



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

March 1, 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.

Worshipping God

March 1, 2026

Reflections

"How foolish it is to arrange one's life, when one is not even a master of tomorrow"

- Seneca

"You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life?" – James

"James does not reprove the form of speaking, but rather the arrogance of mind."

- John Calvin

"O Lord, you have searched me and known me... such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it." - David

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 29:1-2

Elder Brian Fitz

*Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.*

Prayer of Praise

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Ending

What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus; Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows; Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine; Fair - er still the moon - light
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord ___ of the na - tions!

5 D G D A/C# D A/E D A D/F#



O Thou of God and ___ man the Son. Thee will I
 robed in the bloom - ing ___ garb of spring. Je - sus is
 and all the twin - kling ___ star - ry host. Je - sus shines
 Son of ___ God and ___ Son of Man! Glo - ry and

10 B Em A7 D



cher - ish; Thee will I hon - or, Thou
 fair - er; Je - sus is pur - er, who
 bright - er; Je - sus shines pur - er than
 hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now

13 D/F# G D/A A7 D



my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 1

Q: *What is your only comfort in life and death?*

A: **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much of the schemes and desires of our own hearts, and we have broken your holy laws. We have left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done what we ought not to have done. But you, O Lord, have mercy on us; restore those who repent, according to the promises declared to us through your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant, merciful Father, for his sake, that from now on, we may live godly and obedient lives, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 Peter 2:10

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Be Unto Your Name

Verse 1

We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name

Verse 2

We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowling before You blessing Your name

Chorus

Holy holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name
(REPEAT)

Ending

Be unto Your name

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Prayers of the People

Ministry 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 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" — ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

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

His Glory and My Good

Verse 1

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

Verse 2

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 3

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Chorus 1

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

Verse 4

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good

Chorus 2

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good
(REPEAT)

Tag

Yes I know His glory is my good

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Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

**** 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. 3/1	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/1	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/1	11:30 am	Giant Cards for Sale	Foyer
Sun. 3/1	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/1	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tu. 3/3	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
W. 3/4	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 3/4	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/4	6:30 pm	Mercy Team Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 3/4	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 3/4	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 3/5	10:30 am	SILVERS Planning Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sat. 3/7	3:00 pm	Planetarium Show	York County Astronomical Society Planetarium
Sun. 3/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/8	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/8	11:30 am	Second Sunday Potluck	Fellowship Area
Sun. 3/8	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/8	5:30 pm	Women's Book Club Potluck	Kay Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$70,000.00	\$57,540.30
Week of 2/22/26	\$8,750.00	\$4,496.00

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Baby News:** Please celebrate with Teegan and Audrey Snyder, as they welcome their firstborn, Baby Rowan, who was born on the 17th. Many of you are probably aware that Audrey is the granddaughter of Ray and Renee Henry. Please consider signing up for meals, to help the family as they welcome their son home and settle into new routines.
- ❖ **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. The book will be no more than \$9. Scholarships are available if price is a concern.
- ❖ **Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you to all who participated in Human Life Service's baby bottle campaign. Please note deadline for returning them is **today**. See Susette Grim with any questions.
- ❖ **Mark Your Calendars Now: This 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.
- ❖ **New Adult Sunday School Class:** Starting **next 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 **next 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.
- ❖ **SILVERS:** Join us for lunch at Lion's Pride Restaurant (20 Dairyland Square, Red Lion) on **Sat. March 21** at 1:30pm. Please sign up in the foyer. Questions? Contact Mel King or Alice Lomax.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

❖ Easter at New Life:

- + **Palm Sunday Kids' Choir:** Rehearsals are on Sundays about 15 minutes after worship, **beginning today**. Children ages 4 through 8th grade. Questions? Please contact Ellen Metzger, Elissa Ryan, or Jenn Ryan.
- + **Easter Flowers:** If you'd like a daffodil or tulip to take home after the Easter service, please sign up in the foyer. They are both 6 inches and \$12 each. Last day to sign up is **Sun. March 15**. Please mark your money and place in Kelly's in-tray in the office. Feel free to use an envelope located next to the in-tray.
- + **All Ages Easter choir:** Singers from age 4 to 104 are invited to participate in a choir that will help lead worship during the 10am service on Easter Sunday. Rehearsals will be at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings **March 18th, 25th, and April 1st**. Questions? Contact Jenn Ryan via email at jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com. Hope to see you there!
- + **Egg-stuffing Party:** Join us **Wed. March 18** from 7-8pm to fill the eggs for the hunt. Everyone welcome!
- + **Easter Egg Hunt:** For ages 1-10 on **Sat. March 28** from 10-11am. Invite friends and family! We are looking for more volunteers; please sign up in the foyer.
- + **Palm Sunday Congregation-wide Processional:** Arrive early on **March 29** to line up for a palm branch processional prior to the call to worship on Palm Sunday.
- + **Good Friday Service:** 6:30pm on **Fri. Apr. 3**
- + **Sunrise Service:** 6:30am on **Sun. Apr. 5** at Ray and Renee Henry's home, followed by breakfast. Please sign up in the foyer to bring food for the community breakfast.
- + No adult or children/youth Sunday school on Easter.
- + Easter worship will be at our regular time of 10am.

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 the theology of idolatry 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 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.

Music and Sound: Help out with worship on Sundays by joining the music and/or sound team. Contact Jenn Ryan at jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com.

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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