



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

January 26, 2025

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

January 26, 2025

Reflection:

Prayer is the spiritual measure of men and women in a way that nothing else is, so that how we pray is as important a question as we can ever face. – *J.I. Packer*

We will accomplish as much or more by praying than by all our doing. – *Philip Ryken*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 119

Wayne Blanding

*Minister: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.*

**People: Blessed are they who keep his commands,
and seek him with all their heart.**

*Minister: They do nothing wrong.
They walk in his ways.*

**People: You have laid down precepts, O God,
that are to be fully obeyed.**

*Minister: Oh, that our ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!*

**People: Then we would not be put to shame,
when we consider all your commands.**

*Minister: We will praise you with an upright heart
as we learn your righteous laws.*

**People: We will obey your decrees.
Do not utterly forsake us.**

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King

F F
Gm F C F
C F
C7 F C 7

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F
C
C F C7
F
C F C7

help us to praise, Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

F
F
Gm F C7
F 7

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend,
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

F Bb F C

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

F Bb F C F

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

C F Bb F C7 F C

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer?

F Bb F C F

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

Scripture Reading – *Matthew 6:1-18*

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our Father, and we are but earth and mire;

You are our Creator, and we are the work of your hands;

You are our Shepherd, and we are your flock;

You are our Redeemer, and we are the people you have bought back;

You are our God, and we are your inheritance.

Therefore, do not be angry against us, to correct us in your wrath.

Do not recall our sin, to punish it,

But chastise us gently in your kindness.

Be mindful that your name is upon us,

That we bear your mark and badge.

Undertake the work you have already begun in us by your grace,

That the whole earth may recognize that you are our God and Savior.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Ephesians 2:8-10*

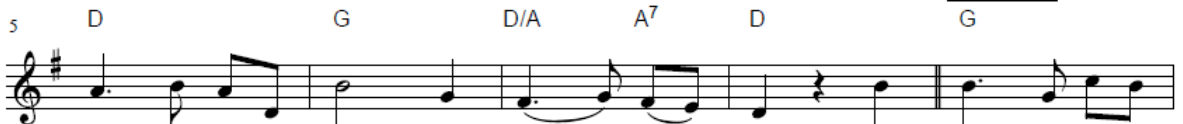
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

I Need Thee Every Hour



1. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious _ Lord; No
 2. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, stay Thou ___ near _ by; Temp -
 3. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy ___ or ___ pain; Come
 4. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly ___ One; O

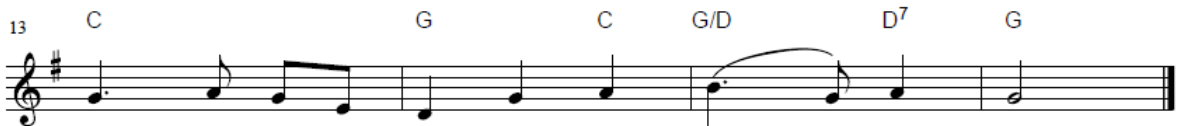
CHORUS



ten - der voice like Thine can peace ___ af - ford. I need Thee, O I
 -ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou ___ art ___ nigh.
 quick - ly and a - bide or life ___ is ___ vain.
 make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed ___ Son!



need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee; O



bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come ___ to Thee!

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Diane McGahan

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 – *Luke 11:1-13*

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sermon: How to Pray

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent, Land me

with Thy pow'r - ful hand; Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. 1/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/26	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/26	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
W. 1/29	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 1/29	9:45 am	Moms +	Classroom 5
W. 1/29	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 1/30	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Fri. 1/31 – Sun. 2/2		Men’s Retreat	Camp Hebron
Sun. 2/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/2	11:30 am	Giant Cards for Sale	Foyer
Sun. 2/2	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members’ Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year End 2024	\$348,599.68	\$400,650.23

Announcements

- **Congregational Meeting TODAY Sun. Jan. 26:** The meeting that was scheduled for Jan. 19 has been rescheduled for TODAY following the worship service. This annual meeting will cover three matters: a look back at 2024, a look ahead to 2025, and a presentation of the 2025 budget. As part of the budget, the congregation will deliberate and vote on a proposed change in the pastor's terms of call. All are invited to attend; only members may deliberate and vote.
- The **S.I.L.V.E.R.S.** are invited to join in an evening of Valentines' dinner and mystery again this year! "Till Death Do Us Part" will be hosted at the Bethlehem Life Church in Dallastown on **Sat. Feb. 8** from 5:30-9pm. Tickets are \$44.52 each and can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/dtownlionsmurdermystery25>. More information is available on the flyers in the foyer. For questions or help with ticket-purchasing or transportation, please see Mel King, Alice Lomax, Dee Flaharty or Shyrl Tompkins.
- **Sun. Feb. 9 - Human Life Services - Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Baby bottles for this HLS event can be picked up from the foyer. You can support life by collecting your loose change! This fun activity is great for the entire family and raises funds that directly support HLS clients and their needs. Please note our last collection date is **Sun. March 9**. Contact Susette Grim or the office with any questions. Leona Raga will be sharing information about HLS during the Feb. 9 ministry moment. Please consider viewing the following video from HLS: https://youtu.be/x3J_7U8M0-E
- **Souper Bowl Sunday!** In celebration of the Super Bowl, February's Second Sunday Lunch (**Feb. 9**) will consist of soup and sandwiches. See sign-up sheet in foyer.
- **NEW INFORMATION - Women's Winter Book Club:** This winter we are 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 a potluck dinner and discussion on **Sun. Feb. 23** beginning at 5:30pm at the home of Connie Kay. Contact Connie or the office with any questions.
- **Refreshments:** Thank you to all who have signed up to provide post-service refreshments this quarter! We still have 3 spots available. Feel free to pair up with one or two more people and keep it very simple. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

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: 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+: We meet every Wednesday from 9:45-11:45am. Contact Joy Swanson or the office with any questions.

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>

New Life Presbyterian Church, (717) 855-2360
970 Cape Horn Rd, York PA 17402
kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com