



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 21, 2024

Reflections:

“That Christians, living by faith that works itself out through love, fulfill the very aspiration of those who have tried to live by the Mosaic law. He is not proposing the fulfillment of the Mosaic law as an ideal for the Christian life. He is only reformulating what he already said in 8:4; Christian love does what the law requires.” – Joseph Fitzmyer

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 93

*Minister: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.
The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the LORD on high is mighty.
Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.*

Prayer of Praise

O Church Arise

Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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You've Already Won

Verse 1

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide
Just like You always have

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Verse 3

There's mercy in the waiting
Manna for today
And when it's gone I know You're not
You are my hope and stay

Verse 4

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
I'll say that it is well

Oh I know that it is well

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Bridge

I know how the story ends
We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense
No more fear in life or death

Tag

I know how this story ends

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Tag

I'm fighting a battle You've already won

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 – Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:36-40

Joseph Heidler

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear your voice assuring us that by your wounds we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you became sin for us that we might become righteous in you. Grant that by resting in your righteousness we may hereafter walk in newness of life and live in obedience to your commandments. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Special Music – “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Catherine Kloetzli, LiAnn Natter, Caroline Natter

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3 F(D) C(A) F(D) B(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B(G) F(D) C⁷(A⁷) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Marlene Spark

Membership Vows and Baptism

Michael, Alexis, Makayla, Malia, and Mekhi Shelton

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 13:8-14*

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon: Walking in Light and Love

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

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! — Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion — all is at rest, — I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

4 G C F/C C F⁶ G⁷



-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, — born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, — filled with His good - ness, lost in His

CHORUS

8 C C F C F C/E D



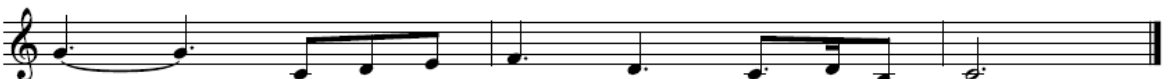
blood. — This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love. —
 love. —

12 G G⁷ C F/C



long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

14 C F⁶ G⁷ C



song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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. 7/21	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/21	11:30 am	Vacation Bible School Set-Up	New Life
Sun. 7/21	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
M. 7/22	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
Tu. 7/23	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
W. 7/24	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
W. 7/24	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 7/25	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
F. 7/26	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School	New Life
F. 7/26	12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School Tear-Down	New Life
Sun. 7/	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$187,707.52	\$226,236.87
Week of 7/14/24	\$6,703.84	\$10,341.00

Announcements

- **New Baby!** Miles Alan Daugherty was born on July 9th. Patrick and Hannah are grateful for a safe delivery and a healthy baby boy. Please consider signing up to drop a meal off at the Daugherty's, as a practical way to support their growing family.
- **Help Requested - VBS Set-Up and Tear-Down:** We would love your help **today** after church and/or **Friday** at noon to help set-up and tear-down Vacation Bible School!
- **Large-Print Bulletins:** These are now available for those who struggle to read the normal-sized print. Ask a greeter or help yourself to one lying on the table just outside the sanctuary.
- **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.
- **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 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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