



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

March 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

March 15, 2026

Reflection

As we contemplate life and all its difficulties, and as we are tempted by Satan to feel that all is impossible, and that we cannot go on because we are so weak and the difficulties so baffling, we must remind ourselves of this truth and say: "I am a very small and unimportant member, but I am a member of the body of Christ; I am 'in him,' and therefore, whatever may be true of me personally, the life of the Head is in me... I am in touch with Him, His vital energy is in me." As our eyes are opened to this truth we can take fresh courage, and take up our task again and say: "In Christ I cannot fail, I must not fail, He will not allow me to fail." – DML Jones

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

*Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not
satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what
is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;*

*hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an
everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.*

*Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his
thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he
may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.*

Prayer of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



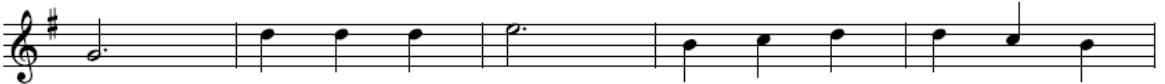
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

6 G G Em D/F# G D Em Bm C G C D7/A Em C D7



-tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va -
 -eth, shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain -
 thee; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend -
 thee; Health hath vouch - safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath stayed
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore

12 G G D/F# G C G C/E D/F# G D7/A G/B



-tion! All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
 -eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
 thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can
 thee. What need or grief ev - er hath failed of re -
 Him! Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -

17 D G/B C D7/A Em C B7 C D7 G Fine



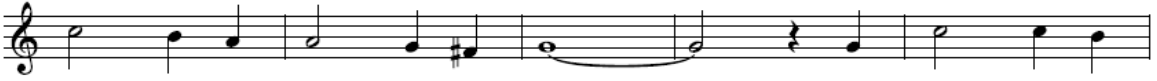
near; Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 do, if with His love he be - friend thee.
 -lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.
 -gain; Glad - ly for aye (all) we a - dore Him.

It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

5 Am C/D D⁷ G^{sus} G C



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; _____ What - ev - er my
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; _____ That Christ hath re -
 sin - not in part, but the whole; _____ Is nailed to the
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; _____ The trump shall re -

10 F D G G/F C/E F C/G G



lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my

CHORUS

15 C C G



soul." It is well _____ with my soul, _____
 soul.
 soul!
 soul.

20 C F C/G G C



— it is well, it is well with my soul.

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.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 37:1-11

Connie Kay

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from Psalm 139:1-4

O LORD, you have searched us and known us!

**You know when we sit down and when we rise up;
you discern our thoughts from afar.**

**You search out our path and our lying down
and are acquainted with all our ways.**

**Even before a word is on our tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Father, forgive us and cleanse us in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore
(REPEAT)

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore

"Christ Is Mine Forevermore" words and music by Jonny
Robinson and Rich Thompson
© 2016 CityAlight Music
Used by Permission. CCLI License #2410623

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Micah Swanson

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 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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

You've Already Won

Verse 1

There's peace that outlasts darkness
Hope that's in the blood
There's future grace that's mine today
That Jesus Christ has won

Verse 2

So I can face tomorrow
For tomorrow's in Your hands
All I need You will provide
Just like You always have

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Verse 3

There's mercy in the waiting
Manna for today
And when it's gone I know You're not
You are my hope and stay

Verse 4

When the sea is raging
Your Spirit is my help
He'll fix my eyes on Jesus Christ
I'll say that it is well
Oh I know that it is well

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Bridge

I know how the story ends
We will be with You again
You're my Savior my defense
No more fear in life or death

Tag

I know how this story ends

Chorus

I'm fighting a battle
You've already won
No matter what comes my way
I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing
But I know what You've done
I'm fighting a battle
You've already won

Tag

I'm fighting a battle You've already won

"You've Already Won" words and music by Brian Fowler,
Shane Barnard
© 2022 Be Essential Songs, bryanfowersongs, Songs from
Wellhouse
Used by Permission. CCLI License #2410623

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. 3/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/15	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/15	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/15	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tu. 3/17	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tu. 3/17	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Tu. 3/17	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 3/18	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 3/18	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/18	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 3/18	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Fellowship Hall
W. 3/18	7:00 pm	Egg-Stuffing Party	Fellowship Hall
W. 3/18	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 3/21	1:30 pm	SILVERS Outing	Rocoto's
Sun. 3/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/22	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/22	11:45 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/22	11:45 am	Discipleship & Community Group Leaders Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 3/22	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Grim Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$87,500.00	\$79,648.30
Week of 3/8/26	\$8,750.00	\$7,488.00

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Lost & Found:** Please check lost and found table in the foyer; any unclaimed items by **THIS Wed. March 18** will be donated.
- ❖ **New Info! SILVERS:** Please note the restaurant has changed. Join us **THIS Sat. March 21** at 1:30pm at **Rocoto Peruvian & Mexican Grill** (2997 Cape Horn Rd 17356). Please sign up in the foyer. Questions? Contact Mel King or Alice Lomax.
- ❖ **Young Adults Fellowship Event:** Young adults are invited to a bonfire and dinner at the Swansons' on **Fri. March 27** at 6pm.
- ❖ **Hymn Sing:** Our quarterly hymn sing will be on **Sun. March 29** at 6pm at New Life. Please bring a snack to share for afterwards.
- ❖ **Church-Wide Camping Trip:** Make your reservation now for camping the weekend of **August 28-30**. Some families come early; some stay late. Please book a site in loop C, as close to site 88 as you can book. Reserve online at the Codorus State Park website.

(Announcements continue on next page.)

Announcements (page 2 of 2)

❖ Easter at New Life:

- + **Palm Sunday Kids' Choir:** Rehearsals are on Sundays about 15 minutes after worship. 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 **TODAY 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 **THIS 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 to help out and/or to provide refreshments; sign-up sheet is 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.