



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

October 5, 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 5, 2025

Reflection

In the Old Testament there is a frequent association of “worship” and “service.” “Service overlaps with worship in that true service is always performed in a humble reliance upon the grace of God, and done only for His glory. Service is impossible without submission; submission will always be expressed by service.”

– Michael W. Bobick (*Slavery to Sonship: a Biblical Psychology for Pastoral Counseling*)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Revelation 4:8, 11, 13

Elder Will Pope

Minister: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty;

People: Who was and is and is to come!

Minister: Worthy are You, our Lord and God,

People: To receive glory and honor and power,

Minister: For you created all things,

People: And by Your will they existed and were created.

All: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

Prayer of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



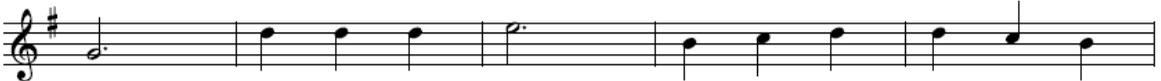
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend -
4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

6 G G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D⁷/A Em C D⁷



-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va -
 -eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain -
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend -
 thee; Health hath vouch - safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath stayed
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

12 G G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D⁷/A G/B



-tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
 -eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 thee. What need or grief ev - er hath failed of re -
 Him! Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

17 D G/B C D⁷/A Em C B⁷ C D⁷ G Fine



near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do, if with His love he be - friend thee.
 -lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.
 -gain; Glad - ly for aye (all) we a - dore Him.

All Sufficient Merit

Verse 1

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit
at my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit
did what I could not

Verse 2

In love He condescended
eternal now in time
A life without a blemish
the Maker made to die
The law could never save us
our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless Lamb
had finally come

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own

Verse 3

I lay down my garments any empty boast
Good works now all corrupted
by the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgment
His righteousness is mine

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation
shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted
before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
and thank Him for the cross
Yes I'll thank Him for the cross

Chorus

It is done it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full all sufficient
Merit now my own
(REPEAT)

Tag

Oh Your merit now my own
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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 – Matthew 6:19-24, 7:24-27

Bryan McGahan

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from *Valley of Vision*

Teach me that I cannot satisfy your law, that such effort is a resting in my own righteousness. Only Christ's righteousness, ready-made, already finished, is fit for that purpose. Teach me that Your convicting me for my sin is not that I should try to reform, but that I may be more humbled, afflicted, and separated from sin, by being reconciled, and made righteous in Christ by faith. Teach me that I never shall rest on my own faith, but by trusting in You as my only support, by faith. Humble me for not being as holy as I should be, or as holy as I might be through Christ. Lord, forgive me for this, because of my Savior 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.

Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath
we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (REPEAT)

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
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Tag

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save

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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 – Psalm 127

¹ Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!

He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Series: Travel Songs

Sermon Notes

Wisdom for the Builder of the City (vs 1, 2)

Wisdom for Building the Home/Family (vs 3-5)

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

This Is Our God

Verse 1

Remember those walls that we called sin
and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't
escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and
grave
They were like mountains that stood in our
way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Verse 2

Remember that fear that took our breath
away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Bridge 1

Who pulled me out of that pit
He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin
Nobody but Jesus
(REPEAT)

Bridge 2

Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Him

Chorus

This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Ending

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

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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. 10/5	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
Tues. 10/7	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tues. 10/7	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Tues. 10/7	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Tues. 10/7	7:00 pm	NC Disaster Relief Trip Meeting	Aquarium
W. 10/8	8:30 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 10/8	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 10/8	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/12	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 10/12	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 10/12	11:30 am	2 nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$322,499.97	\$328,651.48
Week of 9/28/25	\$8,269.23	\$3,947.00

Announcements

- ❖ **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 on two upcoming Sundays (exact dates TBD) 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **NC Disaster Relief Trip:** Join us at New Life **this 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/.
 - + **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 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 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 **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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