



**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

September 1, 2024

## Reflections:

“Every good thing we could think or desire is to be found in this same Jesus Christ alone. For, he was sold, to buy us back; captive, to deliver us; condemned, to absolve us; he was made a curse for our blessing, sin offering for our righteousness; marred that we may be made fair; he died for our life; so that by him fury is made gentle, wrath appeased, darkness turned into light, fear reassured, despicable despised, debt canceled, labor lightened, sadness made merry, misfortune made fortunate, difficulty easy, disorder ordered, divisions united, ignominy ennobled, rebellion subjected, intimidation intimidated, ambush uncovered, assaults assailed, force forced back, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, the abyss sunk into the abyss, hell transfixed, death dead, mortality made immortal.” - John Calvin

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 68

*Wayne Blanding*

*Minister: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the Lord; exult before him!  
Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
is God in his holy habitation.*

*God settles the solitary in a home;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.*

## Prayer of Praise

# Praise to the Lord the Almighty



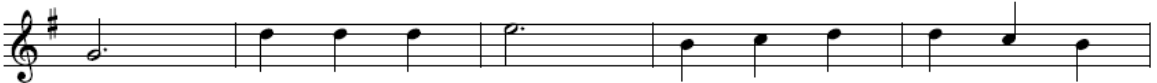
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made  
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

6 G G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C D7



-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va -  
 -eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain -  
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend  
 thee; Health hath vouch - safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath stayed  
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

12 G G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D7/A G/B



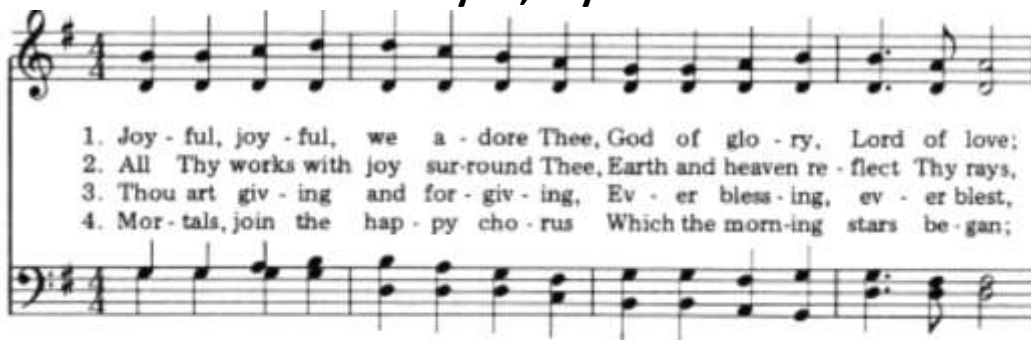
-tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw  
 -eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
 thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can  
 thee. What need or grief ev - er hath failed of re -  
 Him! Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

17 D G/B C D7/A Em C B7 C D7 G Fine

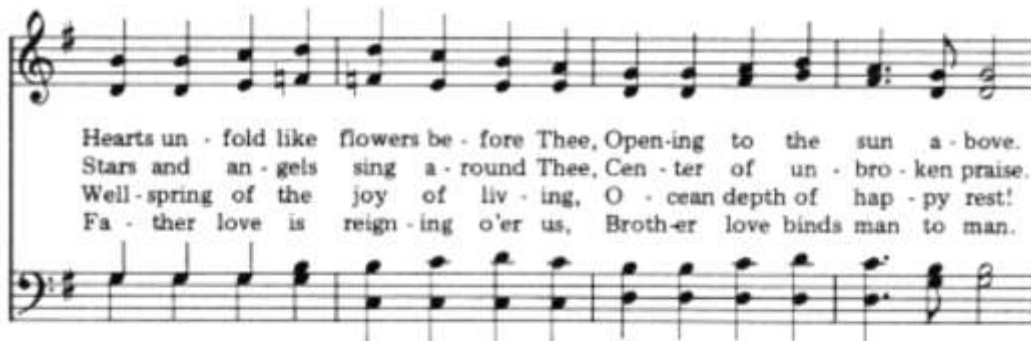


near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 do, if with His love he be - friend thee.  
 -lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.  
 -gain; Glad - ly for aye (all) we a - dore Him.

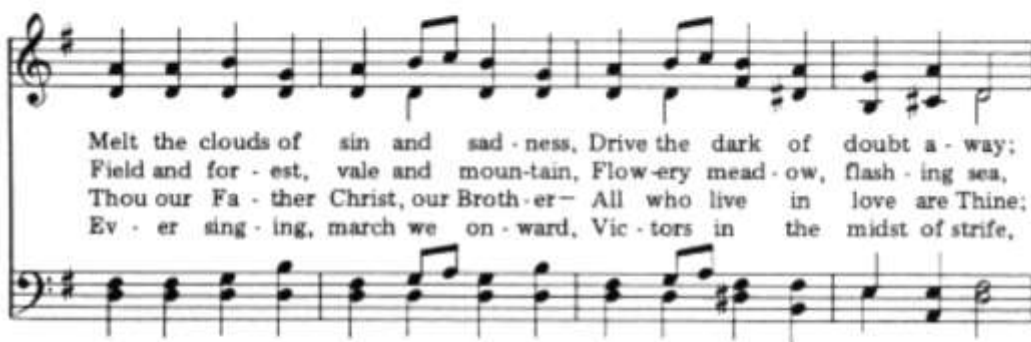
# Joyful, Joyful



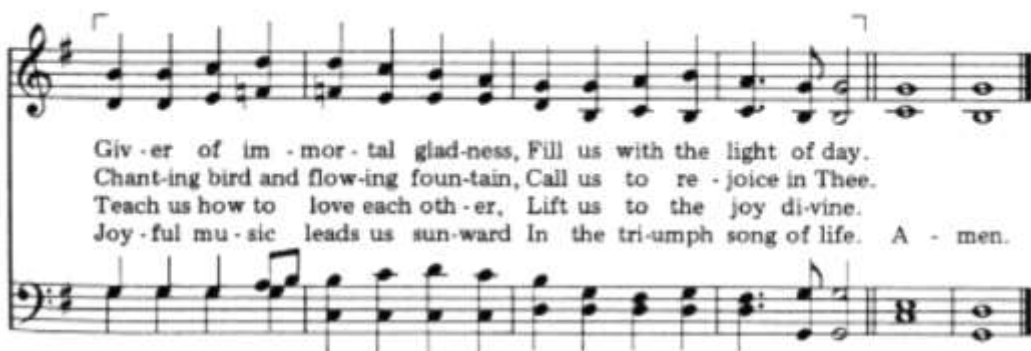
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er - All who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

## **Affirmation of Faith – *Colossians 1:15-20***

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

## **Scripture Reading – *Hebrews 10:19-25***

*Bryan McGahan*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Good and gracious Father, we have heard the way of kingdom living, and we confess we fall short. You see our sin and stumbling, our rebellion and neglect of your law. Jesus, Lord of Mercy, you paid the penalty of our sins upon the cross. Forgive us, we pray, for so quickly and persistently taking them up again. As our sin was nailed to the cross with you, so may we live for you now. As we turn from our iniquity and mortify our lusts, take away our love of sinning, even as you have taken away our guilt for sinning. Holy Spirit, cleanse us, restore us, and give us a passion for works of new obedience to your Word. With full confidence in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

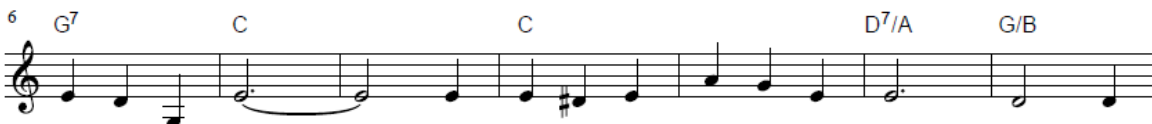
## **Assurance of Forgiveness – *Titus 2:11-14***

*For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

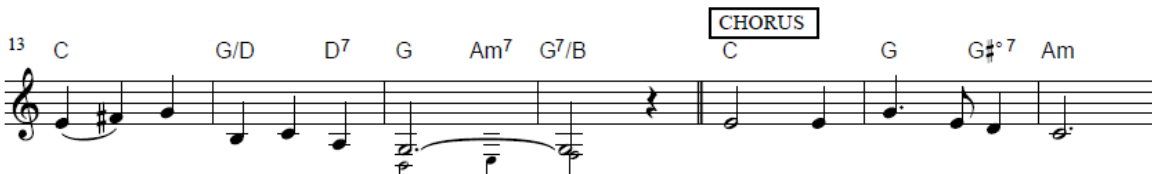
# Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus



1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the  
 2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we  
 3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



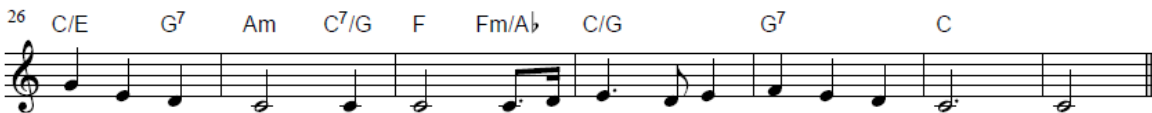
dark - ness you see? \_\_\_\_\_ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and  
 fol - low Him there; \_\_\_\_\_ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion- for  
 all will be well: \_\_\_\_\_ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His



life more a - bun - dant and free! \_\_\_\_\_ Turn your eyes up - on Je -  
 more \_ than con - q'rors we are! \_\_\_\_\_  
 per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! \_\_\_\_\_



-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; \_\_\_\_\_ And the things of



earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. \_\_\_\_\_

# Prayers of the People

## New Members Vows

*Andy and Sherry Rishel*

## 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 14:13-23*

Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. <sup>14</sup> I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. <sup>15</sup> For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup> So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. <sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup> Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. <sup>19</sup> So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

<sup>20</sup> Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. <sup>21</sup> It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. <sup>22</sup> The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. <sup>23</sup> But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.



**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**

# Cornerstone

## Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

## Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil

## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

## Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne

## Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all  
(REPEAT)

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## Benediction – 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

## 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. 9/1	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 9/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/1	11:30 am	Giant gift cards sale	Foyer
Sun. 9/1	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
W. 9/4	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/4	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 9/4	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/4	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 9/4	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
F. 9/6 – Sun. 9/8		5 <sup>th</sup> Annual NLPC Camping Trip	Codorus State Park
Sat. 9/7	5:30 pm	Church-Wide Picnic	Codorus State Park, Site 88
Sun. 9/8	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School: 1 Samuel	Aquarium
Sun. 9/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/8		NO Second Sunday Lunch	

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$227,930.56	\$266,393.38
Week of 8/25/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,081.00

## 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!
- **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 at 5:30pm 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>
- **NO 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch this month:** In lieu of September's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck, we will instead be having a Saturday night picnic on the 7<sup>th</sup>. See Camping announcement above.
- **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.
- **Women's Bible Study:** If you have not signed up for the Women's Bible Study on the book of *Acts*, there is still time. For more information or to sign up, 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

- **Fall 2024 Sunday School Plans:**

- **Youth and Children's** classes will resume on Sept. 15. Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> meets in classroom 5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 4, 5-8<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 3, and 9-12<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 1.

- Two **adult** classes will be offered this fall:

- A bible study of 1 Samuel. Meet in the Aquarium room, off of the fellowship hall. Begins Sept. 8.
    - An overview and discussion of the book *Biblical Critical Theory*. "Biblical critical theory exposes and evaluates the often-hidden assumptions and concepts that shape late-modern society, examining them through the lens of the biblical story running from Genesis to Revelation." Meet in classroom 2. Begins Sept. 15.

- **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: [womenintheworkshop.org](http://womenintheworkshop.org)

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education: Youth and Children's classes** will resume on Sept. 15. Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> meets in classroom 5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 4, 5-8<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 3, and 9-12<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 1. **Two adult classes** will be offered this fall: one studying 1 Samuel and meeting in the Aquarium room, the other studying the book *Biblical Critical Theory* and meeting in Classroom 2.

**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 Will Pope 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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