



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

June 29, 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

June 29, 2025

Reflection - “He who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only...Apparently, then, our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation. And to be at last summoned inside would be both glory and honour beyond all our merits and also the healing of that old ache.” — C.S. Lewis, **The Weight of Glory**

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Will Pope

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Psalm 73:25-28*

Minister: *Whom have I in heaven but you? There is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.*

People: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Minister: *For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.*

All: But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

help us to praise, Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend, Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
 Word suc - cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend,
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere

Bridge and Chorus sung together:

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(thousands elsewhere)

Bridge

Better is one day
Better is one day
Better is one day
Than thousands elsewhere
(thousands elsewhere)

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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 – Mark Deckard

Psalm 9:7-11

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, you tell us repeatedly in your word that the battle belongs to you. Our salvation was accomplished by your Son. Our hope for daily strength comes from your Spirit. You are our hope, our righteousness, our refuge, and our rock. We praise you and thank you. We confess, Father, that our hearts are prone to wander. We often turn away from a posture of trusting you. We look at the challenges we face, and we feel overwhelmed. At times, we fail to rely on your promises and your grace. Sometimes that failure to trust leads to actions that dishonor you and wound ourselves and others. Forgive us, we ask, for our hope is in Christ alone. Help us, this week, to trustingly obey you in all things. We ask this in Jesus' name, 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.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Words and Music by
Helen H. Lemmel

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VERSE

C F C/G

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
3. His Word shall not fail you - He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and

G⁷ C C D⁷/A G/B

dark - ness you see? _____ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
fol - low Him there; _____ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion - for
all will be well: _____ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

CHORUS

C G/D D⁷ G Am⁷ G⁷/B C G G⁷/F⁷ Am

life more a - bun - dant and free! _____ Turn your eyes up - on Je -
more - than con - q'rors we are! _____
per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____

C⁷/G F F⁷ G^{sus} G C G⁷/D

-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____ And the things of

C/E G⁷ Am C⁷/G F Fm/A^b C/G G⁷ C

earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Holly Wirt

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 – *2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, 14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. 15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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 1 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

His Glory And My Good

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood

Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Chorus 2

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good
(REPEAT)

Tag

Yes I know His glory is my good

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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. 6/29	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/29	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/29	6:00 pm	5 th Sunday Hymn Sing	Sanctuary
W. 7/2	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/2	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/2	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 7/6	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/6	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/6	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 7/6	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$206,730.75	\$225,124.05
Week of 6/22/25	\$8,269.23	\$8,282.00

Announcements

- ❖ **Refreshments:** Thanks to all the volunteers who helped this quarter! You'll notice there is a new volunteer schedule posted in the foyer. Please consider signing up to provide refreshments one Sunday. You can ask a friend or your discipleship group to sign up with you and please feel free to keep it very simple.
- ❖ **Request for supplies:** Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! Some of our crafts have a need for toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Instead of tossing these items, will you help by bringing them from home and placing in the bin in the foyer?
- ❖ **5th Sunday Hymn Sing:** On **Sun. June 29**, come to New Life for a traditional hymn sing, starting at 6pm. Please bring a snack to share afterwards.
- ❖ **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 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."
 - + Women, please mark your calendars for the "Women in the Word" workshop in Philadelphia, **Fri. Oct. 17 – Sat. Oct. 18**. See Sue Roethermel for more information. (womeninthewordworkshop.org/workshop-2025/)
 - + **Men's Retreat:** Held at Camp Hebron **Fri. Jan. 23 through Sun. Jan 25, 2026**.

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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