



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 8, 2024

Reflections:

It is easy to sing when we can read the notes by daylight; but he is the skillful singer who can sing when there is not a ray of light by which to read,— who sings from his heart, and not from a book that he can see, because he has no means of reading, save from that inward book of his own living spirit, whence notes of gratitude pour forth in songs of praise. – Charles Spurgeon

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. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:8-10

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Isaiah 45:20-24

Wayne Blanding

Minister: “Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me. Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear. They will say of me, ‘In the LORD alone are righteousness and strength.’” All who have raged against him will come to him and be put to shame.

Prayer of Praise

Come, People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice
(REPEAT)

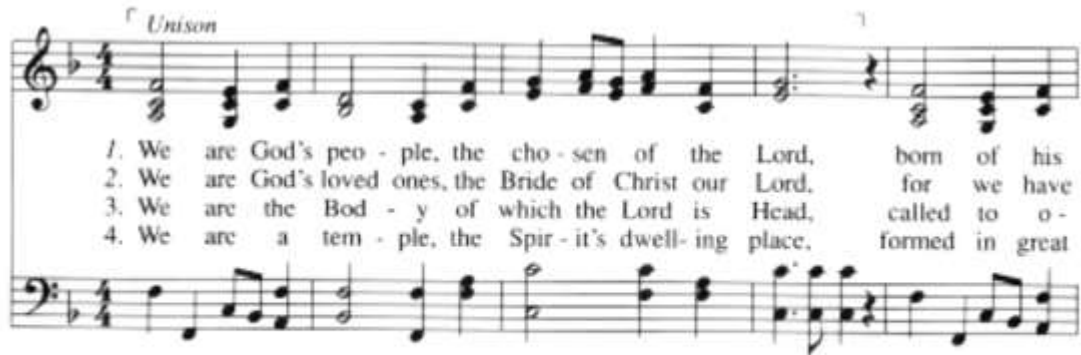
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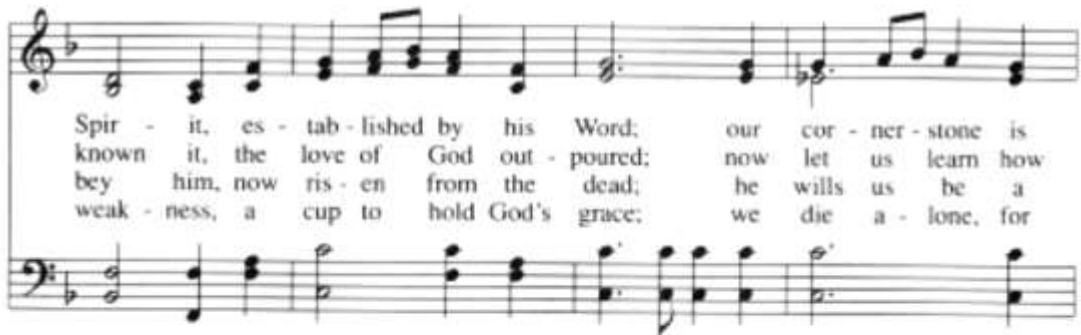
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We Are God's People

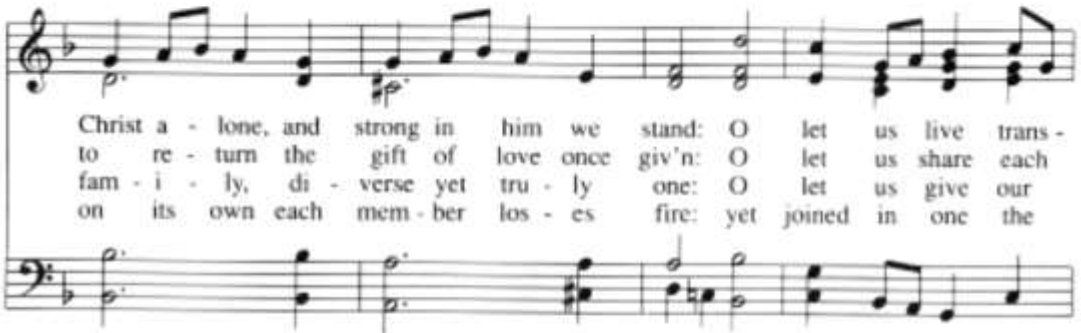
Unison



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great



Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for



Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the



par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

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 119:97-104*

Brian Fitz

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, We confess and grieve our coldness, poverty, emptiness, imperfect vision, languid services, prayer-less prayers, and praise-less praises. Allow us not to grieve or resist you. Come as power, to expel every rebel lust, to reign supreme and keep us yours; Come as teacher, leading us into all truth, filling us with all understanding; Come as love, that we may adore you, and love you above all; Come as joy, to dwell in us, move in us, animate us; Come as light, illuminating the Scripture, molding us in its laws; Come as sanctifier, for body, soul and spirit are wholly yours; Come as helper, with strength to bless and keep, directing our every step; Come as beautifier, bringing order out of confusion, loveliness out of chaos. We submit our lives to you, asking for you to transform our lives, and may others see your glory in and through our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

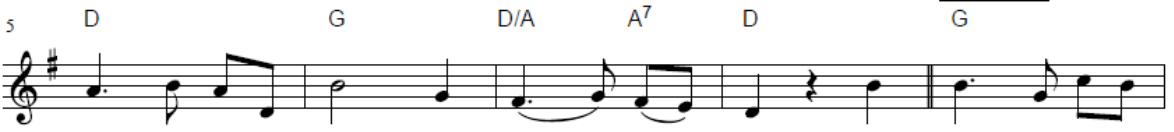
For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus 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.

I Need Thee Every Hour



1. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious _ Lord; No
 2. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, stay Thou ___ near _ by; Temp -
 3. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy ___ or ___ pain; Come
 4. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly ___ One; O

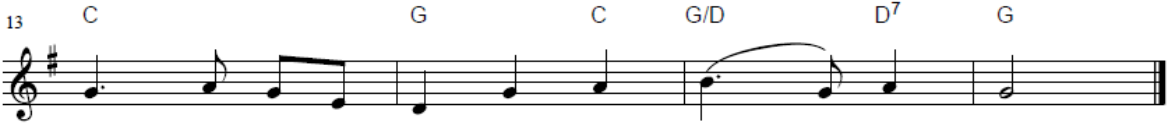
CHORUS



ten - der voice like Thine can peace ___ af - ford. I need Thee, O I
 -ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou ___ art ___ nigh.
 quick - ly and a - bide or life ___ is ___ vain.
 make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed ___ Son!



need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee; O



bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come ___ to Thee!

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 15:1-7*

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Sermon: Harmony and Praise

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me

with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three verses. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score concludes with a final cadence in the piano part.

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. 9/8	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	
W. 9/11	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 9/11	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/11	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 9/12	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 9/12	11:15 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Sat. 9/14	10:00 am	Baby Shower	Fellowship Hall
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$234,634.40	\$275,569.55
Week of 9/1/24	\$6,703.84	\$9,176.17

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- **Refreshments:** Thanks to all who signed up for refreshments! We still have 1 available slot 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.
- **Moms+:** This fall, Moms+ will meet from 10-12 on Wednesday mornings at church. The moms will study *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie. The youngest kids will have Bible stories, snack, and playtime. The younger elementary students will study science and Genesis 1 and 2. The older students will study 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.
- **Women's Bible Study:** This coming Thursday is the first meeting of the morning, in-person group. The Tuesday evening Zoom group will begin the following week. Please pick up your materials today in Classroom 2.
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Catherine Kloetzli **this Sat. Sept. 14** at 10am at the church. An evite has been sent out with registry information. Please contact Christy Borch with any questions.
- **Fall 2024 Sunday School Plans:**
 - **Youth and Children's** classes will resume on Sept. 15. 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 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.

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- **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. 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
- **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.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Youth and Children's classes will resume on Sept. 15. 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** will be offered this fall: one studying 1 Samuel and meeting in the Aquarium room beginning Sept. 8, the other studying the book *Biblical Critical Theory* and meeting in Classroom 2 beginning Sept. 15.

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 **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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