



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

July 14, 2024

Reflections:

"The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Her Paradise is restored, Heaven opened and the gates of Hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents." - Anonymous

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 67 and Jude

*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

Come Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be.

help us to praise, Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r,
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Even So, Come

Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the
Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus 1

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

Bridge

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

Chorus 2

Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

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Affirmation of Faith – from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q.1: What is the chief end of man?

A.: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q.2: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A.: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Scripture Reading – Daniel 4:34-37

Sue Ann Randall

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, You tell us that you are light and that there is no darkness in you. You call us to walk in the light, as you are in the light. In obedience to you, then, we walk in the light by confessing our sins. In this last week, we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have loved ourselves rather than loving our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, for we trust in Jesus. Thank you for the blood of Jesus, which cleanses us from sin. Thank you for the light of your love. Thank you that you have brought us into fellowship with you and with one another. We ask that you would strengthen us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we would obey our Lord’s command to let our light shine before others. Help us to walk in obedience and love. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Verse 1

O come behold the works of God
The nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our
side
We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men
And still You let them live
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Bridge 2x

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of
all
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still
Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea
The nations rage
I know my God is in control

Chorus 2x

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

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Prayers of the People

Public Affirmation of Membership Vows

*James Spark
Brian & Denise Fitz
John & Roxanne Malick*

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 13:1-7*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Sermon: Church and State

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

Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of
heaven
Who else could make every king bow
down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

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Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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. 7/14	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/14	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/14	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/14	12:00 pm	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 7/14	12:00 pm	VBS Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 7/14	12:30 pm	Young Adults Bible Study	Classroom 2
M. 7/15	Daytime	Nursery Carpet Installation	Nursery
W. 7/17	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/17	10:00 am	Moms+	Spark Home
W. 7/17	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/17	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 7/17	7:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 7/18	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 7/21	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/21	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$181,003.68	\$215,895.87
Week of 7/7/24	\$6,703.84	\$8,037.00

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **Kayaks:** Did you know the church owns two kayaks? If you are interested in borrowing them, contact the office for more details and to complete the request form.
- **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 children's Sunday School classes are on summer recess. Please note that the nursery is temporarily relocated to Classroom 4.
- **Congregational Meeting TODAY:** The session is calling for a congregational meeting TODAY, 10 minutes after the benediction, for the congregation to act on the following recommendations from the session:
 - The congregation approve changing the search from an assistant pastor to an associate pastor.
 - The congregation adopts the current search team as the congregation's search team. The search team currently consists of: Erik Swanson, Wayne Blanding, Susette Grim, Bryan McGahan, Peggy Johns, David Lomax, and Becky Cerha. Erik Swanson would become a non-voting member of the team.
 - The congregation targets a pay package consisting of salary plus housing allowance of \$85,000.An explanation for this called meeting is available at the information table in the foyer.
- **Vacation Bible School Meeting:** All VBS Volunteers are invited to join a meeting **TODAY** to finalize/review plans for VBS. The meeting will occur during Second Sunday Lunch in the Aquarium room.
- **Vacation Bible School Snacks:** There are still a few spots open for helping to provide snacks to our VBS kids! You'll find the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Questions? Contact Ellen Metzger or the office.
- **Vacation Bible School Registration:** Don't forget to register your kids now for VBS (**July 22-26**)! Because our number of EventBrite registrations is limited, we are asking New Life families to register **via email by this Wed. July 17** to Kelly at kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com. If you did not receive an email with registration questions, or need it resent, please contact Kelly.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **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 or the office.
- **NLPC 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 with the link below and book as close to site 88 as possible.
<https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/codorus-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880316>
- **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 or the office 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 or the office.

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 or the office. The daytime group meets every Thursday (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 11:15am. Contact Sue Rothermel or the office.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Contact Joe Heidler or the office 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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