

New Life Presbyterian Church
Easter, April 20, 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. Jesus welcomed children in worship, and so do we! Having said that, here are some additional options for parents:

- + There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.
- + A private “nursing moms” alcove is available in the nursery.
- + Classroom 1 is a “Wiggle Room” for parents who desire a place to temporarily be with their young ones while still being able to watch the livestream.

Please be aware that we livestream our services.

Reflections

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life. Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life. Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth. Glory to you, O blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.” – Matthew 28:6

Welcome

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from 1 Peter 1:3 and Psalm 117

Elder Joe Heidler

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Minister: Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

People: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

All: Praise the LORD.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

This Is Our God

Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin
and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't
escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death
and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our
way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath
away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us

This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Bridge 1

Who pulled me out of that pit
He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin
Nobody but Jesus
(REPEAT)

Bridge 2

Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Him

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Affirmation of Faith – 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-28

Bryan McGahan

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we too might live a new life. Yet foolishly, we have chosen death over life. In our thoughts, words and deeds we have rebelled against you and your intentions for us. In so doing, we have broken our fellowship with you, whose love is better than life and whom to know is life itself. In so doing, we have hurt others, sometimes unintentionally and sometimes deliberately, and have harmed their lives. In so doing, we have damaged ourselves who have been created to reflect your beauty. Father, forgive us our sin for Jesus' sake. And grant that your Spirit, by whom you rose Jesus from the dead, might enable us to walk in your ways, the ways of love, justice, and faithfulness, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 53:4-5

*Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(REPEAT)

Ending

O Lord oh Lord our God
O Lord oh Lord our God

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Prayers of the People

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.

Offertory – Easter Song

Verse

Hear the bells ringing they're singing
That we can be born again
Hear the bells ringing they're singing
Christ is risen from the dead
The angel up on the tombstone said
He is risen just as He said
Quickly now go tell His disciples
That Jesus Christ is no longer dead

Chorus

Joy to the world
He is risen alleluia
He's risen alleluia
He's risen alleluia alleluia
Alleluia

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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 24:25-27, 36-49

²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself....

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are

witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Sermon – God’s Promises, Fulfilled

Pastor Erik Swanson

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ri - sen from the tomb; lo - ving - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is nought with -

vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fol - ded grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth:
 through thy death - less love: bring us safe through Jor - dan

where thy bo - dy lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ri - sen, con quering Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

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 is risen.
Christ will come again.

Communing Together

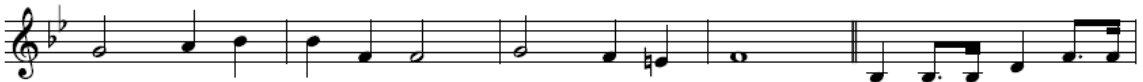
The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Low in the Grave He Lay (Christ Arose)



1. Low in the grave He lay— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
2. Vain - ly they watch His bed— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!
3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus, my Sav - iour!



Wait - ing the com - ing day— Je - sus, my Lord! Up from the grave He a -
Vain - ly they seal the dead— Je - sus, my Lord!
He tore the bars a - way— Je - sus, my Lord!



-rose, with a might - y tri - umph o'er His foes. He a - rose a vic - tor from the



dark do - main, and He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign. He a -



-rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our LORD Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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. 4/20	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tu. 4/22	7:00 pm	Zoom Women’s Bible Study	Zoom
W. 4/23	7:00 am	Men’s Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 4/23	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/23	9:45 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 4/23	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/24	9:30 am	Women’s In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 4/24	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 4/27	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/27	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/27	11:30 am	Photo-Taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 4/27	2:30 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/27	4:00 pm	Memorial for Teresa Deckard	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$124,038.45	\$133,430.20
Week of 4/13/25	\$8,269.23	\$6,559.00

Announcements

- ❖ **Refreshments:** The volunteer schedule for April-June has been posted in the foyer. Please consider signing up one Sunday to provide refreshments. Feel free to ask a friend or your discipleship group to sign up with you; and please feel free to keep it simple.
- ❖ **Sound Team Members Needed:** Do you have a good ear for music, a basic understanding of technology, and a desire to use these skills to worship God? If so, New Life's sound team could be a good fit for you. There are a variety of ways sound team members serve the congregation, from running the camera and balancing the audio feed for our livestream, to using digital tools to make the most of the voices and instruments leading in musical worship. Experience is preferred, but we are willing to train if you are interested. The ability to attend worship team rehearsals on Wednesday evenings is necessary. Please contact Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) or Ed Feeney.
- ❖ **Volunteers Needed for Mowing Team:** If interested, please contact Deacon Steve Harman.
- ❖ **Water only please:** With the exception of guardians who may need snacks or sippy cups for their young children, we request that all other food and beverages other than water be kept out of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **Photo-Taking for Spring Directory:** It is almost time for our new spring photo directory. New Life member Charles Fox will be in Classroom 3 after the Sunday service on **Sun. Apr. 27 and Sun. May 4** with his photography equipment for those who would like their picture taken. Alternatively, you may submit your own photo to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- ❖ **Service for Teresa Deckard:** We will gather to remember our dear sister in Christ at 4pm **next Sun. Apr. 27**. If you'd like to help, you can contribute a Giant gift card to offset the cost of refreshments. Please see Connie Kay with questions.

- ❖ **Servants Work Week: June 2-6, 2025:** Servants summer work camps are week-long mission opportunities in York County that focus on residential home repair for people in need. We spend the week *serving Christ* through serving others – *building relationships* with our homeowners and each other; *transforming lives* through meeting physical, spiritual, and emotional needs; and *providing hope* to their community. Projects range from painting, yard work, bathroom modifications, and wheelchair ramps. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer to:
 - + Help serve **dinner** to the workers on Thurs. June 5 at 5pm at Chapel Church, and/or
 - + Provide **dessert** for the meal on Thurs. June 5, and/or
 - + New Life will work together as a group(s), but individual registration is necessary. Half and full-day work available. Register at servants.org/events – **Sat. May 10** is the deadline for registration.
- ❖ **Save the Dates!**
 - + **Vacation Bible School:** The mornings of **July 28-Aug. 1**. More details TBA.
 - + **Camping Trip:** Our 6th annual church-wide camping trip will be **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 and scroll down until you see the link to “Camping Reservations.”
 - + **Men’s Retreat:** Held at Camp Hebron **Fri. Jan. 23 through Sun. Jan 25**.

Easter Flowers

Two daffodils, in memory of Barb Marsh, by Anonymous

One of each, in memory of Barb Marsh, by Jan Vaughn

One tulip, in memory of Ziare Jackson, by Anonymous

One daffodil, in memory of Barb Marsh, by the Wirt family

One tulip, in memory of Dan Wirt, by the Wirt family

One tulip, in memory of Lew Dekker, by the Dekker family

One of each, in memory of Barb Marsh, by Anonymous



Many helped to decorate the sanctuary today by purchasing tulips and daffodils.
The above wished to dedicate their flowers.

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: We are 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 9:30-11am at church beginning March 13, or Tuesdays 7-8:15pm 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 Breakfast: 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 Elder 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.