



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

October 26, 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

October 26, 2025

Reflection

“Contentment is the quiet of the heart. It is not opposed to making in an orderly manner our moans and complaints to God, and to our friends. Though a Christian ought to be quiet under God’s correcting hand he may without any breach of Christian contentment come plain to God...Likewise he may communicate his sad condition to his Christian friends, showing them how God has dealt with him, and how heavy the affliction is upon him, that they may speak a word in season to his weary soul.”

- Jeremiah Burroughs (in *The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment*)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Exodus 15:1-2

Elder Will Pope

Minister: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;

People: The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

Minister: The LORD is my strength and my song,

People: And He has become our salvation;

Minister: This is my God, and I will praise him,

People: Our father’s God, and we will exalt him. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

Prayer of Praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death
(REPEAT)

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3: F(D) C(A) F(D) B(HG)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

B(HG) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B(HG)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B(HG) F(D) C⁷(A⁷) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Affirmation of Faith – adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:1-7

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened – not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Scripture Reading – Jonah 2:1-9

Elder Wayne Blanding

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we cry out to you as we experience the burdens of this world fallen into sin. We feel the weaknesses and illnesses of our bodies, the deaths of those we love, the turmoil of the world around us, and our own lapses into personal sin. We know we should hope in the finished work of Christ on our behalf, and yet, we lose sight of you and become weary in the difficulties of our lives. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore us to see clearly and to hope boldly in your promise to work all things together for our good. We plead for your mercy, your strength, and the sanctifying work of the Spirit within us. All of this we ask through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Romans 5:8-10

God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom
such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning
that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
(REPEAT)

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Ministry Moment – The Gideons International

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Servants/Mercy trip to North Carolina

Kiel Reese

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 130

130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,

that you may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Sermon: There Is Forgiveness with God, That He May Be Feared

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

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

3 G D/F# Em7 G/A D G D G



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

6 A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A D D/F#



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

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G Bm7



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

12 Asus A G D G A D/F# G D/F# Em7 G/A



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

16 D Am7 Em7 D Dsus D



stand.
 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

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Benediction – 2 Peter 3:17

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. 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. 10/26	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/26	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/26	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Tues. 10/28	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tues. 10/28	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 10/29	8:30 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/29	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/29	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/2	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/2	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 11/2	11:30 am	Photo-taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 11/2	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/2	11:45 am	Hospitality Brainstorming Session	Aquarium
Sun.11/2	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$347,307.66	\$356,007.31
Week of 10/19/25	\$8,269.23	\$5,069.30

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- ❖ **Missionary Visit:** Please join us for adult Sunday school on **Nov. 2** when the McMillans will share with us about their ministry in Madrid, Spain.
- ❖ **Hospitality Brainstorming Session:** Anyone interested in the hospitality ministry (contributing to/serving snacks after church), please mark your calendars for a feedback and brainstorming meeting on **Sun. Nov. 2** at 11:45am. We will meet in the aquarium classroom, off of the fellowship hall. The purpose of this meeting is to coordinate plans for moving forward, as the hospitality ministry has grown.
- ❖ **Directory Updates:** Please note the fall directory draft in the foyer. Please make any updates/corrections next to your entry. If you are a new addition to the directory, please write your info on the separate sheet provided. Charles Fox will be available after the service on **Sun. Nov. 2 and Sun. Nov. 9** if you would like your picture taken. Alternatively, you may submit a photo to admin@newlifeyorkpca.com. You are also welcome to leave your picture as is, or go without.
- ❖ **Voices:** Our sister church Providence is hosting two upcoming special events. The first is **Fri. Nov. 7** and is a presentation entitled *Building Sensitivity to Survivors of Domestic Abuse*. This is open to anyone and there is no need to RSVP. If you'd like to help provide refreshments for this event, please sign up in the foyer. The second event is *Voices*, Providence's annual day-long retreat for survivors of domestic abuse. This will be held on **Sat. Nov. 8** from 8:30am-4pm and requires registration. Please see the flyers in the foyer for more information about both of these events.
- ❖ **Adult Sunday School Classes:**
 - + **Parenting in the Pew:** On **Nov. 9 and 16** there will be a class helping parents teach their children about how the whole of the worship service is intended to include children. Specific focus will be on teaching children to listen to the sermon through picture notes or written outlines. Meet in Classroom 2.
 - + **An Overview of the Book of Job:** Starting **Nov. 23** there will be a five-week overview of the book of Job. Meet in Classroom 2.
 - + **2 Corinthians Study:** We also have an ongoing Sunday school class on **2 Corinthians** which meets in the Aquarium room.

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- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child:** Please consider filling a Christmas gift shoebox with appropriate gifts and toys for a child in another country. Secure your own empty shoebox (or small plastic tote), fill it with gifts, pay online, and print out the label. Please also remember to secure your box with a rubber band. You can also build a box online if you prefer. Go to samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for helpful suggestions and more information. The final collection date to bring your completed box back to New Life is **Sun. Nov. 16**. Please note there are no boxes provided this year. Please supply your own box.
- ❖ **Advent Children's Choir:** We are inviting all children aged 4 through 8th grade to be part of leading worship on **Sun. Dec. 21**. Rehearsals will be on Sundays, beginning about 15 minutes after the end of the worship service and lasting for 30 to 45 minutes. The first rehearsal will be on **Sun. Oct. 26**. Questions? Please contact Catherine Kloetzli, Ellen Metzger, Elissa Ryan, or Jenn Ryan. We hope to see your children there!
- ❖ **Parents' Day Out & Kids' Christmas Party:** On **Sat. Dec. 6** from 9am-1pm, NLPC will be hosting a one-day VBS kids' Christmas program for children ages 4 to 12. Please invite your friends and neighbors using the postcards from the foyer table. Register through EventBrite. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Shyrl Tompkins.
- ❖ **SILVERS** please mark your calendars for a special music event where you will hear some incredible music performed on handbells. We will be going to see the Westminster Ringers Concert on **Sat. Dec. 6** at 2pm at Fawn Grove Community Church. Cost is free, however there will be a freewill offering. Please see sign-up sheet in the foyer. Questions or for carpooling see Mel King, Alice Lomax or Shyrl Tompkins.
- ❖ **Men's Retreat:** Held at Camp Hebron **Fri. Jan. 23 through Sun. Jan. 25, 2026**.
- ❖ **Refreshments:** Thanks to all those who helped out with Sunday refreshments last 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.

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.

Women's Bible Study: The fall session takes place Tuesday 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 **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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