



**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 24, 2024

## Reflection:

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.  
– Henry Alford

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 100

*Minister: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

**People: Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

*Minister: Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

**People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Great Things

## Verse 1

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven  
You conquered the grave  
You free every captive  
and break every chain  
O God  
You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom  
awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God  
You have done great things

## Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven  
You conquered the grave  
You free every captive  
and break every chain

O God  
You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom  
awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God  
You have done great things

## Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)  
You've done great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven  
You conquered the grave  
You free every captive  
and break every chain  
O God  
You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom  
awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God  
You have done great things

## Ending

You have done great things  
O God You do great things

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# 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

## 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 – Colossians 3:23-4:1**

*Bryan McGahan*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Prayer of Confession

**People:** O God our Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. We confess before you our ingratitude and occasional anxiety, despite your good provision. You ask us, through the Apostle Paul; “What do you have that you did not receive?” We confess that we often act as if we have earned what we have, rather than acknowledging that all we receive is from your hand.

**All:** *Have mercy, we pray!*

**Minister:** *You are the Creator of heaven and earth. All that we have has come from your generous hand. You give to all life, breath, and all that they have. We confess, Lord, that we have taken your gifts of creation and providence for granted.*

**All:** *Forgive us for our lack of gratitude, we pray!*

**People:** You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ our Lord. New life in him is your gift to all who would receive it by grace. We confess, though, that we sometimes live as if salvation were up to us.

**All:** *Forgive us, we pray, for Jesus’ sake!*

**Minister:** *You have blessed each and every one of us with gifts. We confess that we have squandered these gifts in our lives, at times using these gifts for our own glory and at times neglecting to even use the gifts you have given us.*

**All:** *Forgive us for our presumption and neglect!*

**All:** *Thank you, Father, for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray that you would make us ever grateful. Enable us, by the power of Christ, to walk in gratitude and obedience. Thank you, Father, for the gift of creation. Thank you, Father, for the gift of redemption. Thank you, Father, for calling us to walk in the ways that you have for us. 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.*

# Amazing Grace

Chords: G Em C G

1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound —  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

Chords: D G D G

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost  
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did  
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield  
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought  
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Chords: C G Em G/D D7 G

but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!  
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



## 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 1:26-28; 2:15*

<sup>26</sup> 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."

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

<sup>28</sup> And 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."...

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

**Sermon: “The Cultural Mandate”**

*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**

# Immortal, Invisible

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small; In all life Thou  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, Thine an - gels a -

6 C Dm F/C C F Dm C/E F Dm

-ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
 wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might; Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high  
 liv - est, the true life of all; We blos - som and flour - ish as  
 -dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight; All praise we would ren - der: O

11 Am F/A C<sup>(Csus)</sup>(C) F B $\flat$  Gm C Dm F/C C F

An - cient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 soar - ing a - bove, Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 leaves on the tree, and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee.

## **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Tu. 11/26	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/27	7:00 am	Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
W. 11/27	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Sun. 12/1	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 12/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 12/1	11:30 am	Giant Cards For Sale	Foyer
Sun. 12/1	6:00 pm	Advent Wreath-Making Party	Fellowship Hall

### **Church Financial Summary**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2024</b>	\$308,376.64	\$351,955.81
<b>Week of 11/17/24</b>	\$6,703.84	\$8,046.00

## Announcements, page 1 of 2

- **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 **TODAY**.
- **Moms+:** Please note, we will not be meeting this Wednesday due to Thanksgiving. We will meet again on **Dec. 4 and 11**; then we will break for the holidays and resume on **Jan. 8**. Contact Joy Swanson or the office with any questions.
- **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 or the office 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 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 or the office 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.
- **Advent and Christmas Music:** Have you ever wished you knew the songs we sing each week in worship a little better? Well, here is your chance! There is now a playlist of many of the songs we will sing to the Lord this Advent and Christmas on New Life's YouTube channel. Just go to New Life's YouTube channel (@newlifepresbyterianchurch2087), click on "Playlists", and open "Songs of Worship for Advent and Christmas--New Life Presbyterian Church". "Let every heart prepare Him room!"

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- **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.
- **Women's Winter Book Club:** This winter we will be reading *Captive in Iran: A Remarkable True Story of Hope and Triumph amid the Horror of Tehran's Brutal Evin Prison* by Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh. Read at your own pace, then join us for dinner and a discussion in **late February or early March** (exact date TBD). Contact Connie Kay or the office with any questions.

## 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.