



**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

November 10, 2024

## Reflection:

“God’s hard words are never His last words. The woe and the waste and the tears of life belong to the interlude and not to the finale.” - *Anonymous*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – 1 Timothy 1:17

*To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## Prayer of Praise

# Let All Things Now Living

Capo 3: ♮ F(D) Gm(Em) C(A) 7

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing  
2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their cours - es,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly shine;

Gm(Em) C(A)

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

F(D) Bb(G) F(D) C7(A7) F(D)

who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine.

His ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us,  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing,

C<sup>7</sup>(A<sup>7</sup>)

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise,

F(D) Dm(Bm) C(A) G<sup>7</sup>(E<sup>7</sup>) C(A)

'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished,  
 'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing

F(D) Gm(Em) C(A)

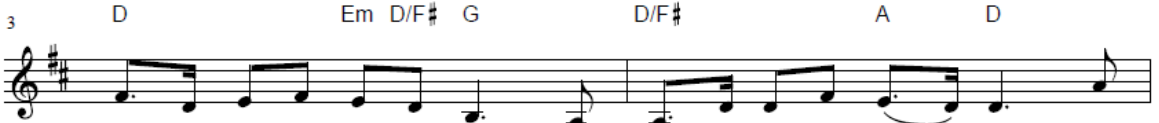
as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light,  
 to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

F F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G) F(D) C<sup>7</sup>(A<sup>7</sup>) F(D) 7

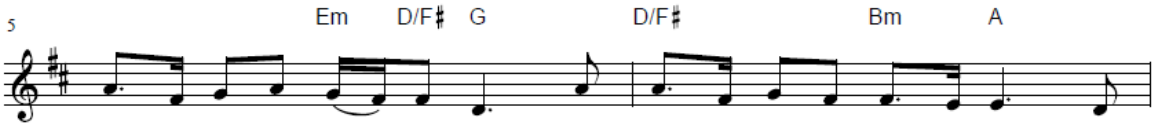
# How Deep the Father's Love For Us



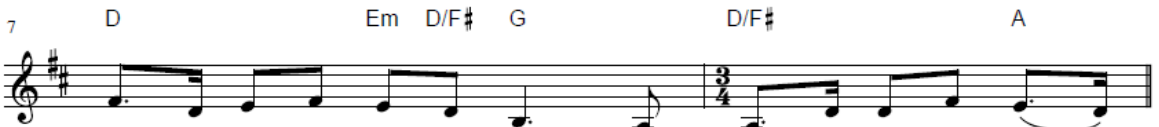
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that  
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 was my sin that held \_ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His \_ re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
 this I know with all my heart: His wonds have paid my ran -

**TURNAROUND**



-ry.  
 -ished.  
 -som.

2. Be -  
 3. I

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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 – Revelation 21:9-22:5**

*Sue Vester*

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that we have sinned. Our affections at times turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. We ask that you would order our lives by your holy Word, make your commandments the joy of our hearts, and enable us to walk according to the Spirit. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, so that we may shine before the world to your glory. 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.*

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,  
 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

7 F F/A B♭

that I may love what Thou dost  
 un - til with Thee I will one  
 till all this earth - ly part of  
 but live with Thee the per - fect

10 Gm<sup>7</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

love, and do what Thou wouldst do.  
 will, to do and to en - dure.  
 me glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
 life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

## Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *House of Hope*

*Sue Rothermel*

## 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 1:1-10, 2:4-14**

<sup>1:1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The 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.

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

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> And 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. <sup>8</sup> And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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

<sup>2:4</sup> These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created,  
in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup> A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. <sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole

land of Cush. <sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

**Sermon: God's Good World**

*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 I 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**

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways time;  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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. 11/10	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
Tu. 11/12	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 11/13	7:00 am	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 11/13	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/13	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/13	6:30 pm	Mercy Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 11/13	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/13	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 11/14	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 11/17	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/17	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/17	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Kay & Loht Homes

### Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$294,968.96	\$341,062.81
Week of 11/3/24	\$6,703.84	\$11,653.17

## Announcements

- **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!
- **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**.
- **Advent Wreath-Making Party:** On **Sun. Dec 1** at 6pm, please meet at NLPC to make advent wreaths. Please bring \$5 per wreath you intend to make, and please bring cookies to share. We'll end the evening by singing Christmas carols together. Contact Sarah Fox for more information.
- **December Christmas Luncheon:** In lieu of our regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday lunch, on **Sun. Dec. 8** we will be holding a festive Christmas luncheon. Sign up in the foyer for a dish to bring and contact Shyrl Tompkins or Sandy Leader with any questions.

- **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 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:** Please contact Marlene Spark or the office for details on our upcoming spring study.

**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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