



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

July 13, 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

July 13, 2025

Reflection

A gracious heart is contented by the melting of his will and desires into God's will and desires, by this means he gets contentment. The mystery consists not in bringing anything from outside to make my condition more comfortable, but in purging out something that is within. All God's strokes are strokes of love and mercy, All God's ways are mercy and truth, to those that fear him and love him (Ps. 25:10)

– Jeremiah Burroughs

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Brian Fitz

Prelude

Call to Worship – excerpted from Psalms 40 and 41

Minister: I waited patiently for the LORD;

People: He turned to me and heard my cry.

Minister: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;

People: He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Minister: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

All: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

Prayer of Praise

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
We could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
To those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (REPEAT)

Chorus

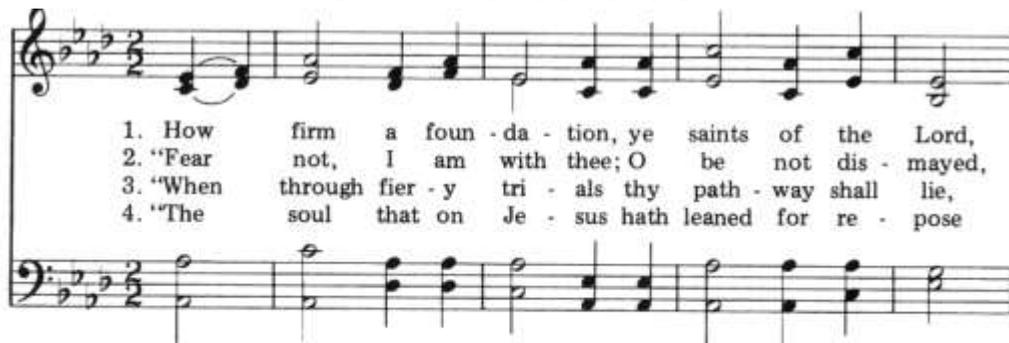
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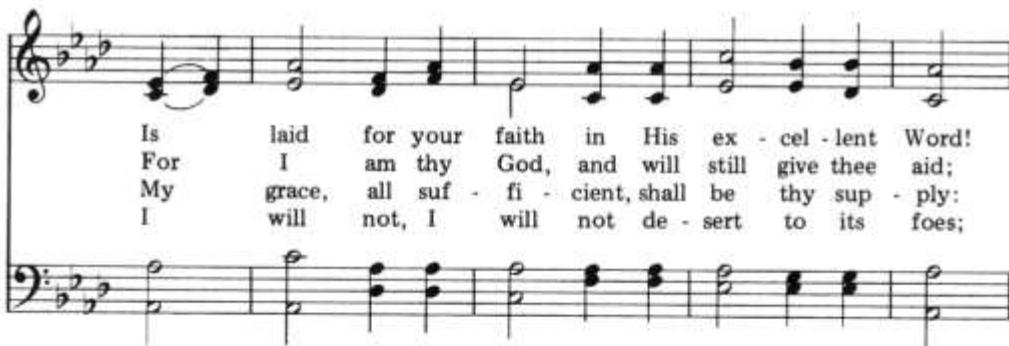
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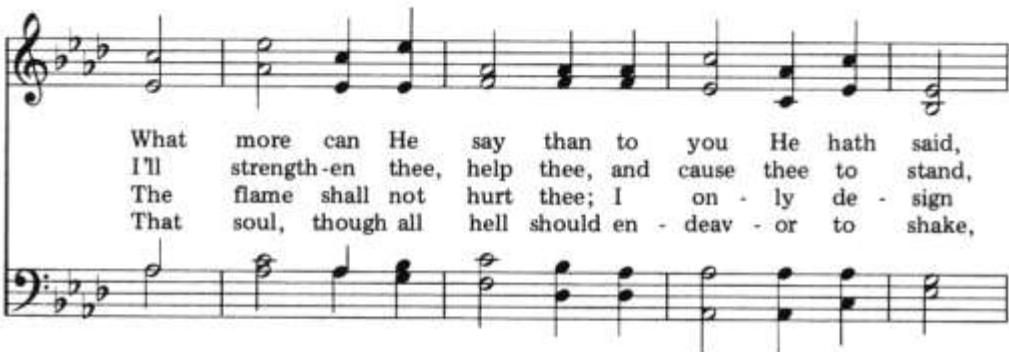
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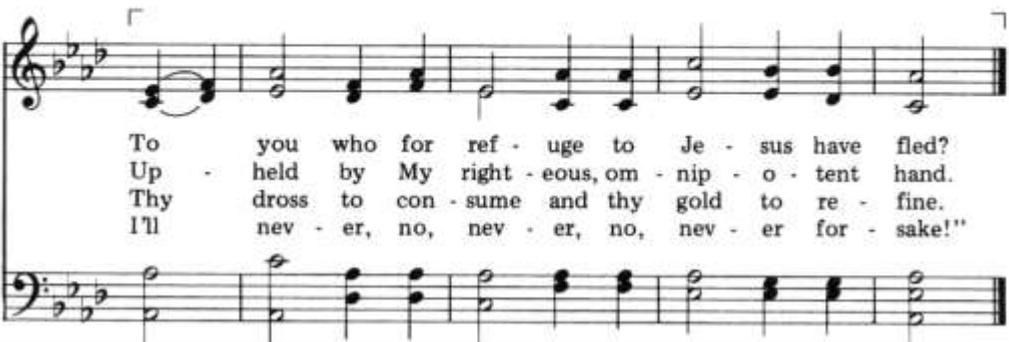
1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



What more can He say than to you He hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

Affirmation of Faith – Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 51:1-10

Elder Brian Fitz

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from prayer in Valley of Vision

Incomprehensible, Great and Glorious God, you have begun a good work in me and you alone can continue and complete it. Give me an increasing conviction of my tendency to err, and of my yielding to sin. Help me to feel more of your compassion and love, and employ me as your instrument in blessing others. Help me to distinguish between the mere form of godliness and its true power in Christ. If I am not right, set me right, keep me right, and may I at last come to your house in peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place



1. My faith has found a rest - ing place- Not in de - vice or
 2. E nough for me that Je - sus saves- This ends my fear and
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word- The liv - ing Word of
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost He came to



creed; I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One- His wounds for me shall
 doubt; A sin - ful soul I come to Him- He'll nev - er cast me
 God; Sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name- Sal - va - tion thru His
 save; For me His pre - cious blood He shed, for me His life He

CHORUS



plead. I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea; It
 out.
 blood.
 gave.



is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that He died for me.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Keystone Family Alliance

Nayler Abror

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 – Ephesians 4:17-32

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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

Speak O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come ___ to You ___ to re - ceive ___ the food ___ of Your
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new ___ our minds; ___ Help us grasp ___ the heights ___ of Your



ho - ly word. ___ Take Your truth, plant it deep ___ in us; ___ Shape and
 - mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes ___ in the
 plans ___ for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn ___ of time, ___ that will



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down ___ through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen ___ to-day ___ in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. ___ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes ___ to see ___ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
 prom - is - es; ___ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your



-fill ___ in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; ___ Let their truth ___ pre - vail ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
 church ___ is built ___ and the earth ___ is filled ___ with Your glo - ry.



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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. 7/13	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/13	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/13	11:30 am	2 nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 7/13	12:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Classroom 1
W. 7/16	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/16	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 7/17	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Th. 7/17	6:30 pm	Mercy Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 7/19	12:30 pm	Youth Group Ice Cream Trail	Meet at New Life
Sun. 7/20	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/20	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/20	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$223,269.21	\$239,252.05
Week of 7/6/25	\$8,269.23	\$9,916.00

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Refreshments:** Thanks to all the volunteers who helped last 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.
- ❖ **Upcoming Youth Group Events:**
 - + **This Sat. July 19** from 12:30-3:30pm. York County Ice Cream Trail. Visit three York country creameries. Bring your own \$. Meet and pick-up will be at New Life.
 - + **Sat. Aug. 2** from 1-3pm. Pool party at the McGahan's. Bring a camp chair, a food to share (dessert, side, or drink), sunscreen, towel, and change of clothes.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** It's time to sign up your kids for VBS **July 28 – August 1**. Inviting friends? Welcome them to sign up through [EventBrite](#). **In order to keep the limited number of EventBrite spaces available for community members, we are asking New Life families to sign up by emailing admin@newlifeyorkpca.com.** See Kelly's recent email for required registration info.
- ❖ **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 with any questions.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

❖ Save the Dates!

- + **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 Rothermel or the office 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 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.

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