



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

June 2, 2024

Reflections:

“So long as man remains free he strives for nothing so incessantly and painfully as to find someone to worship.” – Fyodor Dostoevsky

“As worship begins in holy expectancy, it ends in holy obedience. Holy obedience saves worship from becoming an opiate, an escape from the pressing needs of modern life.” – Richard Foster

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – *from Psalm 100*

Will Pope

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

Your Name

Verse 1

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name

Chorus

Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name

Verse 2

Jesus in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name

Chorus 2x

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Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - te - ries so bright.
fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Affirmation of Faith – Romans 8:38-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 6

Denise Fitz

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Everlasting Father, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We confess that we have been foolish, have strayed from you and have wandered on our own way. But you have been merciful to us by sending your only begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. We confess that we have not faithfully loved you, or adequately cared for our neighbors. We have not had the same mind that was in Christ, or shared in his humility. Pour out, therefore, your grace upon us that we might enjoy purity of heart and strength of purpose, and in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

He Will Hold Me Fast

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Chorus

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Chorus 2x

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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 11:11-24*

So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Sermon: Jew and Gentile, Grafted into Christ

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

Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. 6/2	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/2	11:45 am	Keystone Care Community Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 6/2	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
W. 6/5	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 6/5	10:00 am	Moms+	Spark Home
W. 6/5	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 6/5	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 6/5	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 6/5	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Sun. 6/9	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/9	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/9	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 6/9	11:30 am	VBS Volunteers Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 6/9	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$140,780.64	\$164,586.01
Week of 5/26/24	\$6,703.84	\$3,643.00

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.
- **Children's Sunday School on Summer Recess:** Starting in June, the children's Sunday school program will be on summer break. Thank you to all the teachers, assistants, and substitutes who make Sunday school possible. The children's Sunday school will resume the Sunday after the fall camping trip; September 15 will be the first day back for the fall.
- **Keystone Care Community Meeting:** Thank you for your interest in Keystone Family Alliance. Keystone provides us with a great opportunity to minister to vulnerable children and their foster family. For those interested in serving in this ministry, we will meet at 11:45 **TODAY**. At that time, we will confirm the number of people committed to being on a care community team and in what capacity they are willing to serve. We need a team leader that will be a liaison between the foster family and the team (checking in once a week with the foster family, passing along family updates, needs, and prayer requests to the team). Please continue to pray for God's leading New Life partnering with Keystone Family Alliance.
- **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.
- **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 Volunteer Meeting:** 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. A meeting will be held for volunteers on **June 9** following the worship service.
- **Adult Sunday School Class:** Starting **June 16**, a 12-week adult Sunday School class will examine the "I am" sayings in the gospel of John.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **Nursery Renovation:** The use of our nursery is expanding! We are changing our layout to make the space more useable. The renovation is scheduled to take place from **mid-June through mid-August**, while Sunday School classes are on summer recess. Please note that the nursery will be temporarily relocated to Classroom 4.
- **Women's Summer Book:** This summer we are 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: Children's Sunday School will resume Sept. 15. Adult Sunday School will meet throughout the summer in the Aquarium room.

Women's Bible Study: Please contact Marlene Spark for questions on our next study, which will begin in the fall.

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 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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