



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 15, 2024

Reflections:

If God desires every knee to bow to Jesus and every tongue to confess him, so should we. We should be “jealous” (as Scripture sometimes puts it) for the honour of his name -- troubled when it remains unknown, hurt when it is ignored, indignant when it is blasphemed, and all the time anxious and determined that it shall be given the honour and glory which are due to it. The highest of all missionary motives is neither obedience to the Great Commission (important as that is), nor love for sinners who are alienated and perishing (strong as that incentive is, especially when we contemplate the wrath of God) but rather zeal -- burning and passionate zeal -- for the glory of Jesus Christ. ... Before this supreme goal of the Christian mission, all unworthy motives wither and die. - *John Stott*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 47

Wayne Blanding

Minister: *Clap your hands all you nations! Shout to God with cries of joy!*

People: **For the LORD Most High is to be feared. He is the great King over all the earth.**

Minister: *He subdues nations under us, peoples under our feet.*

People: **He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

Minister: *God is the King of all the earth. Sing to him a song of praise.*

People: **God reigns over the nations. God is seated on his holy throne.**

Minister: *The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham.*

People: **For the kings of the earth belong to God. He is greatly exalted.**

Prayer of Praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death
(REPEAT)

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Completely Known, Completely Loved

Verse 1

Completely known completely loved
My heart is seen by God above
Should I now run dare hide my face
When in His eyes there is only grace

Verse 2

Completely free the shame is gone
The highest Judge took all my wrongs
And set them on His only Son
He bore my sin I bear His love

Chorus

Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me

Verse 3

Completely His how can it be
That God would set His heart on me
Loved not for works that I have done
But long before time had begun

Chorus

Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me

Verse 4

Completely saved the work is done
The curse the grave is overcome
For with that dawn there rose a King
Now heaven's smile shines over me

Chorus

Completely known completely loved
I'm covered by my Savior's blood
I'm robed in white and God is pleased
To see His Son when He looks on me
(REPEAT)

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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 – *Genesis 12:1-3; Psalm 117*

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

In Jesus' name, 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.

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all
(REPEAT)

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Wayne Blanding

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 15:8-13*

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name.”

¹⁰ And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him.”

¹² And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

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.

Sermon: Promises Made; Promises Kept

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

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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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. 9/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/15	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
Tu. 9/17	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 9/18	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/18	10:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 9/18	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/18	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 2
W. 9/18	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 9/19	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/19	11:15 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Fri. 9/20	7:00 pm	Community Movie Night	New Life Lawn
(Sat. 9/21)	(7:00 pm)	(Rain date: Community Movie Night)	(New Life Lawn)
Sun. 9/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/22	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/22	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$241,338.24	\$280,146.55
Week of 9/8/24	\$6,703.84	\$4,577.00

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- **Men's Group** has begun again! Join us from 7-8am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month here at New Life in the fellowship hall.
- **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!
- **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.
- **Moms+:** This fall, Moms+ is meeting from 10-12 on Wednesday mornings at church. The moms are studying *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie. The youngest kids have Bible stories, snack, and playtime. The younger elementary students are studying science and Genesis 1 and 2. The older students are studying music history and appreciation. Please feel free to come and bring a friend; just rsvp with how many kids will be coming. We will be using the GroupMe app for communication. If you are not on the GroupMe for Moms+ already and would like to join, contact Joy Swanson or the office.
- **Fall 2024 Sunday School Plans:**
 - **Youth and Children's** classes resumed today. Pre-K through 1st meets in classroom 5, 2nd-4th meets in classroom 4, 5-8th meets in classroom 3, and 9-12th meets in classroom 1.
 - Two **adult** classes are offered this fall:
 - A bible study of 1 Samuel. Meet in the Aquarium room, off of the fellowship hall. Began 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. Began today.
- **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.
- **Hymn Sing:** On **Sun. Sept. 29**, meet at New Life at 6pm for a hymn sing. Bring a snack to share for afterwards.

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- **New Attendees' Gathering:** Whether you've been attending New Life for one week or one year, you're invited to a New Attendees' gathering for fellowship and hors d'oeuvres. Meet at Andy and Sherry Rishel's home on **Sat. Oct. 5** at 6pm.
- **Ministry Fair:** After church on **Sun. Oct. 6**, various ministry leaders will be in the fellowship hall to share information regarding opportunities at New Life for service and for spiritual growth.
- **Free Comedy Show!** Any adult over the age of 40 is cordially invited by the SILVERS to join them in enjoying "Mystery at Senior Manor" on **Sat. Oct. 12**. This event is presented by York's Theatre Arts For Everyone and features our very own Mark Deckard! The show begins at 2pm followed by light refreshments. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors and sign up in the foyer so we can get a head count. Questions? Contact Shyrl Tompkins or the office.
- **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. The worship and the time in the Word away from our normal routine makes this event a retreat. Please prayerfully consider this investment in yourself! **(Note: the deadline to register is Wed. Sept. 25.)** If considering, please contact Sue Rothermel or the office.
Website: womeninthewordworkshop.org
- **Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for **Sept. 5-7, 2025** for the 6th 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 1st meets in classroom 5, 2nd-4th meets in classroom 4, 5-8th meets in classroom 3, and 9-12th 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 meets every Wednesday from 10am-12pm. Questions? Contact Joy Swanson or the office.

Men's Group: Meets every 2nd and 4th 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 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 **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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