



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

June 8, 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 8, 2025

Reflection

The faith that is unto salvation is a penitent faith, and the repentance that is unto life is a believing repentance.
- John Murray

Jesus “brings his own welcome; he opens the heart and inclines it to receive him.”
- Matthew Henry

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 104:31-34

Elder Will Pope

*Minister: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!*

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

Prayer of Praise

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love
(REPEAT)

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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Come Thou Fount



1. Come, Thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith-er by Thy help I'm come; And I
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be! Let Thy

5 D D/F# A D D/F# G D D/A A⁷ D D/F# Em



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise: Teach me ___
 hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus ___
 grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to ___

9 D F#m G D G/D D D/F# Em D F#m G D A⁷



some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by ___ flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the
 sought me when a stran - ger, wan-d'ring _ from the fold of God; He, to
 wan - der, Lord, I feel ___ it, prone to ___ leave the God I love; Here's my

13 D D/F# A D D/F# G D D/A A⁷ D



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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 – Psalm 119

- ❖ verses 1-8 – *Lucy Kieru (Swahili) and Mark Deckard*
- ❖ verses 97-104 – *Goliath Beniah (Indonesian) and Elizabeth Borch*
- ❖ verses 169-176 – *Natalia Salazar (Spanish) and Tim Loht*

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we believe that you are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect your kingdom. We have spoken harsh words, thought impure thoughts, and lived casual lives. We have ignored your promised judgment by not loving you with our whole hearts or our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us for all our offenses. In your tender kindness, embrace us with your fatherly love and fill our hearts with the joyful expectation of our Lord's return.

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.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wear it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Prayers of the People

Mercy Moment – *Servant Home Helps Report*

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 19:1-10*

He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Sermon: *The Son of Man Came To Seek and To Save the Lost*

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 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

All Sufficient Merit

Verse 1

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit
At my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit
Did what I could not

Verse 2

In love He condescended
Eternal now in time
A life without a blemish
The Maker made to die
The law could never save us
Our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless
Lamb had finally come

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

Verse 3

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted
By the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment
His righteousness is mine

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

Verse 4

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation
Shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted
Before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
And thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

Tag

Oh Your merit now my own
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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. 6/8	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 1
W. 6/11	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 6/11	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Th. 6/12	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Sat. 6/14	10:30 am	Youth Group @ Otter Creek	Meet/Pick-up @ New Life
Sun. 6/15	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/15	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$173,653.83	\$193,611.55
Week of 6/1/25	\$8,269.23	\$9,941.00

Announcements

- ❖ **Youth Group @ Otter Creek: This Sat. June 14** from 10:30am-2:30pm. Picnic, lawn games, and exploring the creek. Bring a camp chair, a food to share (dessert, side, or drink), sunscreen, towel, and a change of clothes. Meet and pick up at New Life.
- ❖ **Do you have an Advanced Directive?** It's a subject many of us don't know about, don't talk about and maybe don't even want to think about. However, it's a loving gesture to our families if we have a plan in place in the event we are unable to make our own medical decisions should we be injured or suddenly taken ill. On **Mon. June 23** at 6:30pm, a speaker from Hospice and Community Care of Central Pennsylvania will answer questions about advanced directives in a presentation "Making Your Wishes Known." Everyone age 18 and up are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please sign up at the foyer table or see Sue Ann Randall or the office for more information.
- ❖ **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?
- ❖ **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 or the office 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**. See Sue Rothermel or the office for more information. (womeninthewordworkshop.org/workshop-2025/)
- ❖ **Help our church to sparkle!** If you would like to join our team of faithful church-cleaners, please contact Kelly at kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com **before this Wednesday** when she'll make up the third quarter schedule. The more volunteers we have, the less often you'll have to clean!

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 or the office 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 or the office 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 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.

For more information, please visit: newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html

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