



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

February 15, 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

February 15, 2026

Reflections

He mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed.
– Proverbs 3:34 (NIV)

It is pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation since the world began. Pride always means enmity. And not only enmity between man and man, but enmity to God. – C.S. Lewis

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Justin Kleiner

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 66:16-20

*Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.*

**All: I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.**

*Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.*

**All: But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

Prayer of Praise

Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts of
heaven
Who else could make every king bow
down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

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I Need Thee Every Hour



1. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious _ Lord; No
 2. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, stay Thou _ near _ by; Temp -
 3. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy _ or _ pain; Come
 4. I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most Ho - ly _ One; O

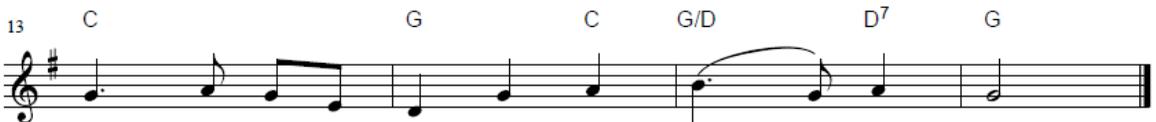
CHORUS



ten - der voice like Thine can peace _ af - ford. I need Thee, O I
 -ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou _ art _ nigh.
 quick - ly and a - bide or life _ is _ vain.
 make me Thine in - deed, Thou bless - ed _ Son!



need Thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need Thee; O



bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come _ _ to Thee!

Affirmation of Faith – Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 24

Elder Wayne Blanding

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

**Our Gracious Heavenly Father,
You have given us all that we need for life and godliness. Through your Son, you have redeemed us and called us your people. But we confess that all too often we live as though this is not true. Often we chase the fleeting things of this world because of the selfish ambitions in our hearts. Lord, forgive us for our pride and restlessness. Help us to find our true rest in Jesus, who willingly died for us while we were still sinners. Help us to submit all things in our life to you as our King and we pray this in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!**

Assurance of Forgiveness – Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares,
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did
 his word my hope se - cures; he will my shield
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

but now grace am found, was blind but now I see.
 that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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 – James 4:1-10

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

The Power of the Cross



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark-est day: Christ on the road to
 2. Oh to see the pain writ-ten on Your face; Bear - ing the awe - some
 3. Now the day-light flees now the ground be-neath Quakes as its Mak - er
 4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, For through Your suff - 'ring,



Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men, Torn and beat - en, then
 weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought, ev - 'ry ev - il deed
 bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
 I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. 1.2.3. This the power of the cross:
 crown - ing Your blood stained brow. 4. This the power of the cross:
 Fin - ished the vict - 'ry cry!
 Won through Your self - less love.



— Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame,
 — Son of God slain for us. What a name



— bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 — what a cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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Benediction – Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 platform. ****

This Week at New Life

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun. 2/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/15	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tues. 2/17	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
W. 2/18	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 2/18	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 2/18	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 2/18	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 2/21	8:45 am	Presbytery	NLPC
Sun. 2/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 2/22	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 2/22	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$52,500.00	\$48,138.10
Week of 2/8/26	\$8,750.00	\$6,829.00

Announcements

- ❖ **New Life is excited to host Presbytery this Sat. Feb. 21!** We will be serving breakfast and lunch to those attending and would love your help. Please see sign-up sheets in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see Shyrl (breakfast) or Connie (lunch).
- ❖ **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 9:30-11am at the church, or evenings 7-8:15pm on Zoom. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marlene Spark or the office. If we have more than 10 ladies, we will pre-order the book at a reduced price so please sign up by **next Sun. Feb. 22**. The price will be no more than \$9. Scholarships are available if price is a concern.
- ❖ **Palm Sunday Children's Choir:** Rehearsals for this year's Palm Sunday children's choir will be held on Sundays about 15 minutes after worship, **beginning March 1st**. Children ages 4 through 8th grade are welcome to participate. They will be learning a few songs to help lead worship on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. Questions? Please contact Ellen Metzger, Elissa Ryan, or Jenn Ryan.
- ❖ **Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you to all who are participating in Human Life Service's baby bottle campaign. Please note deadline for returning them is **Sun. March 1**.
- ❖ **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 and upwards. We will have 60 seats available – sign up on the sheet in the foyer. For more information contact Mark Deckard or the office.
- ❖ **New Adult Sunday School Class:** Starting **Sun. March 8** there will be a Sunday school class in classroom 2 called: "We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry."
- ❖ **Winter Women's Book Club Potluck:** Join us on **Sun. March 8** at 5:30pm for a potluck and discussion of Ken Isaacs' book *Running to the Fire: Helping in Jesus' Name*. We will meet at the home of Connie Kay. Please RSVP to Connie.

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 9:30–11am, or on Zoom in the evenings from 7– 8:15pm. Please contact Marlene Spark or the office 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 or the office 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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