

New Life Presbyterian Church

Embrace God's Beauty.
Extend God's Love.

December 1, 2024



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

December 1, 2024

Reflection:

It was not suddenly and unannounced that Jesus came into the world. He came into a world that had been prepared for him. The whole Old Testament is the story of a special preparation ... Only when all was ready, only in the fullness of his time, did Jesus come. - *Phillips Brooks*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 98

Joe Heidler

Minister: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

People: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Minister: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King!

People: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Minister: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

People: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Prayer of Praise

Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
(REPEAT many times)

Chorus 2x

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

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Manger Throne

Verse 1

You could have stepped into creation
With fire for all to see
Brought every tribe and nation to their
knees
Arriving with the host of heaven
In royal robe and crown
The rulers of the earth all bowing down

Pre-Chorus

But You chose meekness over majesty
Wrapped Your power in humanity

Chorus

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life my praise everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

Verse 2

You could have marched in all Your glory
Into the heart of Rome
Showed them splendor like they'd never
known
But You wrote a better story
In humble Bethlehem
Creator in the arms of common men

Pre-Chorus

You will die for our redemption
And You'll rise so we can live

Chorus

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life my praise everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

Bridge

From heaven to the cradle
From cradle to the cross
Let heaven and nature sing
This is our King
But the grave couldn't hold Him
Our God has overcome
Let heaven and nature sing
This is our King
(REPEAT)

All hail the King
All hail the King
All hail the King

Chorus

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life my praise everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

Ending

My life my praise everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

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Prayer

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come,
that by your protection we may be rescued
from the dangers that surround us through our sins;
and be a Redeemer to deliver us;
Who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

- ¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—
³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his
eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;
⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for
the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the
breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and
the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.
⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will
eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into
the viper’s nest.
⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full
of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will
rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Prayer of Response

**All: O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,
desire of every nation,
Savior of all peoples,
come and dwell among us.**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

7 B \flat C F F C F B \flat /F F C Dm C



peo - ple free; From our fears ___ and sins re - lease ___ us,
 yet ___ a King; Born to reign ___ in us for - ev - er,

13 F/A C 7 /G F F/A B \flat C F Am Dm



let us find our rest ___ in Thee. Is - rael's strength ___ and
 now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own ___ e -

19 Gm C F Dm Gm C^{sus} C



con - so - la - tion, hope of all ___ the earth ___ Thou art;
 - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all ___ our hearts ___ a - lone;

25 F/A F B \flat /F C/E F G 7 /D C/E



Dear ___ de - sire ___ of ev' - ry na - tion,
 By ___ Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,

29 F F/A B \flat F/C C 7 F



joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.
 raise us to ___ Thy glo - rious throne.

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:

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Scripture – *Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-20*

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.

²⁸ 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."...

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

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Sermon: “Tend and Keep”

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

Behold Our God / O Come Let Us Adore Him

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord
(REPEAT)

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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. 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
W. 12/4	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 12/4	9:45 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 12/4	6:30 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 12/4	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 12/4	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
F. 12/6	4:00 pm	Swanson Christmas Open House	Swanson Home
Sun. 12/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 12/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 12/8	11:30 am	Christmas Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 12/8	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2
Sun. 12/8	5:00 pm	Christmas Caroling	Meet at New Life

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2024	\$315,080.48	\$357,200.45
Week of 11/24/24	\$6,703.84	\$5,244.64

Announcements

- **Christmas Events at New Life:**
 - **Advent Wreath-Making Party: TONIGHT** 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.
 - **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.
- **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!"
- **Moms+:** We will be meeting 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.
- **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 Amirzadeh. 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 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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