



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 7, 2024

Reflections:

“Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.”
- *the Apostle Paul*

“Now the question before us is this: Should not our heart feel what Paul felt? Should we not grieve over the misery of the lost—especially over our kinsmen? Should we not have the same desire for their salvation that Paul had? Should we not look upon the people at our workplaces with a mixture of sorrow for their condition and longing for their conversion? Can we claim to be biblical Christians if, day in and day out, we work and eat and laugh with unbelievers and feel none of these things?” - *John Piper*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from Psalm 121

Joe Heidler

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Minister: He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber.

People: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Minister: The LORD is your keeper. The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Minister: The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life.

People: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Fount



1. Come, Thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith-er by Thy help I'm come; And I
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! Let Thy

5 D D/F# A D D/F# G D D/A A⁷ D D/F# Em



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me ___
 hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus ___
 grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to ___

9 D F#m G D G/D D D/F# Em D F#m G D A⁷



some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by ___ flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wan-d'ring _ from the fold of God; He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel ___ it, prone to ___ leave the God I love; Here's my

13 D D/F# A D D/F# G D D/A A⁷ D



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

All Sufficient Merit

Verse 1

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's
cross
Where all sufficient merit did what I
could not

Verse 2

In love He condescended eternal now in
time
A life without a blemish the Maker made
to die
The law could never save us our
lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had
finally come

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

Verse 3

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted by the
sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment His
righteousness is mine

Chorus

Verse 4

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation shall be my final
breath
When I stand accepted before the throne
of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for
the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Chorus

Tag

Oh Your merit now my own
Oh Your merit now my own

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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 – *Exodus 32:30-35, 33:12-23*

Tim Loht

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

**There are many times we think we love you well, O God.
But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart,
And all our mind, and all our strength,
We confess that our love for you is a diluted love,
Made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart.
Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus' sake.
Enable us, by the power of your Spirit, to love you as we ought. 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.

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Stories of New Life*

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 9:1-13*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹ For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹² she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³ As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

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

By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His
faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their
hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's
reward
Till the race is finished and the work is
done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would
appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin
and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good
news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are
possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

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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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
W. 4/10	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 4/10	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 4/10	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/10	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/11	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 4/11	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Resource Room
Th. 4/11	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$87,149.92	\$89,390.78
Week of 3/31/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,210.17

Announcements

- **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. **New info: 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.**
- **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.
- **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 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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