



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

June 1, 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

June 1, 2025

Reflection

“From Christ as from a fountain sanctification flows into the souls of the saints: their sanctification comes not so much from their struggling, and endeavors, and vows, and resolutions, as it comes flowing to them from their union with him.”

– Jeremiah Burroughs

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – excerpts from Psalm 34

Elder Will Pope

Minister: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

All: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Minister: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Minister: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

All: Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

Prayer of Praise

By Faith

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those
 who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
 our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break
 the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
 our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him
 our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
(REPEAT)

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Stuart Townend

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my true heart
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and nor man's emp - ty Word
 3. Rich - es I heed not and my vic - to - ry praise
 4. High King of hea - ven my won

5 Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
 I be ev - er with Thee and Thou now with me
 Thou mine I reach in her hea - ven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun
 May I reach in her hea - ven's joys, O bright heav'n's sun

9 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Thou my great Fa - ther and Thy true son
 Thou and of Thou my own heart ly what - ev - er my be - heart
 Heart of my my own heart ly what - ev - er my be - heart

13 Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light
 Thou in King me dwell - ing I trea - sure Thee one
 High King of my hea - ven my O Rul - er Thou of all
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er Thou of all

Affirmation of Faith – *Romans 8:38-39*

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 89:19-29*

Elder Wayne Blanding

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and you ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: we confess that we have not fully lived as those who are one with you. We have been more caught up in the world's allure than in the majesty of your glory; we have not made the truth of the gospel the center of our attention and hope; we have failed to make your concerns our own. Forgive us, and fill us with love and awe for your holy name, that we might show forth your great glory, O Lord; for you are three persons in one God, world without end. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Ephesians 2:8-10*

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

but now am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayers of the People

Prayer for Graduates

*Elissa Ryan
Charity Skinner
Nathaniel 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 18:31-43*

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴² And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Sermon: *Sight for the Blind*

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

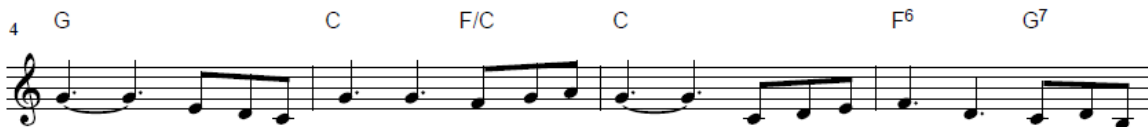
Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Ruling Elder

- ❖ Slate of those elected:
 - Deacon: Roger Kay, Edward Feeney, Daniel Paules, Ray Henry
 - Elder: Brian Fitz
- ❖ Nature and Duties of Each Office; Character of Officers
- ❖ Ordination Vows
- ❖ Laying On of Hands and Prayer
- ❖ Pronouncement
- ❖ Charge to the Officers
- ❖ Charge to the Congregation

Blessed Assurance

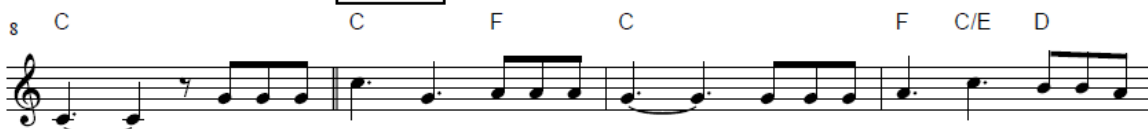


1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! — Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion — all is at rest, — I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

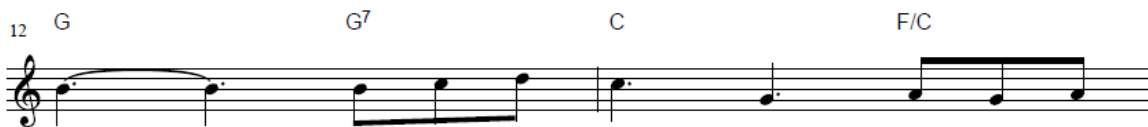


-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, — born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, — filled with His good - ness, lost in His

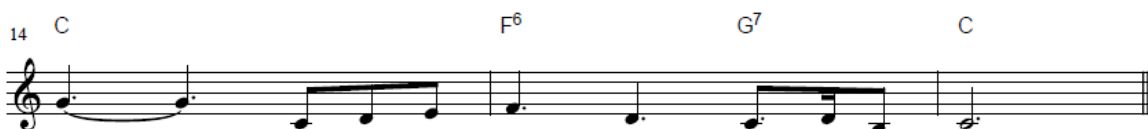
CHORUS



blood. — This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love. —
 love. —



long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my



song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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. 6/1	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/1	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 6/1	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
W. 6/4	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 6/4	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 6/4	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Sun. 6/8	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/8	11:30 am	2 nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 6/8	12:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Classroom 2

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$165,384.60	\$183,670.55
Week of 5/18/25	\$8,269.23	\$6,647.00

Announcements

- ❖ **Reminder for Parents:** It is a joy to watch the children of New Life playing after church every Sunday morning! However, please remind your children not to play or run at the sound desk, on the stage, or around the musical instruments at the front of the sanctuary. Those locations make fun and interesting hiding places, but also hold a lot of sensitive and expensive equipment. Thank you!
- ❖ **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. **Please make any corrections or additions before Wednesday this week.**
- ❖ **Disaster relief opportunity in Asheville, NC:** The overarching work of Servants in North Carolina is partnered with Baptist on Mission for the next 5 years. There is an upcoming trip from Aug. 17-25. If any congregant feels independently led to participate; please reach out to Kiel Reese, Barbara Henry, or Sue Grim and we will connect you with the point-of-contact at Servants. Note that **we plan to have a meeting on Sun. Aug. 10** after the Sunday service to assess interest in sending a short-term mission in late 2025 (November?) or spring 2026.
- ❖ **Women's Summer Book Club:** Ladies, join us in reading a memoir of Joni Eareckson Tada's marriage. Read *Joni & Ken: An Untold Love Story* at your own pace this summer and join us for dinner and discussion in late August (exact date TBD.) You can contact Connie Kay with any questions.
- ❖ **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 are on break for the summer. The adult class meets in the Aquarium.

Women's Bible Study: Please contact Marlene Spark with any questions about our next Bible study, which will begin in the fall.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in Classroom 1 at 9am.

Moms+: Moms+ is celebrating summer vacation – from pool to pickleball, feel free to share your ideas. Contact Joy Swanson to be added to the GroupMe messages.

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. The daytime group meets every **Thursday** (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 11am. Contact Sue Rothermel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Contact Elder Will Pope 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.

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

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