



# NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

November 9, 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 9, 2025

## Reflection

“Can the book of Revelation be understood? Yes, it can. Its message can be summarized in one sentence: God rules history and will bring it to its consummation in Christ. If you read it with that main point in mind, you will be able to understand it...The meaning of the true resides ultimately in the expectation that God will come. He will appear in a final manifestation that brings history to its consummation. Accordingly, the drama of Revelation moves toward the Second Coming and stirs up our anticipation and hope for the day of Christ’s appearing. The King is coming! Too many Christians in our generation have seen Christ only as a “buddy,” losing sight of his majesty. Revelation provides a strong correction to this notion.”

- Vern Poythress (from *The Returning King*)

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** – Revelation 19:4-9

*Elder Brian Fitz*

*Minister: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.*

**People: Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.**

*Minister: Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.*

**People: For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready.**

*Minister: It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure.*

**People: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

## Prayer of Praise

# Come People of the Risen King

## Verse 1

Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

## Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice

## Verse 2

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

## Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice

## Verse 3

Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all

## Chorus

Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice  
One heart one voice  
O Church of Christ rejoice  
(REPEAT)

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# Jesus Shall Reign

G D A<sup>7</sup> D G C#dim D A E<sup>7</sup> A 7 D

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -  
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

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

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to  
 thron - e to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall  
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -  
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal  
 hon - or to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

A G D G C#dim D Em<sup>7</sup> D Em D A<sup>7</sup> D 7

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

## **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 – Hebrews 4:9-16**

*Elder Brian Fitz*

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities because of the justifying work of Christ in his people. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew your Spirit within us. All this we pray in the name of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ. 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.*

# Stronger

## Verse 1

There is Love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

## Verse 2

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There is truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

## Chorus

You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

## Verse 3

No beginning and no end  
You're my hope and my defense  
You came to seek and save the lost  
You paid it all upon the cross

## Chorus

You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all

## Bridge

So let Your Name be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher  
Be lifted higher  
(REPEAT 4X)

## Chorus

You are stronger  
You are stronger  
Sin is broken  
You have saved me  
It is written  
Christ is risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all  
(REPEAT)

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## **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 132

<sup>1</sup> Remember, O LORD, in David's favor,  
all the hardships he endured,  
<sup>2</sup> how he swore to the LORD  
and vowed to the Mighty One of  
Jacob,  
<sup>3</sup> "I will not enter my house  
or get into my bed,  
<sup>4</sup> I will not give sleep to my eyes  
or slumber to my eyelids,  
<sup>5</sup> until I find a place for the LORD,  
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of  
Jacob."  
<sup>6</sup> Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
<sup>7</sup> "Let us go to his dwelling place;  
let us worship at his footstool!"  
<sup>8</sup> Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting  
place,  
you and the ark of your might.  
<sup>9</sup> Let your priests be clothed with  
righteousness,  
and let your saints shout for joy.  
<sup>10</sup> For the sake of your servant David,  
do not turn away the face of your  
anointed one.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD swore to David a sure oath  
from which he will not turn back:  
"One of the sons of your body  
I will set on your throne.  
<sup>12</sup> If your sons keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach  
them,  
their sons also forever  
shall sit on your throne."  
<sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling place:  
<sup>14</sup> "This is my resting place forever;  
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.  
<sup>15</sup> I will abundantly bless her provisions;  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.  
<sup>16</sup> Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and her saints will shout for joy.  
<sup>17</sup> There I will make a horn to sprout for  
David;  
I have prepared a lamp for my  
anointed.  
<sup>18</sup> His enemies I will clothe with shame,  
but on him his crown will shine."

**Sermon Notes**

**Prayer** (vs. 1-10)

David's Vow to God (vs. 1-5)

Story of the Ark (vs. 6-8)

Prayer for priests and people (vs. 9)

**Praise** of the people (vs. 9)

Prayer for David (vs. 10)

**Promise** as response to the Prayer (vs. 11-18)

God's vow to David (vs. 11-12)

God's Response to the story of the Ark vs. (13-15)

Prayer for priest and people (vs. 16)

**Praise** of the people (vs. 16)

Response to David's Prayer (vs. 17-18)

## **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**

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways time;  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Sun. 11/9	6:00 pm	Young Adults Bible Study	Swanson Home
Tues. 11/11	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tues. 11/11	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 11/12	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
W. 11/12	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 11/12	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 11/12	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 11/12	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Aquarium
Sat. 11/15	6:00 pm	Young Adults Bonfire	Swanson Home
Sun. 11/16	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 11/16	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/16	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/16	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>	\$363,846.12	\$373,074.38
<b>Week of 11/2/25</b>	\$8,269.23	\$12,817.07

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- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 is available after the service in Classroom 3 **today** if you would like your picture taken. Alternatively, you may submit a photo to [admin@newlifeyorkpca.com](mailto:admin@newlifeyorkpca.com). You are also welcome to leave your picture as is, or go without.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Parents’ Day Out & Kids’ Christmas Party Meeting:** For those helping on Sat. Dec. 6, there will be a brief meeting in Classroom 1 after church on **Sun. Nov. 23**.
- ❖ **Parents’ Day Out & Kids’ Christmas Party:** Refreshments are needed. Please sign up in the foyer if you are willing to contribute.

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### ❖ Advent and Christmas at New Life:

- + **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/](http://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 next **Sun. Nov. 16**. Please note there are no boxes provided this year. Please supply your own box.
- + **Advent Wreath Making:** On **Sun. Nov. 30** at 6pm, 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. Available in a few weeks.
- + **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 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.

**(Announcements continue on next page.)**

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- + **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**.
- ❖ **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 the insert 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 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 "Parenting in the Pew" 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 **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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