



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.

Worshipping God

November 3, 2024

Reflection:

"The devil knows your name but calls you by your sin. God knows your sin but calls you by your name." - Matt Smethurst

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 97

Minister: The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad. Let the distant shores rejoice.

*People: **Clouds and thick darkness surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.***

Minister: The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

*People: **The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.***

Minister: All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols.

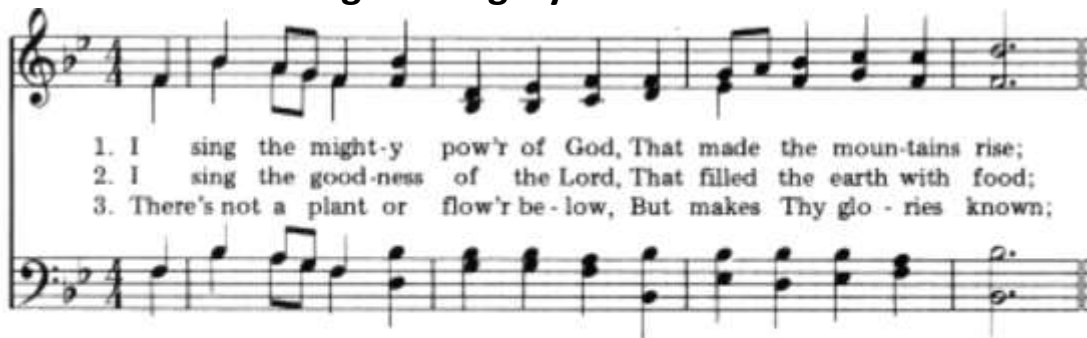
*People: **Worship him, all you gods!***

Minister: For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth.

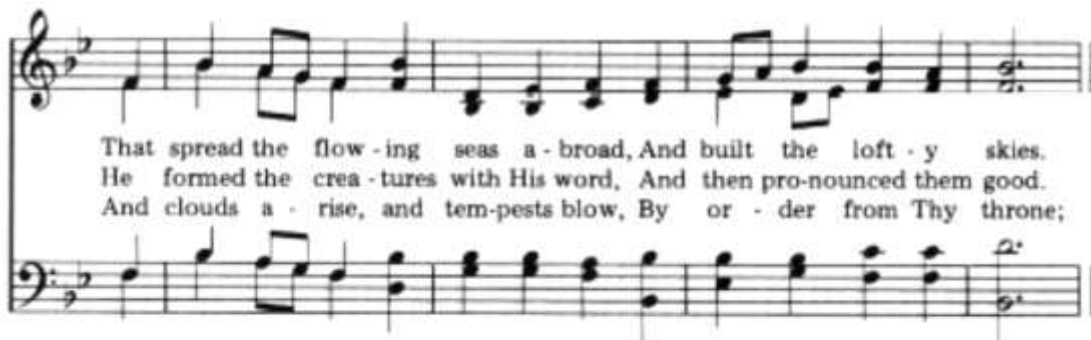
*People: **You are exalted far above all gods.***

Prayer of Praise

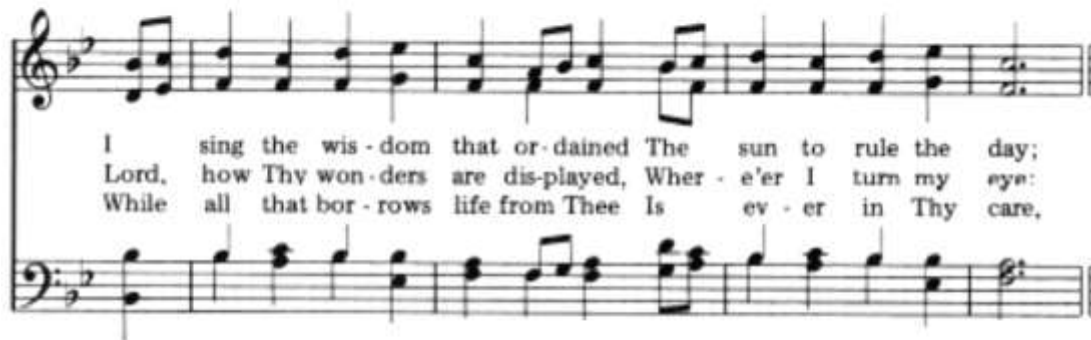
I Sing the Mighty Power of God



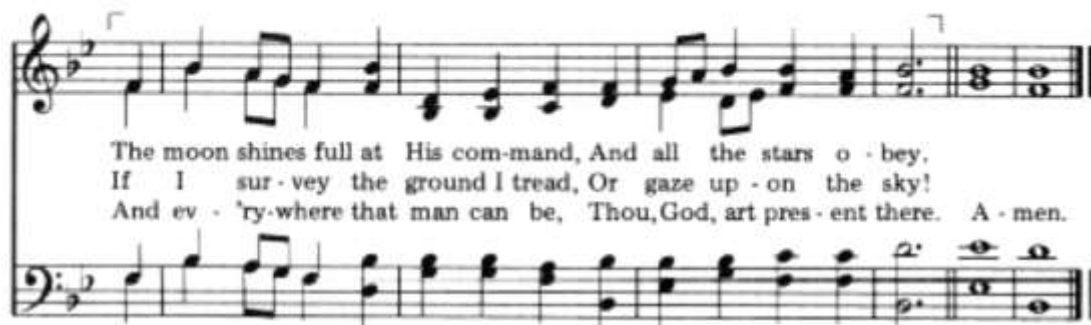
1. I sing the might-y pow'r of God, That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be-low, But makes Thy glo-ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad, And built the loft-y skies.
He formed the crea-tures with His word, And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eye:
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at His com-mand, And all the stars o-bey,
If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the sky!
And ev-'ry-where that man can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there. A-men.

Christus Victor (Amen)

Verse 1

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

Chorus 1

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen

Verse 2

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Verse 3

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Bridge

Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Tag

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen Amen

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Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 26

Q: *What do you believe when you say: “I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?”*

A: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father. In him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.**

Scripture Reading – Psalm 19

Tim Loht

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

O God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We praise you and thank you for the gift of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We thank you that you have put us in one body. You have given each of us unique spiritual gifts. We ask your forgiveness for the times that we have failed to steward your gifts well. Some of us have acted in pride in response to your gifts. Some of us have enviously drawn comparison to the gifts of others. Sometimes, we have exalted one gift over another, forgetting that every gift is given for our good and for your glory. At times we have not used the talents that you have given us, living selfishly instead. For these and many other sins in our use of the gifts you have given, we ask your forgiveness. Thank you that in Christ our sins are washed away! Help us, this week and every week, to receive all of your gifts with gratitude and obedient worship. We ask this, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit and in Jesus’ name, Amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 37:39-40

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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 – *Genesis 1:1-31*

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.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Sermon: Creation through the Word

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

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze;

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
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Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

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. 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	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes
Tu. 11/5	7:00 pm	Women’s Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 11/6	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/6	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/6	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/6	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 11/6	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 11/7	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study	Aquarium
Sat. 11/9	5:00 pm	Church Game Night	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/10	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/10	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/10	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/10	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$288,265.12	\$329,409.64
Week of 10/27/24	\$6,703.84	\$11,633.00

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.
- **Revised Request Regarding Food/Drink in the Sanctuary:** The deacons heard your feedback and revised their request regarding food/drink in the sanctuary. Parents with young children know what their children need in order to feel at home in the sanctuary; any snacks/drinks they need are welcomed. Jesus welcomed children; we want New Life to be a place where children are welcomed. For those mature enough to refrain from food/drink in the sanctuary, please keep in mind the deacon's request for only water in the sanctuary.
- **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!
- **Church Game Night:** This **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.

- **Christmas Poinsettias:** Again this year we are offering 7” red or white poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, which may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Sign up in the foyer for these \$15.50 plants. Please mark your money and give to Steve Harman, Barry Francisco, or Kelly Steenstra. Last day to place orders is **Sun. Nov. 24.**
- **Men’s Retreat:** Men (and older sons), mark your calendars for a men’s retreat the weekend of **Fri. Jan 31 – Sun. Feb 2.** After work, travel to Camp Hebron near Halifax for a weekend of teaching, worship, fellowship, and activities. Final cost will depend on the number of attendees; approximate cost is \$80 per person. Contact Pastor Erik for more information and to sign up.

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*. 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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