



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 28, 2024

Reflections:

Missions exist because worship doesn't.
– John Piper

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!
- Psalm 117

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – excerpts from Exodus 14 and 15 and Psalm 3

Joe Heidler

Minister: *Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD,
which he will work for you today.*

People: **Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously!**

Minister: *The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;*

People: **this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

Minister: *Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?*

People: **You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have
redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy
abode.**

All: **Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!**

Prayer of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Chorus

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Chorus

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Blessed Be the Lord

Chorus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say Amen—AMEN!

And let all the people say Amen—AMEN!

And let all the people say Amen, O praise the Lord!

Verse 1

Gather us, O Lord our God, from among the nations.

(echo)

Deliver us and save us, O God, God of our salvation.

(echo)

That we may give thanks to your holy name

And show forth all your praise...Alleluia!

Chorus

Verse 2

Praise the Lord give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

(echo)

For His steadfast love endures forever and He is good.

(echo)

We will tell the mighty deeds of the Lord

And show forth all His praise—Alleluia!

Chorus

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

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

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 87*

Brian Fitz

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

All: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Father, for we ask in Jesus' name! Strengthen us, by the power of your Spirit, to walk in newness of life. 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.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Chorus

Ending

Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

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Prayers of the People

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 – *Romans 9:19-29*

You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” ²⁰ 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?” ²¹ 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? ²² 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, ²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As indeed he says in Hosea,

“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’
and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”

²⁶ “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’
there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

²⁷ And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, ²⁸ for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” ²⁹ And as Isaiah predicted,

“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,
we would have been like Sodom
and become like Gomorrah.”

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

We Are God's People

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
W. 5/1	9:00 am	Mom’s +	Classroom 2
W. 5/1	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/1	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 5/1	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 5/1	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 5/2	9:30 am	Women’s In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/2	7:00 pm	Women’s Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 5/4	5:30 pm	LEAP Fundraiser Dinner	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 5/5	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/5	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/5	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$107,261.44	\$113,512.12
Week of 4/21/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,210.00

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- **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.
- **Refreshments:** We also have a great need for volunteers to provide simple post-Sunday-service refreshments. Please consider signing up in the foyer. Thank you to all our volunteers!
- **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.
- **LEAP Fundraiser Dinner:** This **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.
- **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.
- **Young Adults Mini Golf:** Young adults, meet at Rutter's Putters Paradise on **Sat. May 11** at 7pm for min-golf.

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- **Keystone Family Alliance** aims to bridge the gap between the needs of vulnerable children and foster care families and churches. By engineering wraparound church Care Communities, Keystone Family Alliance provides tangible support, prayer, resources, and aid, resulting in foster families who are involved longer and stronger. An orientation meeting is scheduled for **Tues. May 21** at 6:30 pm at New Life to learn more about the possibility of New Life Church journeying alongside a foster family as a Care Community. Nayer Abror will be conducting the orientation, showing videos, and answering questions. The orientation will last approximately an hour and a half. Completing the orientation does not commit you to being on a Care Community, but it will prepare everyone who attends to be able to join one without additional training. If you are interested in learning more about Keystone Alliance and serving in a Care Community, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lobby. There is also a column to indicate if you are able to attend the May 21 meeting. See any member of the Mercy team with questions. Keystone Family Alliance website: <https://www.keyfam.org/>
- **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.
- **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>
- **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.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School for all ages is offered during the 9:00 hour. Children's classes are down the back hallway and age groups marked on the doors. The adults' Inquirers' Class meets in Classroom 2 and the adults' Jeremiah class meets in the Aquarium.

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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