



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

May 4, 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 4, 2025

Reflection

Masquerade!
Paper faces on parade!
Masquerade!
Hide your face,
so the world will
never find you!
Masquerade!
- *Andrew Lloyd Webber*

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness
without which no one will see the Lord. – *Hebrews 12:14*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 118

Elder Wayne Blanding

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good and his love endures forever.

All: Let those who fear the LORD say “His love endures forever.”

Minister: The LORD is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.

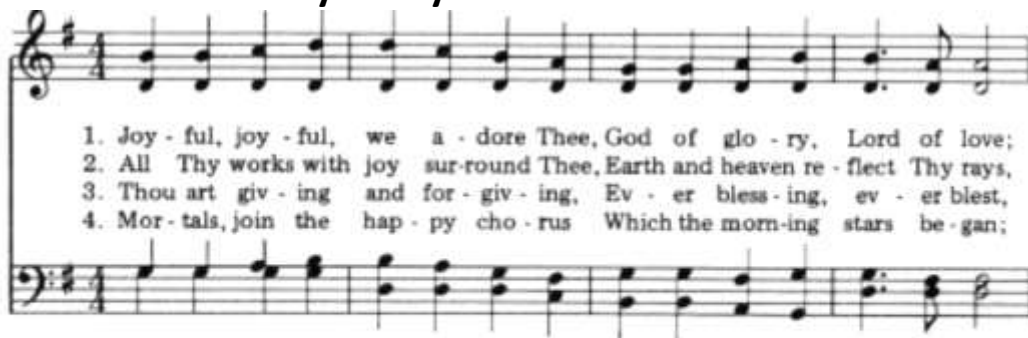
**All: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.**

Minister: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

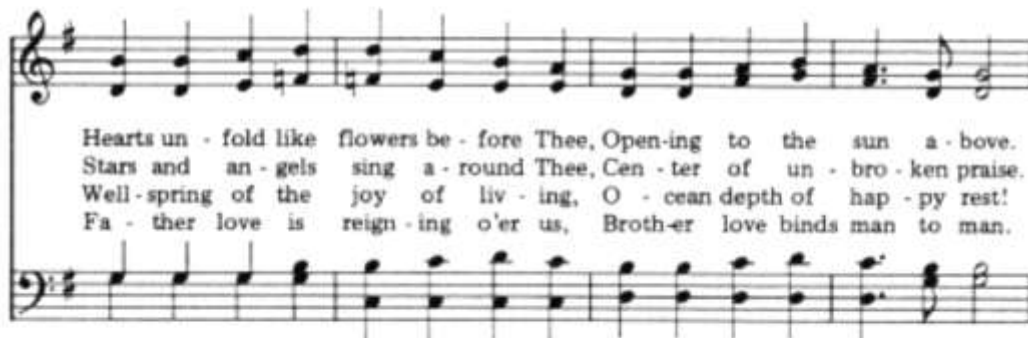
**All: You are our God, and we will give you thanks: you are our God,
and we will exalt you.**

Prayer of Praise

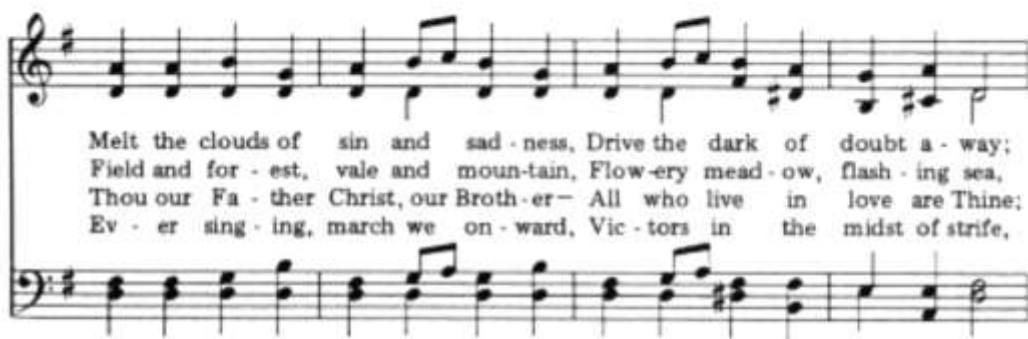
Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee



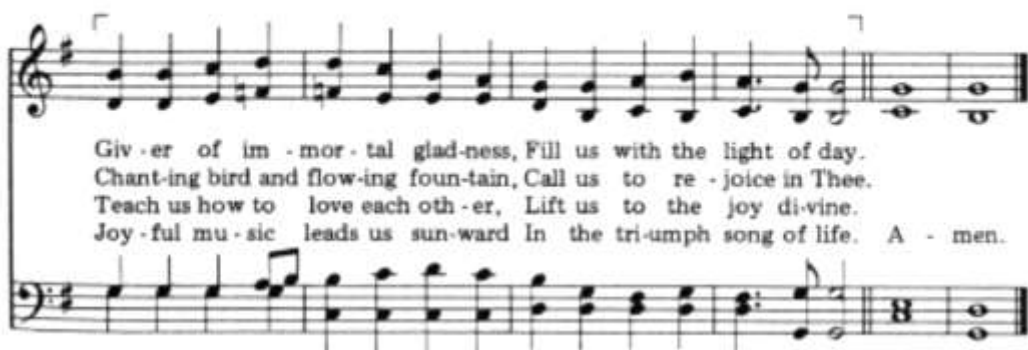
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

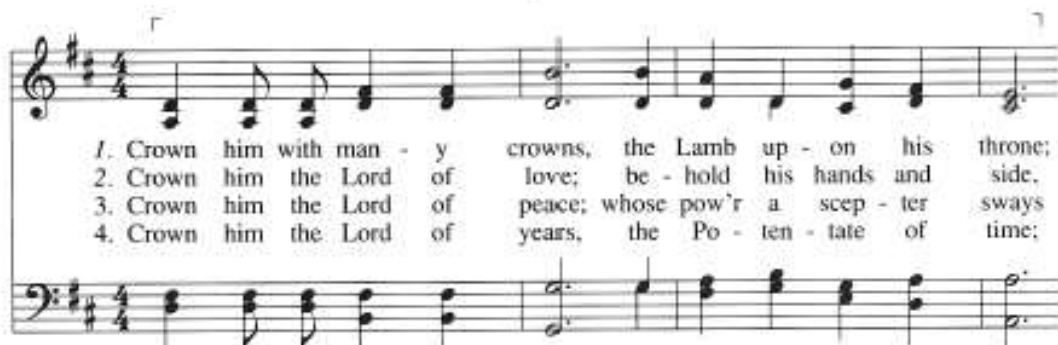


Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther Christ, our Broth - er— All who live in love are Thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

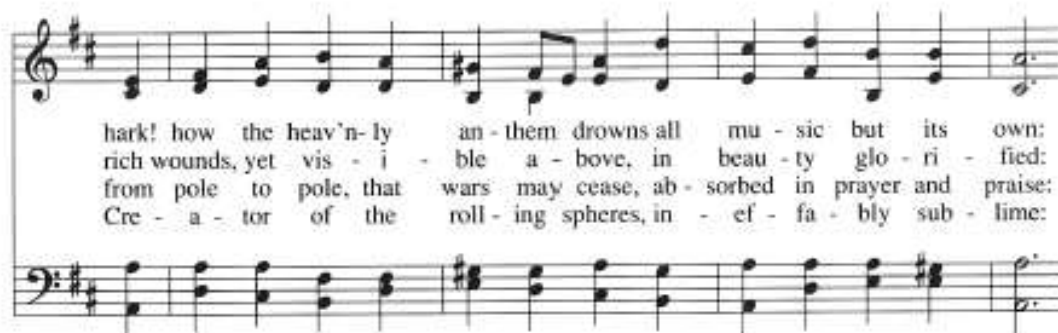


Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

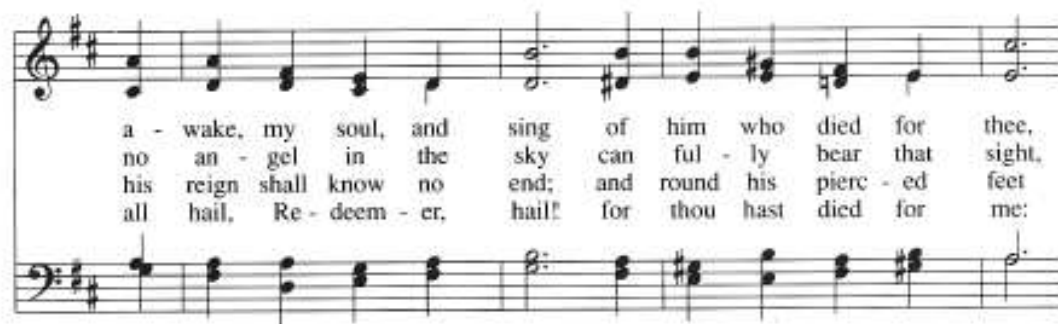
Crown Him with Many Crowns



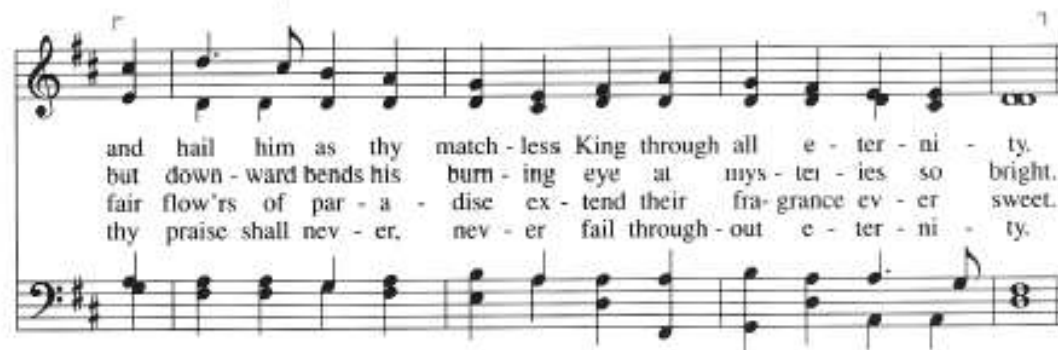
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side;
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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 – Romans 12:9-21

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Father, you have called us to follow you and live counter-cultural lives. You have called us to let you shape our dreams, our goals, our desires and our hearts.

But, Father, we come to you this morning confessing that we have allowed our world to shape us instead of you.

Where you desire us to serve, we have at times sought to be served.

Where you desire us to sacrifice, we have at times pursued comfort.

Where you have sought us to engage, we have at times remained aloof.

Where you have sought us as your children, we have at times lived as orphans.

Forgive us for our refusal to follow you. Grant that we would see the richness of pilgrimage with you and pursue you with our whole hearts. We pray in Jesus' name, 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.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



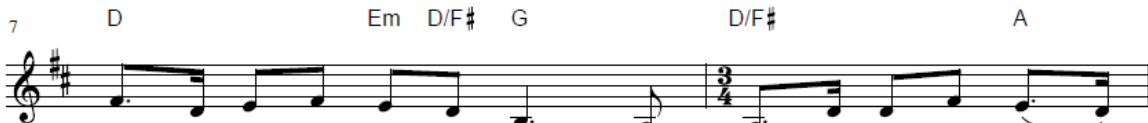
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

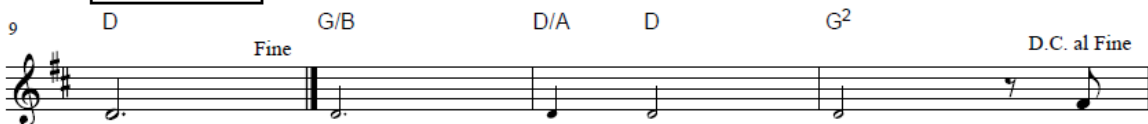


great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held _ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wonds have paid my ran -

TURNAROUND



-ry.
 -ished.
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2. Be -
 3. I

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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 17:1-19*

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷ "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon: *We Are Unworthy Servants; We Have Only Done What Is Our Duty*

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

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
(REPEAT)

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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. 5/4	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
Tu. 5/6	7:00 pm	Zoom Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 5/7	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/7	9:45 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 5/7	6:00 pm	SILVERS Committee Meeting	Classroom 4
W. 5/7	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 5/7	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 5/7	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Th. 5/8	9:30 am	Women's In-Person Bible Study	Aquarium
F. 5/9	7:30 pm	Movie Night	New Life Lawn
Sun. 5/11	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/11	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/11	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 5/11	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 1

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$140,576.91	\$161,078.55
Week of 4/27/25	\$8,269.23	\$23,553.05

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.
- ❖ **Volunteers Needed for Mowing Team:** If interested, please contact Deacon Steve Harman or the office.
- ❖ **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. 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.
- ❖ **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 **TODAY 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.

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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 – **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/). More details TBA.

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.

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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