



**NEW LIFE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love**

March 2, 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

March 2, 2025

## Reflection:

The only passports to the Kingdom are repentance and submission to God. – *Manson*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from Psalm 145

*Minister: I will exalt you, my God the King;  
I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

**People: Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;  
his greatness no one can fathom.**

*Minister: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.*

**People: The LORD is good to all;  
he has compassion on all he has made.  
All your works praise you, LORD;  
your faithful people extol you.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

## Verse

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

## Chorus

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

## Verse

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

## Chorus (2x)

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Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
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## Verse

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

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# Forever

## Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise  
Sing praise sing praise

## Verse 2

With a mighty hand  
And outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise  
Sing praise sing praise

## Chorus

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever

## Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise  
Sing praise sing praise

## Chorus

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever (REPEAT)

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## **Affirmation of Faith – *The Nicene Creed***

**We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same  
essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under  
Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again,  
according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the  
dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with  
the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the  
prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the  
world to come. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading – *Matthew 7:13-27***

*Barry Francisco*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who  
are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our  
Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,  
righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness – *Colossians 1:13***

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom  
of his beloved Son...*

# Christ Is Mine Forevermore

## Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

## Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

## Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

## Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

## Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

## Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

## Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ is mine forevermore

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## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment

### Membership Vows

*Nathan and Aubree Raine*

### 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 13:22-35*

<sup>22</sup> He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup> And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup> "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup> When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup> Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup> But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup> In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup> And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup> And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"



**Sermon:** “Are You Among Those Who Are Saved?”

*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**

# Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

## Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

## Chorus

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

## Chorus

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

## Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

## Chorus

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death  
(REPEAT)

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## 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. 3/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/2	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/2	11:30 am	Giant Cards for Sale	Foyer
Sun. 3/2	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
W. 3/5	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/5	9:45 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 3/5	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 3/5	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 3/5	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 3/5	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
F. 3/7	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 3/9	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/9	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/9	11:30 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 3/9	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/9	12:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Classroom 1

### Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$66,153.84	\$69,826.63
Week of 2/23/25	\$8,269.23	\$5,278.00

## Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- **New Playlist Added:** A playlist of songs we will be singing in worship in March has been started on New Life's YouTube channel. To find it, go to: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLndqR8SmwaXQHi\\_emkh6LYiytlQUsouUc&si=2iMTrYIDWsl4FASV](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLndqR8SmwaXQHi_emkh6LYiytlQUsouUc&si=2iMTrYIDWsl4FASV)
- **Palm Sunday Children's Choir:** Once again this year we are inviting students from age 4 to 6th grade to be part of a children's choir that will participate in worship on **Palm Sunday April 13**. Ellen Metzger, who has led children's choirs at a previous church, will be our director this year. She will be assisted by Elissa Ryan and Jami Paules will be the accompanist. Rehearsals will be on **Sundays March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6**. We will begin about 15 minutes after the end of worship--close to 11:30am--and practice for 30-45 minutes. We hope to see your children there! Questions? Please contact Jenn Ryan ([jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com)).
- **Second Sunday Lunch:** For 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch next week, feel free to get creative in celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Prepare a green food, wear green clothing, bring a decoration for the table, etc. Questions? Contact Sandy Leader or the office.
- **Women's Bible Study:** We are resuming our study to see God at work in *Acts* beginning in March using Nancy Guthrie's study *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*. There are two study groups to choose from: **Thursday mornings beginning March 13** (in-person in the Aquarium room 9:30-11am) or **Tuesday evenings beginning March 18** (on Zoom 7-8:15 pm). This study will last 10 weeks. Everyone is welcome. It is not a problem to jump right in, starting with Acts 11:19. For more information, to sign up, and/or get information about the book and materials please contact Marlene Spark or the office.
- **New Info - Easter Flowers:** In the foyer you will find forms and envelopes for purchasing flowers to help decorate the church for Easter. You may also indicate if you'd like to dedicate the flowers in honor or memory of someone. Names of honorees and givers will be listed in the Easter bulletin, but feel free to note if you prefer to be anonymous. Both tulips and daffodils are 6 inches and \$11.50 each. Please place your completed form and your cash or check payable to New Life in the envelope provided and place in Kelly's in-tray in the office. Last day to place orders is **Sun. March 16**. You can take your flower home after the Easter service on Sun. Apr. 20.

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## Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- **Free Comedy Show:** All adults of any age are cordially invited by the S.I.L.V.E.R.S. to join them for an afternoon of laughter and fellowship. York Theater Arts for Everyone will be presenting *Mystery at Senior Manor* featuring our very own Mark Deckard on **Sat. March 22** here at New Life. Show will begin at 3pm followed by light refreshments in the fellowship hall. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors. Questions see Mel King, Alice Lomax, Dee Flaharty, or Shyrl Tompkins or the office.
- **Save the Date for VBS:** Please mark your calendars for VBS, the mornings of **July 28-Aug. 1**. More details TBA.
- **Save the Date:** Save the date for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual church-wide camping trip: **Fri. Sept. 5 through Sun. Sept. 7** at Codorus State Park. Please make your camping reservation online, as close to site 88 as you can book. Go to [codorusfriends.org/codorus-park-info.html](http://codorusfriends.org/codorus-park-info.html) and scroll down until you see the link to “Camping Reservations.”

## 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:** 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:** We will be studying *Acts* using Nancy Guthrie's *Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts*. This is a 10-week study. Dates and times: **Thursdays 9:30-11 am at church beginning March 13 or Tuesdays 7-8:15 pm on Zoom beginning March 18.** Please contact Marlene Spark or the office for details.

**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 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.

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