Discipleship Meeting         | Classrooms 1 & 2 |
| Th. 4/18    | 9:30 am     | Women's In-Person Bible Study      | Aquarium         |
| Th. 4/18    | 11:15 am    | Prayer Meeting                     | Resource Room    |
| Th. 4/18    | 7:00 pm     | Women's Zoom Bible Study           | Zoom             |
| Sat. 4/20   | 6:00 pm     | Youth & Young Adults Outdoor Games | New Life         |
| Sun. 4/21   | 9:00 am     | Sunday School for All Ages         | Classrooms       |
| Sun. 4/21   | 10:00 am    | Corporate Worship Service          | Sanctuary        |
| Sun. 4/21   | 6:00 pm     | Community Groups                   | Kay & Loht Homes |

## Church Financial Summary

| <b>Category</b>          | <b>Budget</b> | <b>Actual</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Year to Date 2024</b> | \$93,853.76   | \$98,999.53   |
| <b>Week of 4/7/24</b>    | \$6,703.84    | \$9,609.17    |

## Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **Spring Directory:** Our 2024 Spring Directory is here! Pick up your copy from the foyer table.
- **Youth Group Events:**
  - **CHANGE IN DATE:** The youth are inviting the young adults to join them for an evening of active, outdoor group games this **Sat. April 20** 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.
- **Young Adults Longwood Gardens Outing:** Young Adults, purchase tickets online ahead of time to visit Longwood at 11am on **Sat. May 4**. Meet at NLPC at 9:30am that Saturday to carpool to Longwood. Afterwards, we will stop at a restaurant to eat before returning home.
- **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. **If you are able to provide food donations for the dinner, please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Direct any questions to Roxanne Malick.**
- **Movie Night:** Invite family and friends to the outdoor movie night, watching *Migration* on **Fri. May 10** at 7pm. The movie starts around 7:45ish. Snacks and drink will be provided; please bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket.

(Announcements continue on next page.)

## Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **Save the Dates!** Please save the dates for these future events:
  - Servants Work Week, **June 3-7**: Sign up here for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> work camp:  
<https://www.servants.org/workcamps>
  - NLPC Vacation Bible School, **July 22-26**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> 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>
- **Women's Summer Book:** This summer we will be reading *Walking Through Fire: A Memoir of Loss and Redemption* by Vaneetha Rendall Risner. Read at your own pace, then join us for a dinner and discussion in August, exact date TBD. Questions? Contact Connie Kay.
- **Volunteer Schedule:** The volunteer schedule for April through June is up in the foyer. Please consider signing up for simple refreshments and/or mowing or weed-whacking. Thank you to all our volunteers!

## 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.

# 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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