



**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 19, 2024

## Reflections:

“God has assuredly promised his grace to the humble, that is, to those who lament and despair of themselves. But no man can be thoroughly humbled until he knows that his salvation is utterly beyond his own powers, devices, endeavors, will, and works, and depends entirely on the choice, will, and work of another, namely, of God alone. For as long as he is persuaded that he himself can do even the least thing toward his salvation, he retains some self-confidence and does not altogether despair of himself, and therefore he is not humbled before God, but presumes that there is – or at least hopes or desires that there may be – some place, time, and work for him, by which he may at length attain to salvation. But when a man has no doubt that everything depends on the will of God, then he completely despairs of himself and chooses nothing for himself, but waits for God to work; then he has come close to grace.” – Martin Luther

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

### Call to Worship – from Psalm 105:1-5

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.*

## Prayer of Praise

# King of Kings

## Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
  
To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

## Chorus

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

## Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

## Chorus

## Verse 3

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

## Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint  
  
By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

## Chorus

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# Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God,

7 D/A G/A A7 D G D E7/D A/C# Bm7 A7

fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

13 D G6 B/F# Em D/A G/A A7 D

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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## **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 – Isaiah 52:7-15**

*Connie Kay*

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Loving Father, Your word assures us of your love and your care. Yet we confess our anxiety and our fear. You tell us to not fret; we admit that we are often filled with fear. You remind us that you are able to save; we acknowledge that we at times act as if we must save ourselves. You tell us that although we face difficulty we will not be undone. We concede that we sometimes feel undone in the face of trials. Forgive us, we pray! Thank you for your promise that you will not forsake your people! Thank you for sending the Lord Jesus! Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Help us, by your power, to turn from evil and do what is good in your sight. Thank you that you promise a future for all who trust in you. In Jesus's 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.*

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,  
 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

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that I may love what Thou dost  
 un - til with Thee I will one  
 till all this earth - ly part of  
 but live with Thee the per - fect

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love, and do what Thou wouldst do.  
 will, to do and to en - dure.  
 me glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
 life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## Prayers of the People

### Missions Moment

Wayne Blanding

### 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 10:14-21*

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

<sup>18</sup> But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for  
"Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world."

<sup>19</sup> But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,  
"I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;  
with a foolish nation I will make you angry."

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,  
"I have been found by those who did not seek me;  
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me."

<sup>21</sup> But of Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

**Sermon: Who Has Believed Our Report?**

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

**Series: The Gospel of God Concerning His Son**

**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**

# Days of Elijah

## Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

## Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

## Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

## Chorus

## Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah

## Chorus 2x

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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. 5/19	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
Tu. 5/21	6:30 pm	Keystone Orientation	Classroom 1
W. 5/22	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/22	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/23	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/23	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Th. 5/23	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
F. 5/24	6:00 pm	New Attendees Gathering	Rishel Home
Sun. 5/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/26	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$127,372.96	\$146,455.38
Week of 5/12/24	\$6,703.84	\$18,048.17

## Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **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!
- **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 **this 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 **this Fri. May 24** at the Rishel's home. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. An RSVP is requested by **Wed. May 22**.
- **Moms +:** Beginning **June 5**, Moms + will be meeting at the pool of Marlene Spark every Wednesday from 10am-noon. Bring along a snack or lunch for your kids. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson.

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## Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **Deacons' Offering:** There is a deacons' 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.
- **Vacation Bible School:** This year, our Olympics-themed Vacation Bible School will be taking place from **July 22-26**. To volunteer, use the sign-up sheet in the foyer and/or contact Megan Reese.
- **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.
- **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>
- **New Life Communications:** In addition to the weekly announcements in the bulletin, New Life also communicates via:
  - **Emails:** Let both Pastor Erik AND Kelly know if you'd like to be added to their lists.
  - **New Life News:** This is a weekly e-newsletter that comes out on Thursdays at 2pm. Along with a sneak peek at the week's announcements, occasionally there are reflections or information about community events or opportunities. Email Kelly at [kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com) if you'd like to be added.
  - **Facebook Group:** Contact Pastor Erik if you'd like to be added.

## 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+:** Beginning June 5, Moms + will be meeting at the pool of Marlene Spark every Wednesday from 10am-noon. Bring along a snack or lunch for your kids. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson.

**Men's Group:** Currently on break. Stay tuned for the start-up date.

**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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