



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 17, 2024

Reflection:

“That man is in the image of God means that man as a whole person, both physically and spiritually, is in some sense like his Maker. Just what the nature of this likeness is, we are not told. But we are told what really matters: Even as sinners we bear God’s image. As a result of this image in us, we have dominion over all the earth, and we have a right to live out our days upon the earth.” – *John Piper*

“You come of the Lord Adam and the Lady Eve,” said Aslan. “And that is both honour enough to erect the head of the poorest beggar, and shame enough to bow the shoulders of the greatest emperor on earth. Be content.” — *C.S. Lewis*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 34

Minister: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Minister: Glorify the LORD with me;

People: let us exalt his name together.

Minister: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

People: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

All: Glorify the LORD with me! Let us exalt his name together!

Prayer of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



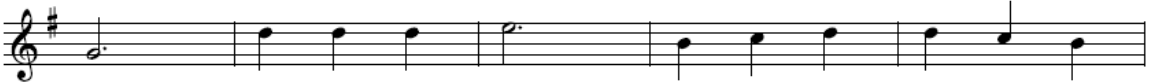
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

6 G G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C D7



-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va -
 -eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain -
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend
 thee; Health hath vouch - safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath stayed
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

12 G G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D7/A G/B



-tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
 -eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 thee. What need or grief ev - er hath failed of re -
 Him! Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

17 D G/B C D7/A Em C B7 C D7 G Fine



near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do, if with His love he be - friend thee.
 -lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.
 -gain; Glad - ly for aye (all) we a - dore Him.

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
You are amazing God

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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 8

Mark Flaharty

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have at times grown callous to the evils in the world. We have not cried out for justice as we should. Nor have we cared as we should about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. At times, we have been silent when we could have spoken and have lacked boldness in our witness. Lord, forgive us for our offenses. And grant that by the power of your Spirit we might live in light of your coming again. Help us to be bold and courageous in proclaiming Jesus as Savior and Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

Ending

Be unto Your name

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Marlene Spark

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 1:26-27*

²⁶ Then 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.

Sermon: “The Image of God”

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

God of Wonders

Verse 1

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Bridge

Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
(REPEAT)
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Bridge

Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)
Hallelujah
(to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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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. 11/17	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	Member Homes
Tu. 11/19	7:00 pm	Women's Zoom Bible Study	Zoom
W. 11/20	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/20	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/20	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/20	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
Th. 11/21	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sat. 11/23	10:00 am	Baby Shower	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/24	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/24	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/24	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Grim Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$301,672.80	\$343,909.81
Week of 11/10/24	\$6,703.84	\$2,847.00

Announcements

- **Operation Christmas Child:** Boxes are due **TODAY**. See Connie Kay with questions.
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Lily Sica (daughter of Bryan and Diane McGahan) **this Sat. Nov. 23** at 10am. If you have any questions or did not receive the invite, 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 **next Sun. Nov. 24**.
- **Christmas Events at New Life:**
 - **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.
 - **Christmas Open House:** All are invited to stop by the Swansons for a festive evening of food and fellowship on **Fri. Dec. 6**. Come anytime between 4-8:30. No need to bring anything. At 7:00, we will sing Christmas carols together.
 - **December Christmas Luncheon:** In lieu of our regular 2nd 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.
 - **Christmas Caroling:** Meet at New Life at 5pm on **Sun. Dec. 8** for an hour of caroling in the neighborhood next to the church.
 - **Christmas Eve Service:** A traditional service of lessons, carols, and candle lighting, at 6:30pm on Christmas eve.
- **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: 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 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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