



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

January 25, 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 25, 2026

Reflection

It is faith alone that justifies, but faith that justifies can never be alone. - John Calvin

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship – Exodus 15:1-2, 11-13

Elder Wayne Blanding

Leader: Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Leader: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

All: You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Prayer of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed
 3 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe re - spon - sive
 4 Oh, that with all the sa - cred throng we at his

pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,
 from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace,
 to his call, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe,
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song

and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
 and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you
 and crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
 and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

Your Will Be Done

Verse 1

Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone
What wondrous faith to bear that cross
To bear my sin what wondrous love
My hope was sure when there my Saviour
prayed
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 3

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to the one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 4

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and
pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Ending

And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and
pray
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done
Father not my will but Yours be done

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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 – Genesis 15:1-6

Sue Vester

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgression,
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Assurance of Forgiveness – Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

F F
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Gm D Gm
F C
F 7

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Bb
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Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing.

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C7
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C7
F 7

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Human Life Services

Leona Raga

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 2:14-26

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good ^[a] is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³ and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴ You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵ And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶ For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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

O Church Arise

Verse 1

O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they
are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

Verse 2

Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the
wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which
He died
An inheritance of nations

Verse 3

Come see the cross where love and
mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath
His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

Verse 4

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

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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. 1/25	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
M. 1/26	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	Aquarium
W. 1/28	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 1/28	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 1/28	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 1/28	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/1	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/1	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 2/1	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

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 **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.
- ❖ **Hosting Presbytery:** On **Sat. Feb. 21**, it is New Life's turn to host presbytery. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for ways in which you can help.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** Our spring study of the book of *James* starts March 10. Please join us for in-depth study, sharing insights, lively discussion, and opportunities to share how to apply God's wisdom. We will be using the guide by Lydia Brownback, *James: Walking in Wisdom*. All women of the church are invited, and your friends! **When: Tuesdays March 10 through May 12**, mornings 9:30-11:00 am at the church, or evenings 7:00-8:15 pm on Zoom. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marlene Spark. If we have more than 10 ladies, we will pre-order the book at a reduced price so please sign up by **Sun. Feb. 22**. The price will be no more than \$9. Scholarships are available if price is a concern.

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: All women of the church and their friends are welcome to attend a 10-week study, *James: Walking in Wisdom*, by Lydia Brownback, beginning **Tues. March 10**. Group meetings occur in the church Aquarium Room on Tuesdays 9:30–11:00 am, or on Zoom in the evenings from 7:00p– 8:15pm. 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 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.

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