



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 5, 2024

Reflections:

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” - The Apostle Paul

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 100

Wayne Blanding

Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

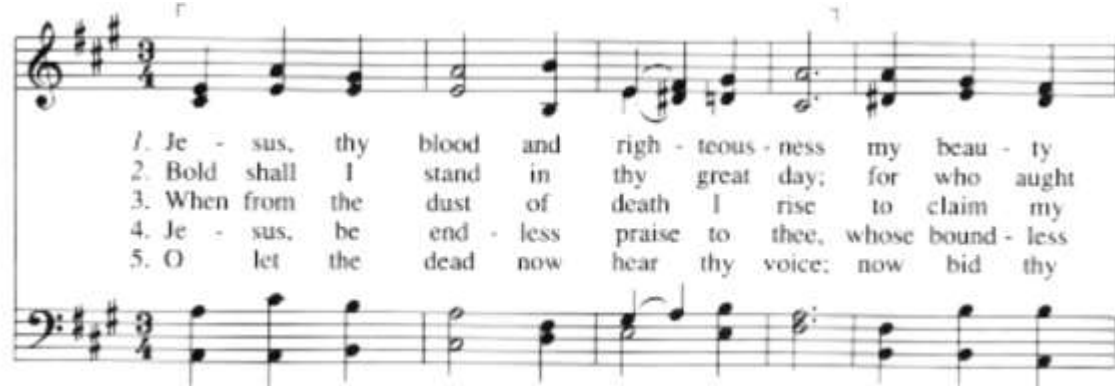
Minister: Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Prayer of Praise

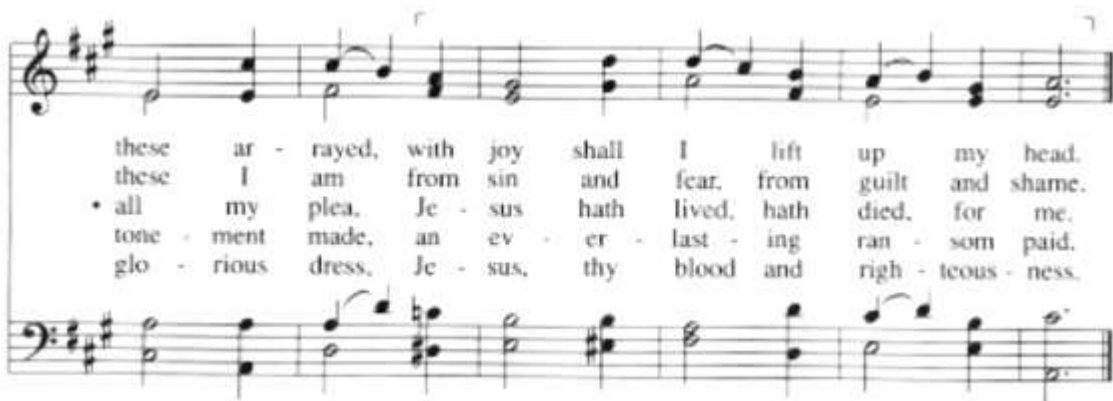
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1. Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness my beau - ty
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day; for who aught
3. When from the dust of death I rise to claim my
4. Je - sus, be end - less praise to thee, whose bound - less
5. O let the dead now hear thy voice; now bid thy



are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved through
• man - sion in the skies, ev'n then this shall be
mer - cy hath for me— for me a full a -
ban - ished ones re - joice; their beau - ty this, their



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head,
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
• all my plea, Je - sus hath lived, bath died, for me,
tone - ment made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid,
glo - rious dress, Je - sus, thy blood and righ - teous - ness.

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 – 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 – Philippians 3:8-11

Mark Flaharty

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we have rebelled against you and ignored your commandments. You love us as children, yet we run from you like prodigals, denying your authority in our lives and breaking your commandments.

All: Forgive us our Father, and have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, and have laid down your life for your flock. Yet we confess that we have strayed as sheep, and ignored our Shepherd. We have sought to be our own saviors through seeking our own pleasures, and pursuing our own selfish agendas.

All: Forgive us Lord Jesus, and have mercy upon us.

Minister: Spirit of Truth, you are the Comforter, and have come to lead us in paths of righteousness. Yet we confess that we resist your work in our lives, and grieve you continuously, failing to do the things you lead us to do, and deliberately pursuing things you lead us away from.

All: Forgive us O Lord, and have mercy upon us.

Minister: Hear us now as we individually confess our sins to you.

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession]

Minister: O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

All: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for your name's sake. Grant us repentant hearts, and keep us close to you. These things we ask for your glory, that your will might be done on earth, and in our lives, even as it is done in Heaven. 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.

In Christ Alone

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 **G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G**

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 **A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#**

Ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 **G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7**

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 **Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A**

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 **D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D**

stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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 9:30-10:4*

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³ as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

10 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. ² For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

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

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus (2x)

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. 5/5	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
W. 5/8	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 5/8	9:00 am	Mom's +	Classroom 2
W. 5/8	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/8	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 5/8	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/9	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/9	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Th. 5/9	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
F. 5/10	7:00 pm	Community Movie Night	New Life Lawn
Sat. 5/11	2:00 pm	Youth Ice Cream Outing	Meet at New Life
Sat. 5/11	7:00 pm	Young Adults Mini Golf	Rutter's Putters Paradise
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	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$113,965.28	\$121,106.21
Week of 4/28/24	\$6,703.84	\$7,594.09

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.
- **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!
- **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.
- **SILVERS:** Please note that our next committee meeting has been moved to this **Wed. May 8** at 6pm in Classroom 4.
- **Movie Night:** Invite family and friends to the outdoor movie night, watching *Migration* this **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:** This **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 this **Sat. May 11** at 7pm for min-golf.
- **NLPC Springfest:** Join us on **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.

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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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