

New Life Presbyterian Church

Embrace God's Beauty.
Extend God's Love.

November 30, 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

November 30, 2025

Reflection

Man's maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die. - Augustine

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – adapted from Luke 1 (The Song of Mary)

Pastor Justin Kleiner

*Minister: My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.*

**People: His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.**

*Minister: He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.*

**People: He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.**

*Minister: He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.*

**People: He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to
Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers.”**

All: O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Prayer of Praise

King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings
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Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
(REPEAT many times)

Chorus 2x

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

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Prayer

O Lord, we and this world are lost in sin, but we have hope because of the promised Savior, Jesus Christ. Be our Redeemer, Lord Jesus, that we might have hope, not only for your grace and mercy in this present life, but more so for the life to come when we shall be fully redeemed and in your presence for all eternity. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 1:67-75

⁶⁷ And his (John the Baptist's) father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Prayer of Response

**All: O Horn of salvation, Jesus Christ,
Savior, Redeemer, Deliverer;
Come and dwell among us.**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come _____ and cheer our spir - its by Thine
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, and or - der all things,
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

5 Am Em/B Bm Em Am Em/G D/F# Em Bm C D Em



Is - ra - el; That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of night, and
 far _____ and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, and
 heart _____ and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

CHORUS

10 D G C G/B D G D Em Bm G



-til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 death's dark shad - ows put _____ to flight.
 cause us in her ways _____ to go.
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

15 C G/B D Em D/F# G C Am Em/B Bm Em



-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Diane McGahan

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:

**All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Scripture – Psalm 134

- ¹ Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.
- ² Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.
- ³ May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Sermon: Come, Bless the Lord!

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

Behold Our God / O Come Let Us Adore Him

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 1

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

For You alone are worthy
For You alone are worthy
For You alone are worthy
Christ the Lord

Verse 3

We'll give You all the glory
We'll give You all the glory
We'll give You all the glory
Christ the Lord

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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

** Do you need prayer today? Following the service a PRAYER TEAM member is available to pray with you. Find them up front to the right of the stage.**

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 11/30	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/30	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/30	6:00 pm	Advent Wreath Making	Fellowship Hall
Tues. 12/2	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Wed. 12/3	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
Wed. 12/3	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Wed. 12/3	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
Wed. 12/3	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 12/6	9:00 am	Kids' Christmas Party	New Life
Sat. 12/6	2:00 pm	SILVERS Event	Fawn Grove Community Church
Sun. 12/7	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 12/7	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 12/7	11:30 am	Giant Cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 12/7	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 12/7	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2025	\$388,653.81	\$391,186.98
Week of 11/23/25	\$8,269.23	\$7,180.00

Announcements, page 1 of 2

- ❖ **Welcome to Justin and Jenny and family!**
- ❖ **GriefShare Class:** NLPC is considering offering a group for those who are walking through the process of grieving. The group would meet for 13 weeks. It would cover the "GriefShare" program, including video teaching, homework, and opportunity for discussion and sharing. While other churches in York County offer this program, New Life is considering offering it if there are at least four committed participants. Please contact Pastor Erik for more information.
- ❖ **New Finance Team Member Needed:** The purpose of the finance team is to assist the elders and deacons by providing oversight, advice, guidance, and reporting regarding the financial planning and systems of New Life. Financial or business experience is a plus, but as long as you can “balance a checkbook” and have interest in helping the team your participation is welcomed. We hope to bring the new member onto the team in January. Contact Wayne Blanding if you are interested or have questions.
- ❖ **Parents’ Day Out & Kids’ Christmas Party:** Refreshments are needed. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to contribute.
- ❖ **Advent and Christmas at New Life:**
 - + **Advent Wreath Making:** At 6pm **tonight**, meet in the fellowship hall to make your own advent wreath. Bring \$10 per wreath, bring cookies to share, and plan to stay for singing Christmas Carols!
 - + **Daily Advent Devotional Book:** Pick up a copy of a daily advent devotional, written by the NLPC community.
 - + **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.

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- + **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 **this Sat. Dec. 6** at 2pm at Fawn Grove Community Church. Cost is free, however there will be a freewill offering. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Questions or for carpooling see Mel King, Alice Lomax or Shyrl Tompkins.
- + **Christmas Luncheon:** In lieu of our regular 2nd Sunday lunch, on **Sun. Dec. 14** NLPC will be coordinating a Christmas Luncheon. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please bring items in crockpots or casserole dishes to keep warm in oven. Oven will not be available to bake items, just to keep food warm. For questions see Shyrl Tompkins or Suzanne Harman.
- + **Caroling in the Community:** Meet at NLPC on **Sun. Dec. 14** at 7pm to go caroling in the community around the church.
- + **Open House at Swansons':** Come to the Swanson home on **Sat. Dec. 20**, from 3-7pm for a festive time of fellowship. We will sing carols together at 6pm.
- + **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**.
- ❖ **Winter Women's Book Club:** This winter, read at your own pace and then join us for a dinner and discussion in **late February or early March**. We will be discussing the book *Running to the Fire: Helping in Jesus' Name* by Ken Isaacs.
- ❖ **Short-Term Mission Opportunity:** New Life is partnering with Servants and Baptist on Mission for a short-term trip to assist with hurricane recovery efforts in western North Carolina from **Sun. Apr. 12 through Sat. Apr. 18**. See Nathan Raine for more information.
- ❖ **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 studying Job and meeting in Classroom 2.

Women's Bible Study: Our fall session has ended. Stay tuned for details on the spring study. Contact Marlene Spark with questions.

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 9-11am. 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
Deacons Team 2025/26**

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