



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

August 10, 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

August 10, 2025

Reflection

“The #1 Deception: God is Not Good. Deep in our hearts we question God’s goodness. We think he is holding out on us. We think that he is a cosmic killjoy who wants stoic obedience. We seem to believe that he will never let us have a cookie from the cookie jar, but he likes to put the cookie jar right in front of our faces to tempt us. One of the deepest deceptions is the lie that there is something good out there and it is better than what God gives.” - Edward Welch (from *Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave*)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Call to Worship – from “And Can It Be”

Elder Joe Heidler

Minister: No condemnation now I dread;

People: Jesus and all in Him is mine!

Minister: Alive in Him, my living Head,

People: and clothed in righteousness divine,

*Minister: Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ
my own.*

All: Amazing love! How can it be, that You, My God, should die for Me!

Prayer of Praise

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
(REPEAT)

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I Surrender All

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

Verse 3

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Bryan McGahan

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from Valley of Vision

O Lord, no day of my life has passed this week that has not proved me guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; praise has been often praiseless sound; my best services are filthy rags. Though my sins rise to heaven, your merits soar above them, your righteousness exalts me to your throne. I am guilty, but pardoned, lost but saved, wandering, but found, sinning, but cleansed. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness, keep me always clinging to your cross; Flood me every moment with descending grace. In Jesus name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 103:10-13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

Ending

Be unto Your 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 – *Proverbs 3:5-8*

- ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
- ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- ⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
- ⁸ It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

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

Stronger

Verse 1

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Verse 3

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

Chorus

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all
(REPEAT)

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Benediction – John 14:27

Christ says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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. 8/10	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/10	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/10	11:30 am	2 nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/10	11:45 am	Short-Term Missions Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 8/10	5:00 pm	Outdoor Worship Service	Ray & Renee Henry Home
W. 8/13	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
W. 8/13	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 8/13	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 8/13	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 8/14	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
F. 8/15	5:00 pm	Taco Dinner & Q&A	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 8/16	6:00 pm	Ice Cream Social & Q&A	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 8/17	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/17	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/17	12:00 pm	Q&A	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/17	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$256,346.13	\$273,119.88
Week of 8/3/25	\$8,269.23	\$9,422.30

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **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 today** after the Sunday service to assess interest in sending a short-term mission in late 2025 (November?) or spring 2026.
- ❖ **Special Service:** The New Life Congregation is invited to the Henry's home **tonight** at 5pm for an outdoor evening service and baptism.
- ❖ **Associate Pastor Candidate Weekend:** Justin Kleiner and family will be joining us next weekend. Please note the following opportunities:
 - + **Fri. Aug. 15** from 5-7:45pm: Taco dinner and Q&A. Come anytime between 5-7pm for dinner and to mingle. Please consider signing up in the foyer to bring something. Stay for the 7pm Q&A with Justin.
 - + **Sat. Aug. 16** from 6-7:45pm: Ice cream social and Q&A. Come at 6pm for ice cream sundaes. Please consider signing up in the foyer to bring something. Stay for the 7pm Q&A with Justin.
 - + **Sun. Aug. 17:** Justin will preach and the family will be around for fellowship after the service. At noon, Justin will be available in the sanctuary for a Q&A.
 - + **Sun. Aug. 24:** Stay after Sunday's service for a congregational meeting where we will deliberate and vote on Justin's candidacy.
- ❖ **SILVERS** will be having a picnic at Alice and Dave Lomax's house on **Sat. Aug. 23** starting at 4pm. Please bring a lawn chair if you have one. Please see sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- ❖ **Youth Group Event:** Come to a pool party on **Fri. Aug. 29** from 4-7pm at the Spark home. Bring something to share (dessert, side, or drink), sunscreen, towel, and a change of clothes.
- ❖ **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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- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** This fall we will be surveying the prophets for passages concerning the coming Messiah using the book *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets* (A 10-Week Study), by Nancy Guthrie. Both a morning and evening group are available: TUESDAYS (in-person 9:30 -11am in the Aquarium room or at home on Zoom 7-8:15 pm) beginning **September 9**. For more information, please contact Marlene Spark or the office. If you would like to pre-order the book for the reduced price of \$8 (quantity discount), please let Marlene know by **Wed. Aug. 20**.
- ❖ **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 for more information. (womeninthewordworkshop.org/workshop-2025/)
 - + **Men's Retreat:** Held at Camp Hebron **Fri. Jan. 23 through Sun. Jan. 25, 2026**.
- ❖ **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.

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: A 10-week begins Tues. Sept. 9, mornings at church 9:30-11am or evenings on Zoom 7-8:15pm using the book *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets (A 10-Week Study)* by Nancy Guthrie. Please contact Marlene Spark or the office for details.

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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