



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 7, 2024

Reflections:

“O the comfort! We are not under law but under grace. The gospel is a dispensation for sinners, and we have an Advocate with the Father. *There* is the unshakable ground of hope. A reconciled Father, a prevailing Advocate, a powerful Shepherd, a compassionate Friend, a Savior who is able and willing to save to the uttermost. He knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust; and has opened for us a new and blood-besprinkled way of access to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need.” – John Newton

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Exodus 15:1-3, Rev 11:17

*Minister: Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:
"I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.
The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea.
The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name."
We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.*

Prayer of Praise

Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

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-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

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An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

Jesus Shall Reign

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1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

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ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 thro' to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

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shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice,
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

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 – Psalm 94

Sue Vester

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, we are guilty — of pride and unbelief, of failure to trust in Your Word, of neglect to seek You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate. Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses and selfishness, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You. 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.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

B \flat F C 7 F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

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My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow;
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow;

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if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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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 12:9-21*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon: Let Love Be Genuine

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

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Verse 1

Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy came in Christ
to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace

Verse 2

Hear the call of the kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven the humility of
Christ
Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through
us

Chorus

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to
proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

Verse 3

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him

Chorus

King of heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion filled with power to
proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name

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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. 7/7	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/7	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/7	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
W. 7/10	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/10	10:00 am	Moms+	Spark Home
W. 7/10	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/10	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
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	Young Adults Bible Study	Classroom 2

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$174,299.84	\$207,858.87
Week of 6/23/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,176.17

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **Giant Cards:** If you shop at Giant and would like to help for “free,” we have gift cards available! When we buy them in bulk, we receive a 5% discount. We then sell the cards to you at face value and the 5% discount gets applied to the Short-Term Missions Fund. Wayne Blanding will be out in the foyer today after the service if you are interested!
- **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 on July 14th:** The session is calling for a congregational meeting on July 14th, 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 digitally (admin@newlifeyorkpca.com) or at the information table in the foyer.
- **Vacation Bible School:** 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** to Kelly at kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com. If you did not receive an email with registration questions, or need it resent, please contact Kelly.
- **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.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **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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