



**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

April 21, 2024

## Reflections:

“Our turning to Christ in faith is a real decision we make and is essential if we are to be saved, but we only turn to Christ because God has elected us.” – *Douglas Moo*

“I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” - *Jesus*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 65:1-4

*Minister: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.*

**People: O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.**

*Minister: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.*

**People: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!**

## Prayer of Praise

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed  
 3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re - spon - sive  
 4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at his

pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,  
 from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,  
 to his call, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe,  
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song

and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al  
 and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you  
 and crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -  
 and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

# The Lion and the Lamb

## Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

## Chorus

Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion  
and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

## Verse 2

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

## Chorus

## Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)(repeat)

## Chorus

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## **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 – *Deuteronomy 7:6-14a***

*Connie Kay*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, You tell us that you are light and that there is no darkness in you. You call us to walk in the light, as you are in the light. In obedience to you, then, we walk in the light by confessing our sins. In this last week, we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have loved ourselves rather than loving our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, for we trust in Jesus. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. Thank you for the light of your love. Thank you that you have brought us into fellowship with you and with one another. We ask that you would strengthen us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we would obey our Lord's command to let our light shine before others. Help us to walk in obedience and love. We ask this 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.*

# Thy Mercy, My God

## Verse 1

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

## Verse 2

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

## Verse 3

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

## Verse 4

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine  
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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## Prayers of the People

### Missions Moment

*Marlene Spark*

### 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 – *Romans 9:14-24*

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" <sup>20</sup> But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup> Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? <sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—<sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

### Sermon: Election and Objections

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

### 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**

# And Can It Be

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1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

G D A A<sup>7</sup> D
G/D D G

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

D C G G/D D<sup>7</sup> G D G

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -  
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me?  
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
 Christ, my own.

REFRAIN

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou, my God,

**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. 4/21	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
W. 4/24	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 4/24	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 4/24	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/24	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/25	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 4/25	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Th. 4/25	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 4/27	10:00 am	Baby Shower	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 4/28	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/28	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

**Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$100,557.60	\$108,302.12
<b>Week of 4/14/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$9,302.17

## Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **Mowing/Weed-Whacking:** We have a great need for volunteers for mowing and weed-whacking. Please note that while weed-whacking need only be done every other week, the mowing is needed every week. Please consider this helpful way to spend some time outdoors, and sign up in the foyer. Questions? Contact one of the deacons or the office.
- **Water Only in the Sanctuary, Please:** In an effort to care well for the NLPC sanctuary chairs/carpet, the deacons would request that on a regular basis worshippers refrain from bringing food and drink other than water into the sanctuary.
- **Spring Directory:** Our 2024 Spring Directory is here! Pick up your copy from the foyer table.
- **Youth Group Event:** 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.
- **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. **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.**
- **SILVERS:** Please note that our next committee meeting has been moved to **Wed. May 8** at 6pm in Classroom 4.
- **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.
- **New Attendees' Gathering:** Whether you've attended New Life for one week or one year, please consider coming to the New Attendees Gathering at 6pm on **Fri. May 24** at the Rishel's home. An RSVP is requested by Wed. May 22.

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## 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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