



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

June 23, 2024

Reflections:

“The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about.” - C. S. Lewis

“But the most obvious fact about praise — whether of God or anything — strangely escaped me. I thought of it in terms of compliment, approval, or the giving of honor. I had never noticed that all enjoyment spontaneously overflows into praise unless (sometimes even if) shyness or the fear of boring others is deliberately brought in to check it.” -C. S. Lewis

“To Him be glory forever. Amen” – The Apostle Paul

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 66

Will Pope

Minister: Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

People: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."

Minister: Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf! He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him.

People: He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations— let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Minister: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

People: For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

Minister: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

People: But you brought us to a place of abundance.

Prayer of Praise

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

Verse

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Chorus

Verse (2x)

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How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (repeat)

Chorus

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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 40:12-26

Joy Swanson

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear me as I come to you humbly confessing my sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken your holy laws by my deeds and by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before you my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failure and shortcomings toward you and toward my family, friends, and others. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father; and of your great goodness grant that I may from now on serve and please you in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and 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.

I Come by the Blood

Verse 1

You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place
How can I enter in
When Your presence bears no sin
Through Him who poured out
His life for me
The atoning Lamb of God
Through Him and His work alone
I boldly come

Chorus

I come by the blood
I come by the cross
Where Your mercy flows
From hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand
On my righteousness
My ev'ry hope rests
On what Christ has done
And I come by the blood

Verse 2

You are the high and exalted King
The One the angels fear
So far above me in every way
Lord how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear
Through Him who laid down
His life for me
And ascended to Your side
Through Him through Jesus alone
I boldly come

Chorus

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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 11:33-36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Sermon: Paul's Doxology

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

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Chorus

Verse 3

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Chorus

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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. 6/23	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/23	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/23	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
W. 6/26	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 6/26	10:00 am	Moms+	Spark Home
Th. 6/27	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 6/30	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$160,892.16	\$198,490.70
Week of 6/16/24	\$6,703.84	\$6,060.00

Announcements

- **Lost & Found:** Please check the lost & found table in the foyer. Any items not claimed **TODAY** will be donated to good will.
- **Nursery Renovation:** The use of our nursery is expanding! We are changing our layout to make the space more useable. The renovation is taking place **mid-June through mid-August**, while Sunday School classes are on summer recess. Please note that the nursery is 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.
- **Women in the Word: A Workshop** is a yearly, two-day event that intersperses large group teaching sessions with small group hands-on learning sessions. The workshop this year will be held on **Fri. Oct. 25 and Sat. Oct. 26** with keynote speaker Jenny Filch teaching on Philippians. The cost is \$118. If interested, please see Sue Rothermel for more information. Website: womeninthewordworkshop.org

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Children's Sunday School will resume Sept. 15. Adult Sunday School is meeting throughout the summer in the Aquarium room and is studying the "I Am" sayings in the gospel of John.

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+: During the summer, Moms + is 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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