



# NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love**

September 28, 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

September 28, 2025

## Reflection

“There is a powerful relation between music and the soul. The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche once declared: ‘without music life would be a mistake.’ He added, ‘I could only believe in a God who danced.’ In my jazz band, we like to add another phrase to this: ‘we could only believe in a God who knows suffering.’ Many have reflected on the sacred aspect of music. Mickey Hart once said: ‘Music has many sides. It can seduce or frighten you. It can rattle your bones. It can let you see God.’”

- William Edgar (in *A Supreme Love: The Music of Jazz and the Hope of the Gospel*)

## Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

## Prelude

### Call to Worship – from Lamentations 3:22-26, 5:21

*Minister: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,*

***People: His mercies never come to an end.***

*Minister: They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness*

***People: The LORD is my portion; therefore I will hope in him.***

*Minister: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.*

***People: It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.***

***Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!***

## Prayer of Praise

# To God Be the Glory



1. To God be the glo - ry— great things He has done! So loved He the  
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood— to ev - 'ry be -  
 3. Great things He has taught us; Great things He has done, and great our re -

6 G A D D<sup>7</sup> G D<sup>7</sup> G G/B D



world that He gave us His Son, who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for  
 - liev - er, the prom - ise of God. The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -  
 - joic - ing through Je - sus, the Son. But pur - er and high - er and great - er will

## CHORUS

12 G G<sup>7</sup> C G/D D<sup>7</sup> G G



sin and o - pened the life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord! Praise the  
 - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
 be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

18 G/B D/A G D D/C G/B D/A



Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re -

24 G D<sup>7</sup> G G/B D



- joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus, the



Son, and give Him the glo - ry— great things He has done!

# Great Things

## Verse 1

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God  
You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God  
You have done great things

## Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God  
You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God  
You have done great things

## Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)  
You've done great things

## Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God  
You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God  
You have done great things

## Ending

You have done great things  
O God You do great things

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## **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 – Philippians 4:4-13**

*Sue Vester*

*Minister: This is the word of the LORD.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession – adapted from a prayer by Matthew Henry (18th century)**

**We know that we have sinned, Father, against heaven and before you, and are no more worthy to be called your children. But there is forgiveness, mercy, and redemption with you. You will not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Though heaven is your throne, and the earth your footstool, still you will look to the poor and humble person who trembles at your word. You revive the spirit of the humble, and the heart of the contrite. Those who cover their sins will not prosper, yet those that confess and forsake them will find mercy. You have said that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We confess now and pray 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.*

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

F D A<sup>7</sup> D A G D A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A<sup>7</sup> D A D G D A<sup>7</sup> D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A<sup>7</sup> D G D A<sup>7</sup> D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A<sup>7</sup> D A G D A<sup>7</sup> D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood,  
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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 – *Psalm 126*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!

<sup>5</sup>Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

<sup>6</sup>He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.

**Sermon:** The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

**Series:** Travel Songs

**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**

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest; Sun, moon and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

6 C/E C D/A A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup>/C C Dm C/E



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright hope for to -

12 Fmaj<sup>7</sup> F<sup>#7</sup> C/G G<sup>7</sup> C G

## CHORUS



fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is Thy  
 wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 -mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

18 F/C C A<sup>7</sup> Gm/D Dm G<sup>7</sup> C Cm<sup>6</sup> G/D D<sup>7</sup>



faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I

24 G G<sup>7</sup> C G<sup>7</sup>/C C Dm C/E Fmaj<sup>7</sup>



see; All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed -



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sun. 9/28	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 9/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/28	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Tues. 9/30	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tues. 9/30	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/1	8:30 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/1	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/1	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 10/1	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 10/1	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Sun. 10/5	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/5	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/5	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 10/5	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2025</b>	\$314,230.74	\$324,704.48
<b>Week of 9/21/25</b>	\$8,269.23	\$4,576.00

## Announcements

- ❖ **Moms+:** This fall, the women in Moms+ are studying Habakkuk. The younger children are studying the names of God in John, while the older ones are studying Acts. There is a nursery for the youngest, although babies are welcome to stay with mom as well. Please join us at the church on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30.
- ❖ **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](mailto: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.
- ❖ **NC Disaster Relief Trip:** Join us at New Life on **Tues. Oct. 7** at 7pm for an information meeting on a North Carolina disaster relief trip. Todd Spahr from Servants will be present for a Q&A. This is a one-week trip with Servants – possibly in the April 2026 timeframe. Please contact Kiel Reese if you have any questions.
- ❖ **Refreshments:** Thanks to all those who helped out with Sunday refreshments this quarter! You will find a new sheet for sign-ups in the foyer. Sign up with some friends to make it easier, and please keep it simple.
- ❖ **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/](http://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:** Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> meets in classroom 5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 4, 5-8<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 3, and 9-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Women's Bible Study:** The fall session takes place Tuesdays 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+:** Women, please join us at the church on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30. Childcare and Bible classes for your kids are also provided.

**Men's Breakfast** is in transition. Stay tuned for details.

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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