



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

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.

Worshiping God

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Reflection

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.
The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar. – *Psalm 118:22-27*

Processional – *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*

King of kings and Lord of lords	Jesus Prince of Peace
Glory hallelujah	Glory hallelujah
King of kings and Lord of lords	Jesus Prince of Peace
Glory hallelujah	Glory hallelujah

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Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Chorus

Here He comes, we sing hosanna,
Through the gates, we sing hosanna!
Wave your palms, we sing hosanna!
Save us, Lord, we sing hosanna to You.

Verse 2

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!

Verse 1

All glory, laud, and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

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Call to Worship – Psalm 24

Elder Joe Heidler

Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

People: Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Minister: Who is this King of glory?

People: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates;

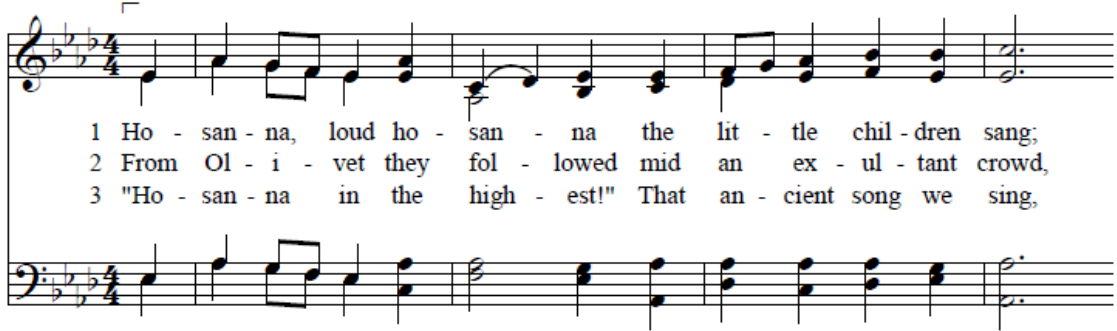
People: Lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Minister: Who is he, this King of glory?

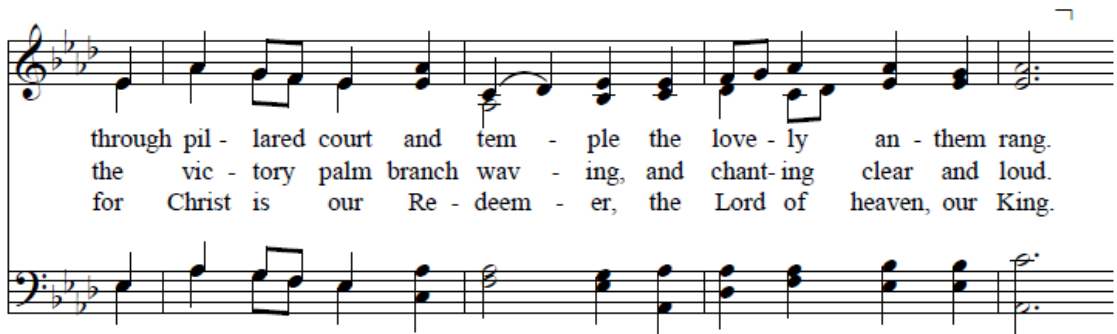
People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Prayer of Praise

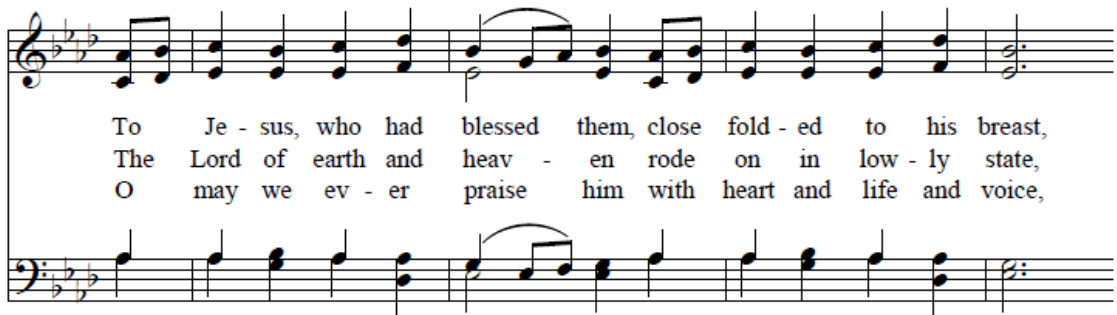
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



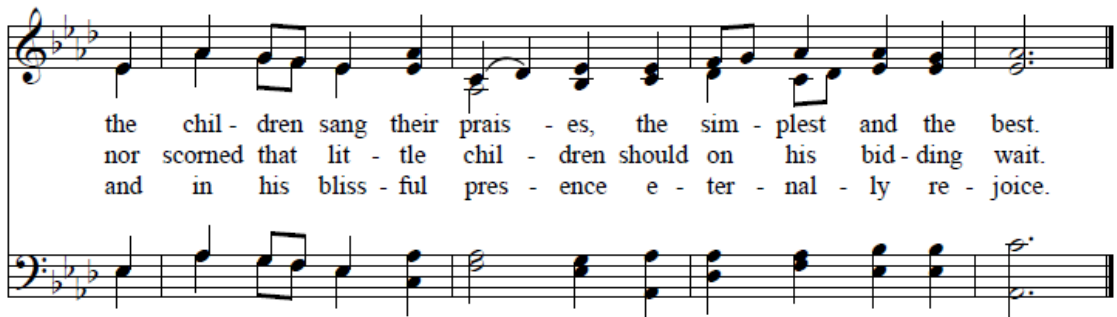
1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Hosanna, Praise Is Rising

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
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Chorus

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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 – Zechariah 9:9-10

Brian Fitz

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone what we ought to have done,
and we have done what we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us.
Yet, good Lord, have mercy on us:
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
And grant, merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may live a godly, righteous, and obedient life,
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.*

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – *Servants Ministry*

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 19:28-48*

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

⁴¹ And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴² saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

⁴⁵ And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, ⁴⁶ saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

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⁴⁷ And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.

Sermon: *The Triumphal Entry*

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 I 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

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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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. 4/13	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 4/13	9:55 am	Palm Sunday Procession	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/13	10:00 am	Corporate Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/13	11:30 am	2 nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 4/13	12:00 pm	Young Adults Gathering	Classroom 1
Tu. 4/15	7:00 pm	Zoom Women’s Bible Study	Zoom
W. 4/16	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/16	9:45 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 4/16	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 4/16	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/17	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
F. 4/18	6:30 pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/20	6:00 am	Easter Sunrise Service	Ray & Renee Henry Home
Sun. 4/20		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Sun. 4/20	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$115,769.22	\$126,594.20
Week of 4/6/25	\$8,269.23	\$12,555.30

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 (email: jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) or Ed Feeney.
- **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.
- **Easter at New Life:**
 - **Palm Sunday Processional:** We will begin at 9:55am **TODAY Sun. Apr. 13.** Please begin the line at the Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary door and continue down the back hallway.
 - **Good Friday Service:** Join us at 6:30pm **this Fri. Apr. 19.**
 - **Sunrise Service:** Greet Easter morning **Sun. Apr. 20** with a sunrise service at **6am at the home of Ray & Renee Henry.** We will follow with a potluck breakfast.
 - **NO Sunday School** for any classes on Easter **Sun. Apr. 20.**
 - **Easter Worship:** We'll meet at our regular time of 10am on Easter **Sun. Apr. 20.**
- **Service for Teresa Deckard:** We will gather to remember our dear sister in Christ at 4pm on **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
 - Sign up as an individual worker during the week of June 2-6. Individual worker signups **can be in half-day increments** and must be registered by **Sat. May 10** with Servants at <https://www.servants.org/events>.
- **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 **Jan. 23-25**.

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 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 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.