



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 22, 2024

Reflections:

Mission arises from the heart of God himself and is communicated from his heart to ours. Mission is the global outreach of the global people of a global God.

- *John Stott*

Missions exists because worship doesn't. – *John Piper*

Make disciples of all nations. - *Jesus*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Minister: *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

People: **I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.**

Minister: *My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.*

People: **Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.**

Prayer of Praise

O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove,
 2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,

G D G C C D7 G

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 ▶ It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
 whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove!

D D7 G D G D7

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 ▶ it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,

G D G C G D7 G

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 ▶ and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!
 in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

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
(REPEAT)

Tag

Yes I know His glory is my good

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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 – *Psalms 47*

Peggy Johns

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget and weak to climb. I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours and my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit, like Mary, at your feet, lean, like John, on your breast, appeal, like Peter, to your love, count, like Paul, all things dung. I believe, help my unbelief. *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.

Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
(REPEAT)

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
(REPEAT)

Tag

I will sing of the goodness of God

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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 15:14-33*

I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. ¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God ¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁷ In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. ¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, ¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ; ²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation, ²¹ but as it is written, “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”

²² This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. ²³ But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, ²⁴ I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁵ At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. ²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. ²⁷ For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings. ²⁸ When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. ²⁹ I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

³⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, ³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, ³² so

that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. ³³ May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Sermon: Living in Service of the Gospel of God

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

Desert Song

Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth
than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall
remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall
remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Bridge (4x)

All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship

Chorus

I will bring praise
I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall
remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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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. 9/22	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
Tu. 9/24	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 9/25	7:00 am	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 9/25	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/25	10:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 9/25	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 9/25	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
Th. 9/26	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/26	11:00 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Sun. 9/29	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/29	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/29	6:00 pm	Hymn Sing	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$248,042.08	\$288,818.92
Week of 9/15/24	\$6,703.84	\$8,672.37

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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.
- **Hymn Sing:** On **Sun. Sept. 29**, meet at New Life at 6pm for a hymn sing. Bring a snack to share for afterwards.
- **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.
- **Inquirers' Class:** Are you interested in more information about the theology, ministry, and history of New Life? Are you considering membership and wanting to learn about what that means? Come to the Inquirers' Class, meeting in Classroom 1 for five Sundays at 4pm. Class begins on **October 20**.

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- **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 THIS Wed. Sept. 25.)** If considering, please contact Sue Rothemel 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 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 **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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