



**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 29, 2024

## Reflections:

“You will never make yourself feel that you are a sinner, because there is a mechanism in you as a result of sin that will always be defending you against every accusation. We are all on very good terms with ourselves, and we can always put up a good case for ourselves.” - *M.L. Jones*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 104:31-34

*Wayne Blanding*

*Minister:        May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
                      may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
                      who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
                      who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

**People:        I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
                      I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
                      May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
                      for I rejoice in the LORD.**

## Prayer of Praise

# King of Kings

## Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

## Chorus

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

## Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus for our sake You died

## Chorus

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

## Verse 3

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

## Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name  
In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

## Chorus

Praise the Father  
Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit three in one  
God of Glory  
Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings  
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# This Is Our God

## Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin  
and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't  
escape  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those walls are rubble now  
Remember those giants we called death  
and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in  
our way  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those giants are dead now

## Chorus

This is our God this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does  
He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

## Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath  
away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word every whisper  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will

## Chorus

This is our God this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does

He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

## Bridge 1

Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus  
(REPEAT)

## Bridge 2

Who rescued me from that grave  
Yahweh Yahweh  
Who gets the glory and praise  
Nobody but Him  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus

This is our God this is who He is  
He loves us  
This is our God this is what He does  
He saves us  
He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

## Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God King Jesus

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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 – *Colossians 3:1-17***

*Mark Flaharty*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Our Father, You tell us repeatedly in your word that the battle belongs to you. Our salvation was accomplished by your Son. Our hope for daily strength comes from your Spirit. You are our hope, our righteousness, our refuge, and our rock. We praise you and thank you. We confess, Father, that our hearts are prone to wander. We often turn away from a posture of trusting you. We look at the challenges we face, and we feel overwhelmed. At times, we fail to rely on your promises and your grace. Sometimes that failure to trust leads to actions that dishonor you and wound ourselves and others. Forgive us, we ask, for our hope is in Christ alone. Help us, this week, to trustingly obey you in all things. We ask this 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.*

# O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

## Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me  
I see His wounds His hands His feet  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

## Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone  
Messiah still and all alone

## Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

## Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn  
The Son of heaven rose again  
O trampled death where is your sting  
The angels roar for Christ the King

## Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

## Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white  
The blazing sun shall pierce the night  
And I will rise among the saints  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

## Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God  
O praise His Name forevermore  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord oh Lord our God  
(REPEAT)

## Ending

O Lord oh Lord our God  
O Lord oh Lord our God

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## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment

### Membership Vows and Baptism

*Parker Smith*

### 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 16:1-16*

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. <sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. <sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. <sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. <sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup> Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. <sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. <sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. <sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.



**Sermon: The Fellowship of the Saints**

*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**

# By Faith

## Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His  
faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their  
hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would  
appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin  
and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

## Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good  
news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are  
possible  
For all who call upon His name

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight  
(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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Tu. 10/1	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/2	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/2	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/2	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 10/2	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/2	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 10/2	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 10/3	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Sat. 10/5	6:00 pm	New Attendees' Gathering	Rishel Home
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

## 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!
- **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:** Meet at New Life **TONIGHT** 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 **this Sat. Oct. 5** at 6pm.
- **Ministry Fair:** After church **next 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.
- **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.
- **Free Comedy Show!** If you weren't able to make the original date, not to worry! Our "Mystery at Senior Manor" outing has been postponed until **January**. More details to come.
- **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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