



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

November 2, 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

November 2, 2025

Reflection

C. S. Lewis also argued that, although we may seek happiness, we do not have a right to happiness itself. “This sounds to me as odd as a right to good luck...we depend for a very great deal of our happiness or misery on circumstances outside our control. A right to happiness doesn’t, for me, make much more sense than a right to be six feet tall, or to have a millionaire for your father or to get good weather whenever you want to have a picnic.” For Lewis, all forms of pleasure such as happiness and joy are given by God for our enjoyment but they never completely satisfy us. “We have plenty of fun, and some ecstasy, but they never quite satisfy our yearnings.” God does not grant complete happiness here lest we think this world is our final home rather than a place we are passing through. “The Creator refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant Inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for our home.”

– C. S. Lewis (various sources)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – from Psalm 150

Elder Joe Heidler

Minister: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

People: Praise him in his mighty heavens!

Minister: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

People: Praise him according to his excellent greatness!

All: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Praise

Mighty to Save

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus 2x

Savior He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
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Bridge 2x

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Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere

Bridge and Chorus sung together:

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(thousands elsewhere)

Bridge

Better is one day
Better is one day
Better is one day
Than thousands elsewhere
(thousands elsewhere)

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Affirmation of Faith – Colossians 1:15-19

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Scripture Reading – Philippians 4:4-7, 10-13

Nathan Raine

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our Heavenly Father, forgive us for having pride in our own abilities rather than in Christ's grace in our lives. Forgive us for impatience with you, your people, and your timing of events. You are eternally patient and merciful, and we too often are not. We ask for your help to be more patient with those around us, and to trust in your perfect timing, especially when we do not see the outcome we desire. Give us the wisdom to grow in perseverance to trust you always; and grant us a deep contentment because of your presence and work in our lives. Forgive us and lead us to trust and rest in You, and in your work of redemption in our lives. Because of, and in the name of our Savior Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Romans 5:8-11

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. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place



1. My faith has found a rest - ing place- Not in de - vice or
 2. E nough for me that Je - sus saves- This ends my fear and
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word- The liv - ing Word of
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost He came to

G G/B C E7/G# Am G/D D7



creed; I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One- His wounds for me shall
 doubt; A sin - ful soul I come to Him- He'll nev - er cast me
 God; Sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name- Sal - va - tion thru His
 save; For me His pre - cious blood He shed, for me His life He

CHORUS

G G G/D D G G/B C Am G/D D D7



plead. I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea; It
 out.
 blood.
 gave.

G G/B C E7/G# Am G/D D7 G



is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that He died for me.

Prayers of the People

Missions 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 131

131 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.

² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

Sermon: A Content Soul

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

Blessed Assurance



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! — Vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion — all is at rest, — I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

4 G C F/C C F⁶ G⁷



-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, — born of His Spir - it, washed in His
 sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove — ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
 blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, — filled with His good - ness, lost in His

CHORUS

8 C C F C F C/E D



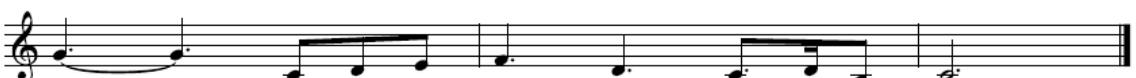
blood. — This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
 love. —
 love. —

12 G G⁷ C F/C



long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

14 C F⁶ G⁷ C



song, — prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:11, 14

Finally, believers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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. 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
Tues. 11/4	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
W. 11/5	8:30 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/5	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/5	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 11/5	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/9	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/9	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/9	11:30 am	Second Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11/9	11:30 am	Photo-Taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 11/9	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$355,576.89	\$360,257.31
Week of 10/26/25	\$8,269.23	\$4,250.00

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- ❖ **Hospitality Brainstorming Session:** Anyone interested in the hospitality ministry (contributing to/serving snacks after church), please join us for a meeting **today 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 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 in Classroom 3 **today Sun. Nov. 2 and next 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 is 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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Children's Choir:** All NLPC children from age 4 to 8th grade are invited to help lead worship on **Sun. Dec. 21**. In preparation, we will be rehearsing every Sunday between now and December 21st beginning about 15 minutes after the end of the worship service and running for 30 to 45 minutes. If your child was unable to make last Sunday's rehearsal, it is not too late to join! Questions? Please talk to either Catherine Kloetzli, Ellen Metzger, Elissa Ryan, or Jenn Ryan.
- ❖ **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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