



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

May 12, 2024

Reflections:

“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” – the Prophet Joel

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 67 and Jude

Wayne Blanding

*Minister: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples
justly and guide the nations of the earth.*

**People: To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and
forevermore! Amen.**

Prayer of Praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus (2x)

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as
 3. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin. He
 5. Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb, your
 6. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be

3 F C⁷/E F C F F/A

great Re - deem - er's praise; The glo - ries of my
 -sist me to pro - claim; To spread thru all the
 bids our sor - rows cease. 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 loos - ened tongues em - ploy; Ye blind, be - hold your
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and

6 B^b F/C C⁷ F

God and King; The tri - umphs of His grace.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean - His blood a - vailed for me.
 Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
 saints a - bove - The Church in earth and heav'n.

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question & Answer 1

Q: *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

A: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Wayne Blanding

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, You tell us repeatedly in your word that the battle belongs to you. Our salvation was accomplished by your son. Our hope for daily strength comes from your Spirit. You are our hope, our righteousness, our refuge, and our rock. We praise you and thank you. We confess, Father, that our hearts are prone to wander. We often turn away from a posture of trusting you. We look at the challenges we face, and we feel overwhelmed. At times, we fail to rely on your promises and your grace. Sometimes that failure to trust leads to actions that dishonor you and wound ourselves and others. Forgive us, we ask, for our hope is in Christ alone. Help us, this week, to trustingly obey you in all things. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defence
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Mercy Team*

Keystone Family Alliance

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 10:5-13*

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world
see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus 2x

Bridge

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Benediction – John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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. 5/12	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/12	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/12	7:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Swanson Home
W. 5/15	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 5/15	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/15	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 5/15	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 5/15	7:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 5/16	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/16	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Th. 5/16	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
Sat. 5/18	4:30 pm	Springfest	New Life Lawn
Sun. 5/19	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/19	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/19	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$120,669.12	\$128,407.21
Week of 5/5/24	\$6,703.84	\$7,301.00

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **In Honor of All Women:** Ladies, please take a flower before you leave, courtesy of the SILVERS.
- **Offering Box:** The offering box will be moving locations. It will move from the LEFT side of the entryway as you enter the sanctuary to the RIGHT side of the entryway as you enter the sanctuary.
- **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 need for volunteers to provide simple post-Sunday-service refreshments. Please consider signing up in the foyer. Thank you to all our volunteers!
- **NLPC Springfest:** Join us this **Sat. May 18** for a church-wide picnic, complete with lawn games! Please sign up in the foyer to indicate which food you'll be bringing. The fun will begin at 4:30pm.
- **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.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **Deacon's Offering:** There is a deacon's offering that will be taken on **June 9**. The deacons' fund is used to assist members/attenders from New Life during times of need, and it is also used to help people from the community who come to the church during times of need.
- **Save the Dates!** Please save the dates for these future events:
 - 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 (717-577-1589 or conversemkay@gmail.com).

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 7am. Contact Rob Rothermel.

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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