



**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

October 6, 2024

## Reflections:

“[Christ’s] love is infinite, without bounds of limits; it is superlative, without comparison; transcendent, beyond comprehension; everlasting, without change; and will have no end or conclusion. He loved them when they were polluted in their sins, and washed them with His own blood; He loved them when they were naked in their souls, and clothed them with robes of His righteousness. He loves them in their sickness and sorrows, and is their comforter; he loves them in their wants and straits, and is their Benefactor. He loves them in life, and is the life of their souls; He loves them at death, and is the stay of their hearts; and He loves them after death, and will be their portion forever.” - *Thomas Vincent*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 29

*Will Pope*

*Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

*Minister: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters...*

**People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

*Minister: May the LORD give strength to his people!*

**All: May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

## Prayer of Praise

# Build My Life

## Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever  
bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
breathe  
We live for You

## Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

## Chorus

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me  
who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around  
me

## Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken (repeat)

## Chorus

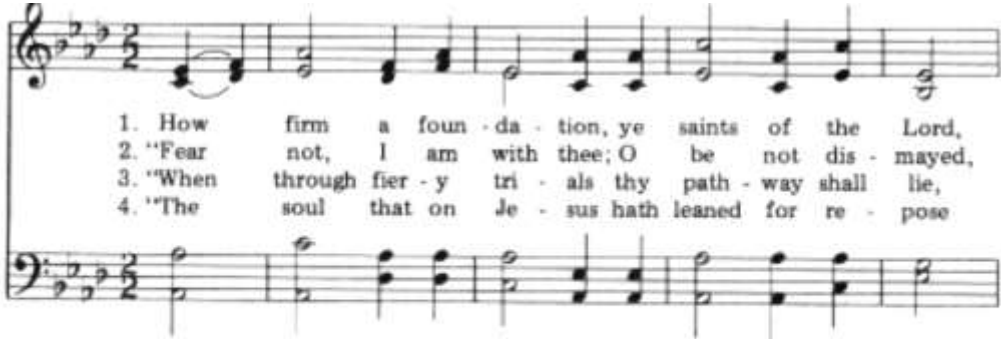
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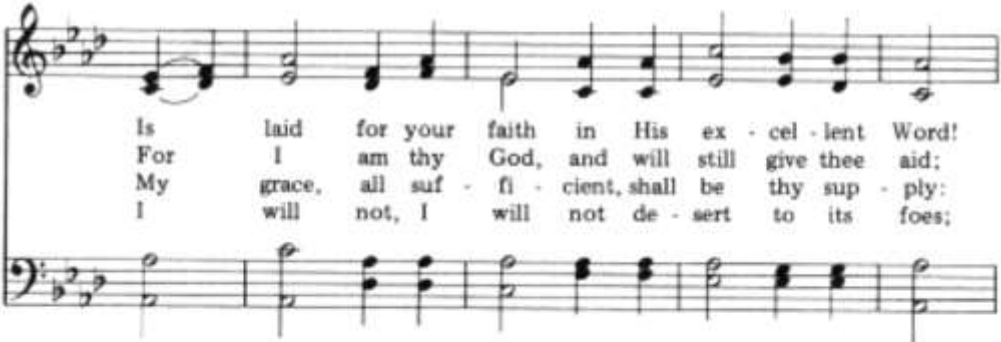
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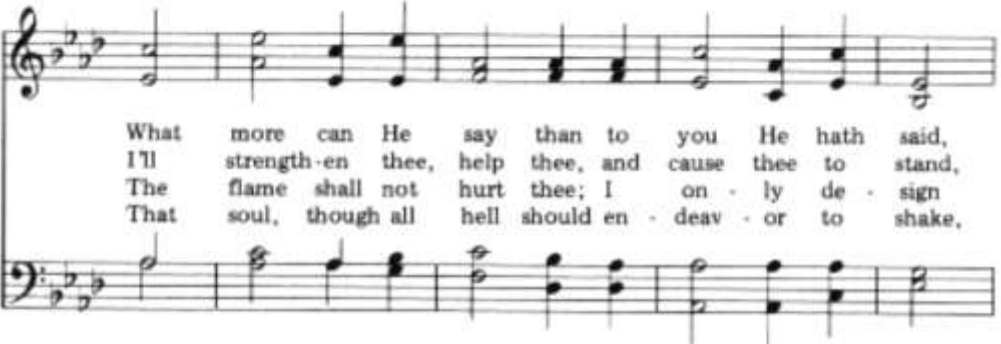
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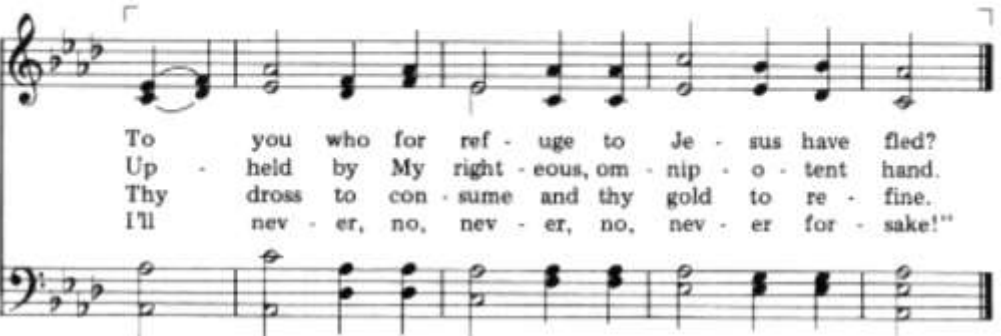
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,  
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

**Affirmation of Faith – Romans 8:38-39**

**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Scripture Reading – Titus 1:9-2:1**

*Sue Ann Randall*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Our Father, You have not left us alone. As your Son promised, you have given us your Spirit. We are in need of daily guidance. Yet, we confess that we often fail to listen to you. We have a tendency to grieve the Spirit by going our own way. Rather than wait upon you and listen to your word, we often go off on our own. We repent of this sin, and we ask that you would guide us. Please direct our path. Lead us. We submit our lives to you, for we come in Jesus' name, 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.*

# He Will Hold Me Fast

## Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

## Chorus

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

## Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

## Chorus

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

## Verse 3

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

## Chorus 2x

He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

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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 16:17-23*

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. <sup>18</sup>For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. <sup>19</sup>For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. <sup>20</sup>The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

<sup>21</sup>Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

<sup>22</sup>I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.

<sup>23</sup>Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.



**Sermon: Hold to Sound Teaching**

*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**

# O Church Arise

## Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness

## Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died  
An inheritance of nations

## Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him

## Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

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**Benediction – Romans 15:13**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

**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. 10/6	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/6	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/6	11:30 am	Ministry Fair	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 10/6	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 10/6	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
Tu. 10/8	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/9	7:00 am	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 10/9	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/9	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/9	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/10	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/10	11:00 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Sun. 10/13	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/13	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/13	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 10/13	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$254,745.92	\$294,809.09
<b>Week of 9/22/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$5,990.17

## Announcements

- **Refreshments:** Thanks to all who signed up for refreshments this quarter! The new quarter's sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer so that you can volunteer to feed your friends! Remember, you can keep it very simple!
- **Ministry Fair:** After church **TODAY**, various ministry leaders will be in the fellowship hall to share information regarding opportunities at New Life for service and for spiritual growth.
- **Inquirers' Class:** Interested in learning more about New Life as a church? On Sundays at 4pm, starting **Oct. 20** and lasting 5 weeks, come to Classroom 1 to learn more about the church's convictions, history, and membership.
- **Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for **Sept. 5-7, 2025** for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NLPC camping trip. We will camp at Codorus State Park. Book as close to site 88 as you can. A limited number of cabins are available.

## Groups for Fellowship and Growth

**Christian Education: Youth and Children's classes:** 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 this fall:** one studying 1 Samuel and meeting in the Aquarium room and the other studying the book *Biblical Critical Theory* and meeting in Classroom 2.

**Women's Bible Study:** We are studying *Acts* using Nancy Guthrie's *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*, Crossway Publishing, 2024. This is a 9-week study, ending Nov. 7 or 12. Dates and Times: **Thursdays** 9:30-11am at church or **Tuesdays** 7-8:15pm on Zoom. 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 meet every Wednesday from 9:45-11:45am. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson or the office.

**Men's Group:** Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 7-8am in the fellowship hall.

**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 11am. 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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