



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 13, 2024

Reflections:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. - *John 14:27*

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. - *John 16:33*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 99

Will Pope

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble.

People: Great is the LORD in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations.

Minister: Let us praise your great and awesome name.

People: You are holy.

Minister: You, our King, are mighty, You love justice.

People: You have done what is just and right.

Minister: We will exalt You, our LORD and our God.

People: You are holy.

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

4 D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me
 come; And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus
 bel! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to

9 D F#m G G/D D D F#m G D A⁷

some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my

mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five systems of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. A 'VERSE' section is indicated by a box around the word 'VERSE' above the music.

System 1: We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has
 E C#m7 A E C#m B A B E

System 2: done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.
VERSE

System 3: A C#m A B
 We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our
 In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -
 Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful

System 4: C#m A C#m A B
 God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed,
 afraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob,
 one. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er,

System 5: C#m B/D#
 gath - - - - - ered up.
 be my strength.
 bring sha - - - lom.

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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 – Isaiah 57:14-21

Wayne Blanding

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Father in heaven,

Forgive us for living as if it matters so little that Jesus was raised from the dead. We at times live in doubt and discouragement, desperately trying to make our lives secure, without real hope for the future. Father, forgive us, we pray.

We at times practice empty religion— meaningless piety and legalistic moralism— divorced from the life-giving power of your Spirit. Father, forgive us, we pray.

Thank you that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us now.

Thank you for displaying your strength and love, and enabling us to love you and give ourselves for others.

Thank you for the promise that we, too, will be raised, and that we will one day see you face to face.

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.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore
(REPEAT)

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

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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 – *Numbers 6:22-27*

²² The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

²⁷ "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

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

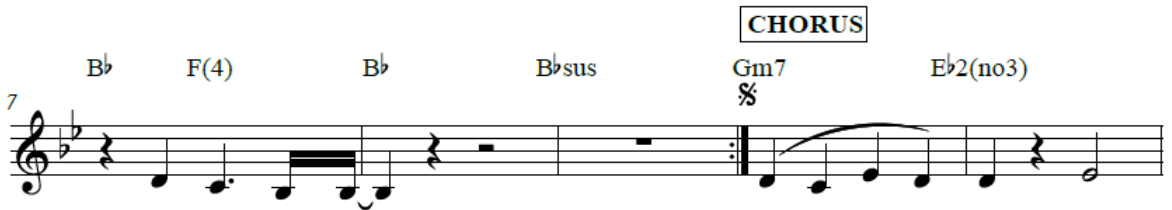
The Blessing



The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine up - on



you and be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you

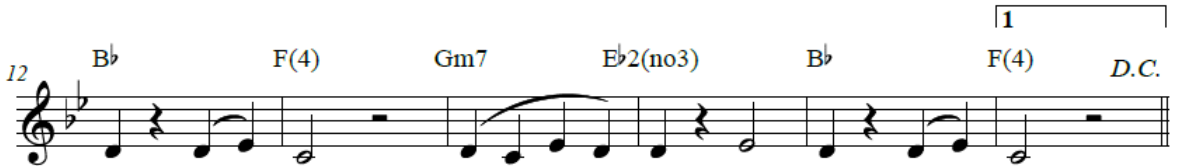


and give you peace.

CHORUS

$B\flat$ F(4) $B\flat$ $B\flat$ sus Gm7 $E\flat 2(\text{no } 3)$

A - - men, a -



men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

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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!

Postlude – The Blessing

Bridge

May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children
(REPEAT)

Bridge

May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

Bridge

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

Tag

He is for you
He is for you
(Repeat)

Chorus

Amen
Amen
Amen

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This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
Tu. 10/15	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/16	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/16	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/16	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/16	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
Th. 10/17	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/17	11:00 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Sun. 10/20	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/20	4:00 pm	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 10/20	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$261,449.76	\$298,470.09
Week of 9/29/24	\$6,703.84	\$3,661.00

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$268,153.60	\$305,755.30
Week of 10/6/24	\$6,703.84	\$7,285.21

Announcements

- **Refreshments:** 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!
- **Water only in the sanctuary, please:** In an effort to keep stains and crumbs out of the sanctuary, we ask that only water be consumed there. Thank you!
- **Inquirers' Class:** Interested in learning more about New Life as a church? On Sundays at 4pm, starting **next Sun. Oct. 20** and lasting 5 weeks, come to Classroom 1 to learn more about the church's convictions, history, and membership.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** Please consider filling a Christmas gift shoebox with appropriate gifts and toys for a child in another country. Boxes come with packing ideas and can be picked up from the foyer. Printing your labels and paying online is strongly recommended especially since you can track your box that way. Otherwise, brochures are available with labels and envelopes attached in order to send your shipping donation of \$10 per box by mail. (Do not place checks inside boxes or affix to the outside). Boxes are due back to New Life no later than **Sun. Nov. 17**. See Connie Kay or the office with questions.

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 meet every Wednesday from 9:45-11:45am. 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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