



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

July 6, 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 6, 2025

Reflection

Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior.... Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. – *John Newton*

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Wayne Blanding

Prelude

Call to Worship – *Romans 8:31-34*

Minister: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Minister: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

People: It is God who justifies.

Minister: Who is to condemn?

All: Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Prayer of Praise

Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper
And darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

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This Is Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2

Who shakes the whole earth
With holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me

Verse 3

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
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Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Chorus

This is amazing grace
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That You would take my place
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You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for
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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 – Genesis 50:15-21

Bryan McGahan

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from a prayer by John Owens

I am a poor, weak creature; unstable as water, I cannot excel. This corruption is too hard for me, and is at the very door of ruining my soul; and what to do I know not. My soul is become as parched ground. I have made promises and broken them; vows have been as a thing of nothing. Many persuasions have I had that I had got the victory and should be delivered, but I am deceived; so that I plainly see, that without some eminent rescue and assistance, I am lost, and shall be prevailed on to an utter relinquishment of God. But yet, though this be my state and condition, let the hands that hang down be lifted up, and the feeble knees be strengthened. Behold, the Lord Christ, that has all the fullness of grace in his heart, all the fullness of power in his hand, you are able to slay all these enemies. There is sufficient provision in you for my deliverance and assistance. You have taken my drooping, dying soul and made me more than a conqueror. Thanks to your name, Lord Jesus, Amen.

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.

Jesus What a Beautiful Name



1. Je - sus, _____ what a beau-ti - ful name. Son ____ of God, Son of
 2. Je - sus, _____ what a beau-ti - ful name. Truth _ re - vealed, my fu - ture
 3. Je - sus, _____ what a beau-ti - ful name. Res - cued my soul, my strong -



Man, Lamb that was slain. _____ Joy __ and peace, strength _ and hope,
 sealed, healed _ my pain. _____ Love _ and free - dom, life _____ and warmth,
 -hold, lifts me from shame. _____ For-give-ness, se - cur - i - ty, pow - er and love,



grace that blows all fear a - way. _____ Je - sus,
 grace that blows all fear a - way. _____ Je - sus,
 grace that blows all fear a - way. _____ Je - sus,



what a beau - ti - ful name. _____
 what a beau - ti - ful name. _____
 what a beau - ti - ful name. _____

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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 – *Mark 2:1-12*

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹²And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

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

In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that
 Day, up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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. 7/6	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
W. 7/9	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 7/9	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 7/9	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 7/9	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Aquarium
Th. 7/10	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$214,999.98	\$229,336.05
Week of 6/29/25	\$8,269.23	\$4,212.00

Announcements

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 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.

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

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