



# NEW LIFE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

May 11, 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.*

# Worshiping God

May 11, 2025

## Reflection

“The vast majority of men are utterly deceived in their expectations with respect to the kingdom of God. They are waiting for signs which will never appear. They are looking for indications which they will never discover.” – J.C. Ryle

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – from 1 Chronicles 29

*Elder Wayne Blanding*

*Minister: Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.*

**People: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor.**

*Minister: For everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*

**People: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.**

*Minister: In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.*

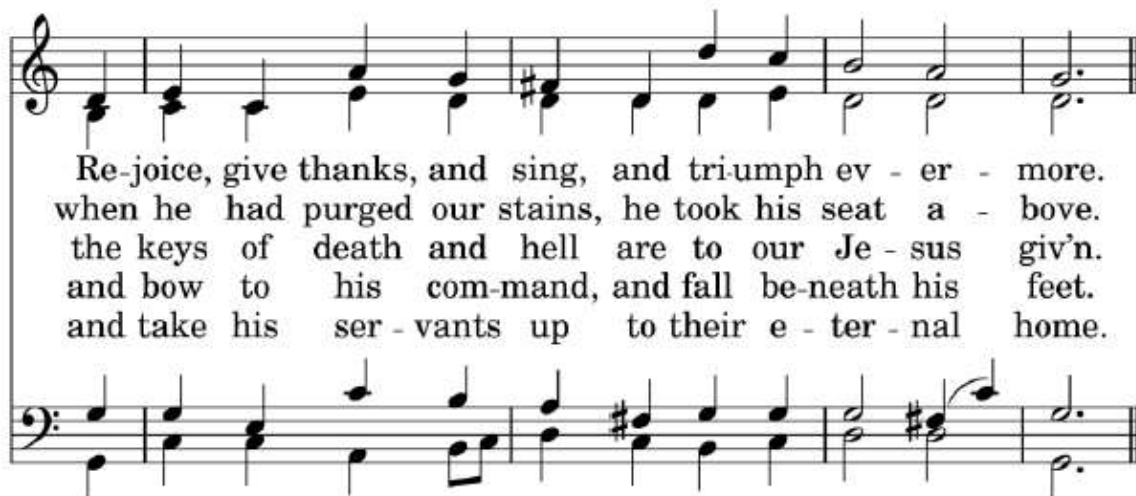
**People: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

## Prayer of Praise

## Rejoice the Lord Is King



1. Re-joyce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore!  
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3. His king-dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit,  
5. Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,



Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.  
and bow to his com-mand, and fall be-neath his feet.  
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

### REFRAIN



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, re - joice!

# You've Already Won

## Verse 1

There's peace that outlasts darkness  
Hope that's in the blood  
There's future grace that's mine today  
That Jesus Christ has won

## Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow  
For tomorrow's in Your hands  
All I need You will provide  
Just like You always have

## Chorus

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome  
Don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won

## Verse 3

There's mercy in the waiting  
Manna for today  
And when it's gone I know You're not  
You are my hope and stay

## Verse 4

When the sea is raging  
Your Spirit is my help  
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ  
I'll say that it is well  
Oh I know that it is well

## Chorus

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome  
Don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won

## Bridge

I know how the story ends  
We will be with You again  
You're my Savior my defense  
No more fear in life or death

## Tag

I know how this story ends

## Chorus

I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won  
No matter what comes my way  
I will overcome  
Don't know what You're doing  
But I know what You've done  
I'm fighting a battle  
You've already won

## Tag

I'm fighting a battle You've already won

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## **Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 1**

*Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?*

**A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## **Scripture Reading – Acts 1:6-11**

*Sue Vester*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**O God our Savior,**

**We come before you today as foolish sheep who find it our natural inclination to wander far from you. You have set your love upon us, chosen us, and saved us, but we find it hard to trust you and prefer to turn to our own wisdom and understanding. You lead us in green pastures for your own name's sake, but we sometimes reject the feast that you lay before us and try frantically to fill ourselves up with things that cannot satisfy. You lead us by still waters to restore our souls, yet we recklessly dabble with strong currents of temptation and are easily swept away by torrents of sinful cravings and lust. You call us to straight paths of righteousness, but we scorn your warnings, ignore your guidance, and rebel against your discipline. Father, we stray from you and turn to our own ways; forgive us for our many sins. Jesus, you are our sacrificial lamb. You are the Great Shepherd, who laid down your life for your beloved sheep, and you are the tender shepherd who gathers us in your arms and carries us. Thank you for your kindness! Holy Spirit, help us to see where the path of blessing lies, and give us hearts that are eager to travel that path. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 John 1:9**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

# Revelation Song

## Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat  
(REPEAT)

## Chorus

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

## Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

## Chorus

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

## Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and  
living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

## Chorus

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You  
(REPEAT)

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## Prayers of the People

### Ministry Moment

#### 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 17:20-37*

<sup>20</sup> Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

<sup>22</sup> And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. <sup>23</sup> And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. <sup>24</sup> For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. <sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup> Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, <sup>29</sup> but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— <sup>30</sup> so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot's wife. <sup>33</sup> Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left." <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."



**Sermon:** *The Already/Not Yet Kingdom*

*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 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**

# Hymn of Heaven

## Verse 1

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone  
and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

## Chorus 1

There will be a day  
When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day  
When death will be no more  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

## Verse 2

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith  
We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

## Chorus 1

There will be a day  
When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day  
When death will be no more  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

## Verse 3

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Forever He shall reign

## Chorus 1

There will be a day  
When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day  
When death will be no more  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

## Chorus 2

So let it be today  
We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints  
We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God  
Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord  
Holy holy is the Lord

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**Benediction – Numbers 6:24-26**

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**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. 5/11 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School for All Ages    | Classrooms      |
| Sun. 5/11 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship             | Sanctuary       |
| Sun. 5/11 | 12:00 pm | Young Adult Bible Study       | Classroom 1     |
| Tu. 5/13  | 7:00 pm  | Zoom Women’s Bible Study      | Zoom            |
| W. 5/14   | 7:00 am  | Men’s Breakfast               | Fellowship Hall |
| W. 5/14   | 9:00 am  | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Classroom 1     |
| W. 5/14   | 9:45 am  | Moms +                        | Classroom 2     |
| W. 5/14   | 7:00 pm  | Music Team Rehearsal          | Sanctuary       |
| Th. 5/15  | 9:30 am  | Women’s In-Person Bible Study | Aquarium        |
| Th. 5/15  | 11:00 am | Prayer Meeting                | Classroom 1     |
| Sun. 5/18 | 9:00 am  | Sunday School for All Ages    | Classrooms      |
| Sun. 5/18 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship             | Sanctuary       |
| Sun. 5/18 | 11:45 am | Congregational Meeting        | Sanctuary       |
| Sun. 5/18 | 6:00 pm  | Community Groups              | Members’ Homes  |

**Church Financial Summary**

| Category          | Budget       | Actual       |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year to Date 2025 | \$148,846.14 | \$167,702.55 |
| Week of 5/4/25    | \$8,269.23   | \$6,624.00   |

## Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Draft Spring Directory:** Please note there is a draft spring directory in the foyer. Please add or update your information as necessary. The final directory will include any new pictures that have been taken/submitted. If you'd like to submit a photo, please do so to [kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com).
- ❖ **Lost & Found:** Please claim any of your items from the Lost & Found by **this Wednesday**. Any unclaimed items will be donated.
- ❖ **Deacons' Offering: Next Sun. May 18**, our offering will be taken for our Deacons' Fund. The monies in the Deacons' Fund go toward ministering to those in the congregation with financial needs.
- ❖ **Congregational Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for a congregational meeting **next 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. Two "Meet 'n Greet" times are scheduled that weekend for the congregation:
  - + Friday 5-7pm – Please sign up in the foyer for the taco bar.
  - + Saturday 6-7:45pm – Please sign up in the foyer for the ice cream bar.Pastor Steve will be preaching that 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.

## Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- ❖ **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](https://servants.org/events) – **Sat. May 10** is the deadline for registration.
- ❖ **Save the Date:** Women, please mark your calendars for the "Women in the Word" workshop in Philadelphia, **Fri. Oct. 17 – Sat. Oct. 18** ([womeninthewordworkshop.org/workshop-2025/](https://womeninthewordworkshop.org/workshop-2025/)). More details TBA.

## 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 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 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 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 **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.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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