



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.

Please be aware that we livestream our services.

Worshiping God

October 27, 2024

Reflection:

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.

~ *Psalm 33:6-7*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from *Psalm 33:8-9*

Will Pope

*Minister: Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.*

Prayer of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him, alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 3

Thou flowing water pure and clear
Make music for thy Lord to hear
Alleluia, alleluia
Thou fire so masterful and bright
Thou givest man both warmth and light
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 4

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 5

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Indescribable

Verse 1

From the highest of heights to the depths
of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of
Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it
sings
All exclaiming

Chorus 1

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Verse 2

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it
should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with
snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source
to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of
night
None can fathom

Chorus 1

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Chorus 2

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God
You are amazing God

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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 40:12-31

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, You have not left us alone. As your Son promised, you have given us your Spirit. We are in need of daily guidance. Yet, we confess that we often fail to listen to you. We have a tendency to grieve the Spirit by going our own way. Rather than wait upon you and listen to your word, we often go off on our own. We repent of this sin, and we ask that you would guide us. Please direct our path. Lead us. We submit our lives to you, for we come in Jesus' name, Amen!

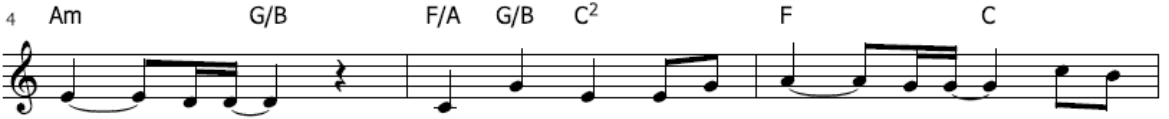
Assurance of Forgiveness – Ephesians 2:8-10

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.

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come ___ to You ___ to re - ceive ___ the food ___ of Your
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new ___ our minds; ___ Help us grasp ___ the heights ___ of Your



ho - ly word. ___ Take Your truth, plant it deep ___ in us; ___ Shape and
 -mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes ___ in the
 plans ___ for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn ___ of time, ___ that will



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down ___ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen ___ to-day ___ in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. ___ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes ___ to see ___ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
 prom - is - es; ___ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your



-fill ___ in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; ___ Let their truth ___ pre - vail ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
 church ___ is built ___ and the earth ___ is filled ___ with Your glo - ry.



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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Operation Christmas Child*

Connie Kay

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 – *Genesis 1:1-26*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the

earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Sermon: God the Creator

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Foundations in Genesis

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

Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of
heaven
Who else could make every king bow
down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

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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

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 10/27	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/27	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/27	11:30 am	Photo-taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 10/27	4:00 pm	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 10/27	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Grim Home
Tu. 10/29	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/30	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/30	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/30	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 10/31	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 10/31	11:00 am	Prayer Group	Classroom 1
Sun. 11/3	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/3	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/3	11:30 am	Giant Cards for Sale	Foyer
Sun. 11/3	4:00 pm	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 11/3	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$281,561.28	\$317,776.64
Week of 10/20/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,011.17

Announcements

- **Hurricane Relief:** Servants (based in Red Lion, PA) is deploying in a few weeks to provide critical aid to those affected by Hurricane Helene in Asheville, NC. Please consider the following. **1)** *Pray for those affected by Hurricane Helene and those who have been called in various ways to serve them.* **2)** Visit servants.org/disaster-relief-donations to see a list of urgently needed items. Your generous donations will directly support individuals and families as they begin to rebuild their lives. (Amazon list, needed cleaning supplies, and blessing basket ideas). **3)** Follow Servants, Inc. on Facebook for updates. Every act of kindness, every prayer, every donation reflects God's love in action. Let's join together to be a beacon of hope and healing in this time of crisis.
- **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!
- **NLPC Fall Picture Directory:** It's almost time for a new NLPC directory! **Today** after the service in Classroom 3 is your last chance to have your picture taken. Otherwise, you can submit a digital photo through **this Tuesday** to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com. Also, an old draft of the directory is in the foyer through **Tuesday** so you can make your additions or updates to your household information.
- **Church Game Night:** On **Sat. Nov. 9** from 5-8:30pm, meet in the fellowship hall with your favorite games and some \$ for pizza.
- **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.
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Lily Sica (daughter of Bryan and Diane McGahan) on **Sat. Nov. 23** at 10am. If you have any questions or did not receive the evite, please contact Christy Borch.

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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