



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.

Worshipping God

August 18, 2024

Reflections:

"Those that are weak in grace... dwell more upon their sins than upon a Savior; more upon their misery than upon free grace and mercy; more upon that which may feed their fears, than upon that which may strengthen their faith; more upon the cross, than upon the crown; more upon those that are against them, than those that are for them..." - Thomas Brooks, *The Unsearchable Riches of Christ*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Isaiah 12

Minister: *We will praise you, O LORD. Though you were angry with us, your anger has been turned away, and you have comforted us.*

People: **The LORD, the LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation. We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

Minister: *Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.*

People: **Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Prayer of Praise

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

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His Glory and My Good

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Chorus 2

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good
For I know His glory is my good

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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 – *Titus 1:5-9*

Mark Flaharty

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – *from Psalm 25*

To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls; in you we trust, O our God. No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame. Show us your ways, O LORD, teach us your paths; guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long. Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways; according to your love remember us, for you are good, O LORD. For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive our iniquity, for it is great. Look upon our affliction and our distress and take away all our sins. Guard our lives and rescue us; let us not be put to shame for we take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect us, because our hope is in you. Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles! 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 Thou My Vision

D A/C# Bm G A D
 1 Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my true heart
 2 Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou of my true Word
 3 Rich - es I heed not and nor man's emp - ty praise
 4 High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won

5 A A/G G Asus A
 Naught be - all else to me save that Thou art
 I ev - er in - her with Thee and now with me al - Lord
 Thou mine I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's ways
 May I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun

9 Bm A G A D A/C# Bm A
 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Thou my great Fa - ther and Thy true son
 Thou and Thou on - ly what I first in my heart
 Heart of my own heart what - ev - er be - fall

13 D A/C# Bm G A D
 Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with Thee one
 High King of hea - ven and my trea - sure Thou art
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Missions*

Holly Wirt

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 Peter 5:1-5*

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

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

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

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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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
W. 8/21	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/21	10:00 am	Moms +	Spark Home
W. 8/21	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 8/21	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship Meeting	Classrooms 1 + 2
Th. 8/22	11:15 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sat. 8/24	4:00 pm	SILVERS Picnic	Lomax Home
Sun. 8/25	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/25	6:00 pm	Women’s Summer Book Dinner	Kay Home
Sun. 8/25	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$214,522.88	\$254,632.21
Week of 8/11/24	\$6,703.84	\$8,564.00

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!
- **SILVERS** will be having a picnic at Alice and Dave Lomax's house **this Sat. Aug. 24** at 4pm. If planning to attend, please sign up in the foyer.
- **Women's Summer Book Dinner and Discussion:** Ladies, join us **next Sun. Aug. 25** at 6pm at the home of Connie Kay to discuss the book *Walking Through Fire: A Memoir of Loss and Redemption* by Vaneetha Rendall Risner. Please bring a dish to share and a group question or insight for discussion. Questions? Contact Connie or the office.
- **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 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>
- **Moms+:** This Wed. Aug. 21 from 10am-noon will be our last meeting of the summer at the pool of Marlene Spark. The fall study and kids' classes will begin meeting every **Wednesday** from 9-11am **beginning Sept. 11**. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson or the office.
- **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 **this Tues. Aug. 20**. For more information, to sign up, and/or to have the book and study guide ordered for you please contact Marlene Spark.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **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.
- **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

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+: The fall study and kids' classes will begin meeting every Wednesday from 9-11am beginning **Sept. 11**. 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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