



**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

August 11, 2024

## Reflections:

“Exercise your thoughts upon this very thing, the eternal, free, and fruitful love of the Father, and see if your hearts be not wrought upon to delight in him.”

– John Owen

“*Your* life doesn’t *disprove* Christ’s love; *his* life *proves* it.” – Dane Ortlund

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 107

*Joe Heidler*

*Minister:* Give thanks to the LORD!

**People:** For he is good; his love endures forever.

*Minister:* Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

**People:** For he is good; his love endures forever.

*Minister:* Those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.

**People:** For he is good; his love endures forever.

## Prayer of Praise

# A Mighty Fortress



1. A might - y for - tress is \_\_\_\_\_ our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2. Did we in our \_\_\_\_\_ own strength - con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3. And tho' this world, - with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4. That word a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

4 Dm G C C/E C G Em Am D G Am Em F C Am



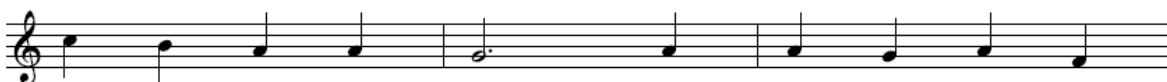
fail - ing; Our help - er He \_\_\_\_\_ a - mid \_\_\_\_\_ the flood of mor - tal ills pre -  
 los - ing, were not the right - man on \_\_\_\_\_ our side, the man of God's own  
 -do \_\_\_\_\_ us, we will not fear, - for God \_\_\_\_\_ hath willed His truth to tri - umph  
 -bid - eth; The Spir - it and \_\_\_\_\_ the gifts \_\_\_\_\_ are ours through Him who with us

8 Dm G C Am G/B D G C G/B C F G<sup>7</sup>/D Am E/G<sup>#</sup>



-vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe - His  
 choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He - Lord  
 thru \_\_\_\_\_ us. The prince of dark - ness grim, we trem - ble not for him - His  
 sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so. The

13 Am E/B Am/C D G F F/A C A/C<sup>#</sup> Dm



craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cru - el  
 Sab - a - oth His name, from age to age the  
 rage we can en - dure, for lo, his doom is  
 bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth

16 E Am Em F C Am Dm G C



hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 same, and He must win the bat - tle.  
 sure: One lit - tle word shall fell \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
 still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

# Awesome God

## Chorus

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God

*"Awesome God" words and music by Rich Mullins*

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## **Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples*

## **Scripture Reading – *Exodus 18***

*Joy Swanson*

*Minister: This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: we confess that we have not fully lived as those who are one with you. We have been more caught up in the world’s allure than in the majesty of your glory; we have not made the truth of the gospel the center of our attention and hope; we have failed to make your concerns our own. Forgive us, and fill us with love and awe for your holy name, that we might show forth your great glory, O Lord; for you are three persons in one God, world without end. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Zephaniah 3:14-15***

*Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.*

# Be Still My Soul



1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Be still, my soul! When dear - est friends de - part \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Be still, my soul! The hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Be still, my soul! Be - gin the song of praise \_\_\_\_\_



— Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy  
 — to guide the fu - ture as He has the past. Thy hope, thy  
 — and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears. Then shalt thou  
 — when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -  
 — on earth be - liev - ing to thy Lord on high. Ac - knowl - edge



God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_ In ev - 'ry change He  
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_ All now mys - te - rious  
 bet - ter know His love, His heart; \_\_\_\_\_ Who comes to soothe thy  
 -point - ment, grief, and fear are gone; \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row for - got, love's  
 Him in all thy words and ways; \_\_\_\_\_ So shall He view thee



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'n - ly  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still  
 sor - row and thy fears. Be still, my soul! Thy Je - sus can re -  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul! When change and tears are  
 with a well - pleased eye. Be still, my soul! The Sun of life di -



Friend \_\_\_\_\_ through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 know \_\_\_\_\_ His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 -pay \_\_\_\_\_ from His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 past, \_\_\_\_\_ all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.  
 -vine \_\_\_\_\_ through pass - ing clouds shall but more bright - ly shine.

## Prayers of the People

**Ministry Moment:** *Keystone Family Alliance*

### 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 – 1 Timothy 3:1-13

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup>Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup>not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup>He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup>for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. <sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.



**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**

## The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the mom of song,  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

**Benediction – Philippians 4:23**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*

**The Sending**

*Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**This Week at New Life**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 8/11	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/11	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/11	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/11	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2
Tu. 8/13	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 2
W. 8/14	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/14	10:00 am	Moms +	Spark Home
W. 8/14	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 8/15	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 8/18	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/18	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/18	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

**Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$207,819.04	\$246,068.21
<b>Week of 8/4/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$8,178.89

## Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **Refreshments:** Thanks to all who signed up for refreshments! We still have 2 available slots for Sunday post-service refreshments. Please see the volunteer sheet in the foyer and sign up if you'd like to feed your friends. Remember, you can keep it very simple!
- **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.
- **SILVERS** will be having a picnic at Alice and Dave Lomax's house on **Sat. Aug. 24** at 4pm. If planning to attend, please sign up in the foyer.
- **Elder and Deacon Nominations in September:** For the month of September, members may nominate men for the offices of elder or deacon. In the church foyer, please pick up the brochure describing the qualifications and process for nominations. The sermon topic for two Sundays in August will be on the character and calling of an elder and deacon.
- **NLPC 5<sup>th</sup> 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's Bible Study:** Come and join us as we see God working in *Acts*. We will be using Nancy Guthrie's new book study *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*. There are two study groups to choose from: **Thursday mornings** (in-person in the Aquarium room 9:30-11am **beginning Sept. 12**) or **Tuesday evenings** (on Zoom 7-8:15pm **beginning Sept. 17**). This study will last 9 weeks in the fall, and we will complete the study in the spring. The price of the books will be approximately \$20 and will cover both this fall session and the spring session. Scholarships are available! Books will be pre-ordered Aug. 20. For more information, to sign up, and/or to have the book and study guide ordered for you please contact Marlene Spark or the office.
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Catherine Kloetzli on **Sat. Sept. 14** at 10am at the church. An evite will be sent out with registry information. Please contact Christy Borch with any questions.

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## Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **Community Movie Night:** On **Fri. Sept. 20** at 7pm (rain date Sept. 21), NLPC will host an outdoor movie night showing *The Lego Movie*. Invite your family and friends to come early for lawn games. Guests should bring camp chairs or picnic blankets. Snacks/drinks will be provided. If you can help volunteer with this event, please contact Pastor Erik.
- **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](http://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:** We will be studying *Acts* using Nancy Guthrie's *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*, Crossway Publishing, 2024. This is a 9-week study. Dates and Times: **Thursdays** 9:30-11 am, at church, **beginning Sept. 12** or **Tuesdays** 7-8:15 pm on Zoom, **beginning Sept. 17**. Please contact Marlene Spark or the office for details.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in Classroom 1 at 9am.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> **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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