



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

September 14, 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

September 14, 2025

Reflection

Does God ask us to do what is beneath us? This question will never trouble us again if we consider the Lord of heaven taking a towel and washing feet. - Elisabeth Elliot

If you really want to be reconciled to someone, apply the replacement principle to your actions as well (1 John 3:18). As C.S. Lewis noted, 'Don't waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor, act as if you did.' As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. - Ken Sande (*The Peacemaker*)

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Wayne Blanding

Call to Worship – adapted from Psalm 121

Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

People: My Help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Minister: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: Behold, He who keeps his people, will neither slumber nor sleep.

Minister: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

People: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD.

Prayer of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and man the Son. Thee will I
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring. Je - sus is
 and all the twin - kling star - ry host. Je - sus shines
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Affirmation of Faith – Ephesians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace.

Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from Daniel 9

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong, turning aside from your commandments and rules. Too often we have not loved our neighbors nor served them, but ignored or even spurned them in both thought and deed. Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of your servants and to our pleas for mercy. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear us; O Lord, forgive us. In the name of our Savior Christ, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



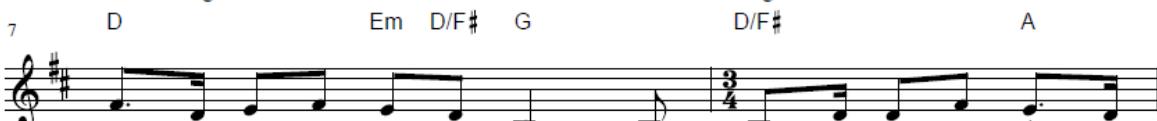
1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y-thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held _ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His _ re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -
 this I know with all my heart: His wonds have paid my ran -

TURNAROUND



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2. Be -
 3. I

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Good News Jail/Global

Paul Beliasov

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 – *Matthew 20:20-28*

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Your Will Be Done

Verse 1

Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure
when there my Saviour prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 3

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to the one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 4

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church
we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Ending

And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church
we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done

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Benediction – Romans 16:25, 27

Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to the gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

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. 9/14	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/14	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/14	11:30 am	2 nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Tues. 9/16	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study	Aquarium
Tues. 9/16	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Tues. 9/16	7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study	Zoom
W. 9/17	8:30 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 9/17	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 9/17	6:30 pm	Mercy Team Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 9/17	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 9/17	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 9/20	1:30 pm	New Attendees’ Gathering	Rishel Home
Sun. 9/21	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/21	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members’ Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$297,692.28	\$311,182.48
Week of 9/7/25	\$8,269.23	\$7,414.30

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Stay Connected:** Do you know all the ways to keep up with New Life? We have a facebook page that you can like, a facebook group you can join, congregational emails from Pastor Erik and the office, and a weekly e-newsletter. Email admin@newlifeyorkpca.com if you'd like to be added to any of these.
- ❖ **Prayer Ministry Time Changes:** NLPC has two ongoing opportunities dedicated to prayer, and both of them have updated dates/times. In the midday, prayer will meet on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** from 11am-12pm in classroom 1. In the evenings, prayer will meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** from 7-8pm in classroom 3. Sherry Rishel is the point of contact.
- ❖ **Fall Adult Sunday School Classes:**
 - + A Bible study on **2 Corinthians** began Sept. 7. Meet in the aquarium classroom, the room off of the fellowship hall.
 - + An **Inquirer's Class**, discussing New Life's history, doctrine, and membership, will begin **next Sun. Sept. 21**. Meet in classroom 2.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** Please consider joining us this fall. We are 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 meeting on **TUESDAYS** (in-person at church 9:30 -11am; at home on Zoom 7-8:15 pm). For more information, please contact Marlene Spark.
- ❖ **New Attendees' Gathering:** Whether you've been worshipping at New Life for one week or up to one year, you're invited to a New Attendees gathering on **Sat. Sept. 20** from 1:30-3:30pm. The primary purpose of this gathering is social: it provides a smaller context in which people can get to know each other. After a time of mingling, the gathering will close with a brief group discussion of New Life's vision and mission. Meet at Andy and Sherry Rishel's home.
- ❖ **Movie Night!** Invite your family and friends to our movie night on **Sat. Sept. 27**. We will be viewing *Paddington in Peru* on the New Life lawn. Doors open at 6:30pm and movie will begin at 7. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but don't forget your lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
- ❖ **Movie Night Help Requested:** We need people to help with setup/cleanup and to help with snacks and yard games. If you are willing to help please contact Mark Deckard or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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❖ **Save the Dates!**

- + **Women**, please mark your calendars for the "Women in the Word" workshop in Philadelphia, **Fri. Oct. 17 – Sat. Oct. 18**. For more information, visit 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: Pre-K through 1st meets in classroom 5, 2nd-4th meets in classroom 4, 5-8th meets in classroom 3, and 9-12th meets in classroom 1.

Two adult classes: one studying 2 Corinthians and meeting in the Aquarium room and the other an Inquirers' Class and meeting in Classroom 2 beginning Sept. 21

Women's Bible Study: The fall session began **Tues. Sept. 9** mornings at church 9:30-11 or evenings on Zoom 7-8:15 using the book [*The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*](#) (A 10-Week Study), by Nancy Guthrie. Please contact Marlene Spark 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+ meets on Wednesdays from 8:30-10:30am. 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: NLPC has two ongoing opportunities dedicated to prayer. In the midday, prayer meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** from 11am-12pm in classroom 1. In the evenings, prayer meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** from 7-8pm in the classroom 3. Sherry Rishel is the point of contact.

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.

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