



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

April 27, 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.

Worshipping God

April 27, 2025

Reflection

“[Christ’s] love is infinite, without bounds of limits; it is superlative, without comparison; transcendent, beyond comprehension; everlasting, without change; and will have no end or conclusion. He loved them when they were polluted in their sins, and washed them with His own blood; He loved them when they were naked in their souls, and clothed them with robes of His righteousness. He loves them in their sickness and sorrows, and is their comforter; he loves them in their wants and straits, and is their Benefactor. He loves them in life, and is the life of their souls; He loves them at death, and is the stay of their hearts; and He loves them after death, and will be their portion forever.”

- Thomas Vincent, *The True Christian’s Love to the Unseen Christ*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 145

Elder Joe Heidler

*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, People of the Risen King

Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice

Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice
(REPEAT)

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Morning Sun

1 On the first day of the week Mar - y came, the
Hid - ing in that se - cret room, His dis - ci - ples,
Then, at last on the moun - tain - top an - gels told them

A7 D7 G7 C7 G7

4 grave to seek, Je - sus met her by the way,
full of gloom Sud - den - ly, the Lord ap - peared,
"You should stop your cry - ing, Je - sus Christ will come a - gain!"

G Am Bm C G/D D7 G C/DG7 C7 G7

7 on that first Res - ur - rec - tion Day! Ris - ing like the morn - ing sun,
"Death is con - quered dry your tears!"
What a glad re - u - nion then!

C7 D7 G7

11 bring - ing hope to ev' ry - one who sees him, praise the Lord, his

C7 G7 G Am Bm C G/D D7 G C/D

14 work was done, Je - sus is my morn - ing sun!

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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 – Deuteronomy 18:15-22

Sue Ann Randall

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our soul is like a house, small for You to enter, but we pray that You will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask You to remake it. It contains much that You will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to You? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what You are to us. “Say to my soul, ‘I am your salvation.’” Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love You and hasten to your side. In Jesus’ 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.*

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
Such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
(REPEAT)

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Micah Swanson

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 16

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

¹⁶ “The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

¹⁸ “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Sermon: *Kingdom Principles*
Series: *Jesus' Journey to Jerusalem*

Pastor Erik Swanson

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 is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communing Together

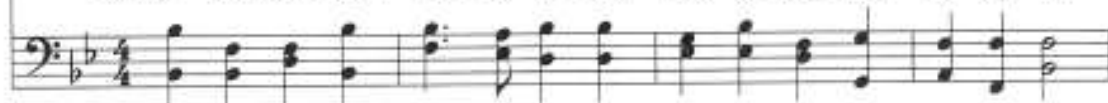
The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship Christ the Risen King



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has con- quered death and hell.
2. See the tomb where death had laid him, emp- ty now, its mouth de- clares;
3. Hear the earth pro- test and trem- ble, see the stone re- moved with pow'r;
4. Doubt may lift its head to mur- mur, scoff- ers mock and sin- ners jeer;
5. We ac- claim your life, O Je- sus, now we sing your vic- to- ry;



Sing as all the earth re- joic- es; res- ur- rec- tion an- thems swell.
 "Death and I could not con- tain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's min- ions may as- sem- ble, but can- not with- stand his hour.
 but the truth pro- claims a won- der thought- ful hearts re- ceive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your con- quest keeps us free.



Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!
 Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!
 • He has con- quered, he has con- quered, Christ the Lord, the ris- en King!
 He is ris- en, he is ris- en, now re- ceive the ris- en King!
 Stand in tri- umph, stand in tri- umph, wor- ship Christ, the ris- en King!



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. 4/27	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	Service for Teresa Deckard	Sanctuary
M. 4/28	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	Aquarium
Tu. 4/29	7:00 pm	Zoom Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 4/30	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/30	9:45 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 4/30	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/1	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
Th. 5/1	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sat. 5/3	12:30 pm	Baking Tutorial	Kitchen/Fellowship Hall
Sun. 5/4	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/4	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/4	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 5/4	11:30 am	Photo-Taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 5/4	11:45 am	VBS Planning Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 5/4	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$132,307.68	\$137,525.50
Week of 4/20/25	\$8,269.23	\$4,095.30

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 (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) or Ed Feeney.
- ❖ **Volunteers Needed for Mowing Team:** If interested, please contact Deacon Steve Harman.
- ❖ **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 **TODAY Sun. Apr. 27 and NEXT 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 **TODAY 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.
- ❖ **Matthew 6:11 - "Give us this day our daily bread..."** If you would like to learn how to bake bread, join us **this Sat. May 3** from 12:30-3pm. You will learn the basics of baking different kinds of delicious bread - and sample some as well! Please sign up in the foyer today OR you can RSVP during the week to Renee Henry or Sue Ann Randall.

- ❖ **Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting:** We would love your help for VBS this year! If interested, please meet in the Aquarium at 11:45 am **next Sun. May 4** for a planning meeting.
- ❖ **Congregational Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for a congregational meeting on **Sun. May 18** at 11:45 am. The purpose of the meeting is for the congregational election on the slate of eligible candidates for deacon and elder. Please take a bio sheet on the candidates from the foyer. These men have been through a training class and have been examined by the elders, as required by our Book of Church Order (BCO, Chapter 24). Candidates for Deacon: Ed Feeney, Dan Paules, Roger Kay, Ray Henry. Candidate for Elder: Brian Fitz.
- ❖ **Associate Pastor Candidating Weekend:** Pastor Steve Schaper and his family will be here from **Fri. May 30 through Sun. June 1!** Both a biography from Pastor Steve and a recommendation from the search team are available to take from the foyer table. Please keep either that Friday or Saturday evening available in your calendar for a Meet & Greet time. Pastor Steve will be preaching Sunday morning, and a Question & Answer time in the sanctuary will follow our time of fellowship. The following **Sun. June 8**, we will hold a congregational meeting after worship to vote on his candidacy.
- ❖ **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.

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.