



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 28, 2024

Reflections:

"He who would correctly and profitably read Scripture should see to it that he finds Christ in it; then he finds life eternal without fail. On the other hand, if I do not so study and understand Moses and the prophets as to find that Christ came from heaven for the sake of my salvation, became man, suffered, died, was buried, rose, and ascended into heaven so that through him I enjoy reconciliation with God, forgiveness of all my sins, grace, righteousness, and life eternal, then my reading in Scripture is of no help whatsoever to my salvation." - Anonymous

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude – “Undefeated”

VBS Kids

Verse 1

The fight is on
I'll hold my ground
I'm gonna crash the lies of the enemy
I won't back down
Cause I'm not alone
With You my God I'll conquer anything

Chorus

In You I have the victory, victory
You're the undefeated
I know that You're the risen king, risen king
You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated

Verse 2

The fight is on
I'll hold my ground
I'm gonna crash the lies of the enemy
When I doubt you won't knock me out
Because I know my God You fight for me

Chorus

In You I have the victory, victory
You're the undefeated
I know that You're the risen king, risen king
You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated

Bridge 4x

I will fight I will rise above
In You my God I am strong enough

Chorus

In You I have the victory, victory
You're the undefeated
I know that You're the risen king, risen king
You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated
Oh, Jesus You're the undefeated

“Undefeated” words and music by Elevation Church Kids

Call to Worship – from Psalm 100

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

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

"God So Loved (Live At The Wheelhouse)" words and music by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

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Great Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God
You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God
You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God
You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God
You have done great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You've done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God
You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God
You have done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

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 – 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O God of all grace, we confess that we are sinners; we seek to glory ourselves and we live for ourselves instead of seeking you above all and glorying in you alone. On our own, we would have no right to come into your presence. In Christ you have given us a Savior. Produce in us a faith to live by him, to make him our desire, our hope, our glory. Preserve us by his grace from this present evil world, so that its smiles never allure us, its frowns never terrify us, its vices never defile us, or its errors never delude us. Cause us to live as strangers and pilgrims in the cities of this earth, knowing that our true citizenship is in the city of heaven, so that all we do may be done to the Savior’s glory; in whose name we pray. 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.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chords: F, C, F, Gm, D, Gm, F, C, F, 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Chords: Bb, F, C7, F, C7, F, C, F, C, F, Gm, D

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing.

Chords: Gm, F, C, F, F, C7, Dm, Gm, C7, F, 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment – *LEAP Report*

Roxanne Malick, Alyssa Vester

Special Music – “He Is the Light”

VBS Kids

Intro

Oh oh

Verse

Jesus is the one who lights our way

Oh (Oh)

He gives us hope for each new day

Oh (Oh)

Pre-Chorus

When the world feels dark and lonely

His love illuminates

He's the one I trust and I will follow him

Chorus

He is the light that breaks through the
darkness

Follow his lead and light it up light it up

Jesus will guide us through every dark
time

Follow his lead and light it up light up the
world

Bridge

I'm gonna follow Jesus

Wherever he will lead me

I'm gonna follow Jesus

All the way-ay

(REPEAT)

Ending

Light up the world

Light up the world

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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 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Sermon: Welcome All Whom God Has Welcomed

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

Hymn of Heaven

Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in
desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Chorus 1

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

Chorus 2

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

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. 7/28	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/28	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
W. 7/31	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/31	10:00 am	Moms +	Spark Home
W. 7/31	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 7/31	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/31	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 2
Th. 8/1	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 8/4	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/4	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$194,411.36	\$231,398.21
Week of 7/21/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,161.34

Announcements

- **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.