



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

January 18, 2026

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 be with their children who need to wiggle while still being able to watch the livestream.

Please be aware that we livestream our services.

Worshiping God

January 18, 2026

Reflections

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. – 2 Corinthians 4:6

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 89:13-18

*Leader: You have a mighty arm;
strong is your hand, high your right hand.*

**All: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

*Leader: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,*

**All: who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.**

*Leader: For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.*

**All: For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Prayer of Praise

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love
(REPEAT)

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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Jesus Lifted Me

Chorus

I'm so glad to testify
About the One who saved my life
The power of the blood
Is the reason I'm alive
I thank God day and night
I'm not where I used to be
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me

Verse 1

When I was a sinner
Jesus lifted me
I was a sinner
So blind I could not see
Before He ever crossed my mind
He took the cross for me
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me

Chorus

I'm so glad to testify
About the One who saved my life
The power of the blood
Is the reason I'm alive
I thank God day and night
I'm not where I used to be
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me

Verse 2

When I was in trouble
Jesus lifted me
I was in trouble
Was sinking down so deep
Before I'd ever called His name
He was calling out to me

Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me

Chorus

I'm so glad to testify
About the One who saved my life
The power of the blood
Is the reason I'm alive
I thank God day and night
I'm not where I used to be
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me

Bridge

How could I not lift my hands
How could I not lift You high
How could I not lift my voice to sing
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me
(REPEAT)

Verse 3

I am forgiven
Jesus You lifted me
I am forgiven
All my sins washed clean
Because You gave Your life for me
I will give You everything
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me
Glory hallelujah
Jesus lifted me

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Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

Scripture Reading – Deuteronomy 10:12-22

Mark Flaherty

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 43:25

*I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.*

Be Thou My Vision

D A/C# Bm G A D
 1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and my true Word
 3. Rich - es I heed not nor man's emp - ty praise
 4. High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won

5 A A/G G Asus A
 Naught be ev - all else to me save that Thou art
 I Thou mine in her with Thee and Thou with me Lord
 May I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's al - ways
 sun

9 Bm A G A D A/C# Bm A
 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Thou my great Fa - ther and Thy true son
 Thou and Thou on - ly I first in my heart
 Heart of my own heart what - ev - er be - fall

13 D A/C# Bm G A D
 Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light
 Thou in King of me dwell - ing I with Thee one
 High King of me of hea - ven and my trea - sure Thou art
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Denise Fitz

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 – James 2:1-13

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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

Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all
(REPEAT)

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Benediction – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

The Sending

Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

**** Would you like to pray with someone today about a need? 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. 1/18	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/18	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/18	11:30 am	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/18	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tues. 1/20	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
W. 1/21	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 1/21	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 1/21	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 1/21	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F. 1/23 – Sun. 1/25		Men's Retreat	Camp Hebron
Sun. 1/25	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 1/25	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 1/25	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year End 2025	\$429,999.96	\$441,369.48

Announcements

- ❖ **A Safety Reminder:** As we enjoy fellowship before and after worship, parents, please talk with your children and remind them not to run in the hallways and fellowship hall.
- ❖ **Inclement Weather:** In the event of Sunday service cancellation due to inclement weather, elders will contact their flock list. You may also check the website to see if Sunday services have been cancelled. If you do not have internet, please call a friend to find out.
- ❖ Our **annual congregational meeting** is **today Sun. Jan. 18** following the worship service. Please join us to reflect on 2025, look ahead in 2026, discuss the 2026 budget, and deliberate/vote on a proposed change to the senior pastor's compensation in the pastor's terms of call.
- ❖ Our **2nd Sunday Lunch in February** will be hosted by the SILVERS committee. Please check the foyer for sign-up sheets for contribution of soup, meat, cheese, chicken salad, and desserts.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Mark Your Calendars Now:** On **Sat. March 7** from 3-5pm, New Life will be going to the York County Astronomical Society Planetarium (located in the York Learning Center, 301 East 6th Ave, York). We will view two filmed shows (Cosmic Castaways and Chasing the Ghost Particle) and have a live presentation of what can be seen in the March night skies. This event is for ages 12 years old upwards. We will have 60 seats available so a signup sheet will be put out in February. For more information contact Mark Deckard.

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 *Ezra* and *Nehemiah* and meeting in the Aquarium room and the other studying *A Praying Church* and meeting in Classroom 2.

Women's Bible Study: 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 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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