



# NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love**

**March 22, 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 22, 2026

## Reflection

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer! - WW Walford*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Justin Kleiner*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – Psalm 99:1-5

*Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*

**All: The LORD is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

*Leader: Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!*

**All: The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

*Leader: Exalt the LORD our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!*

## Prayer of Praise

# Blessed Be Your Name

## Verse 1

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

## Verse 2

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

## Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

## Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## Verse 3

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

## Verse 4

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

## Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

## Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## Bridge 2x

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

## Chorus 2x

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

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# Desert Song

## Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

## Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth  
than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

## Chorus

I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall  
remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

## Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

## Chorus

I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall  
remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

## Bridge (4x)

All of my life in ev'ry season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship

## Chorus

I will bring praise  
I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall  
remain  
I will rejoice  
I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

## Verse 4

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

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## **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 119:89-96**

*Sue Vester*

*Minister: This is the word of the LORD.*

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession – adapted from *Book of Common Worship***

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 John 1:4-7**

*And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

# Prayers of the People

## Ministry Moment

### Covenant Baptism

*Robert Mark Raine*

### 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 5:12-20

But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**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**

# By Faith

## Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His  
faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their  
hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would  
appear  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin  
and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

## Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good  
news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

## Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are  
possible  
For all who call upon His name

## Chorus

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's  
reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is  
done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight  
(REPEAT)

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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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
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
Tu. 3/24	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tu. 3/24	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 3/25	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 3/25	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/25	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 3/25	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 3/25	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
F. 3/27	6:00 pm	Young Adults Bonfire & Dinner	Swanson Home
Sat. 3/28	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt	New Life Lawn
Sun. 3/29	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 3/29	9:55 am	Palm Sunday Processional	New Life
Sun. 3/29	10:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 3/29	6:00 pm	Hymn Sing	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

<b>Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Year to Date 2026</b>	\$96,250.00	\$84,140.30
<b>Week of 3/15/26</b>	\$8,750.00	\$4,492.00

## Announcements

- ❖ **New Info! Lost & Found:** Items that remain unclaimed are now free to anyone who would like to give them a new home. If there is something on the table that caught your eye, please take it with you.
- ❖ **Young Adults Fellowship Event:** Young adults are invited to a bonfire and dinner at the Swansons' **this Fri. March 27** at 6pm.
- ❖ **Hymn Sing:** Our quarterly hymn sing will be **next 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.
- ❖ **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.
  - + **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](mailto:jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com). Hope to see you there!
  - + **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 **next Sun. 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 (6272 River Dr. 17406), followed by breakfast. Please sign up in the foyer to bring food for the community breakfast. **(Please note the address in last week's bulletin was incorrect.)**
  - + **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 1<sup>st</sup> meets in classroom 5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 4, 5-8<sup>th</sup> meets in classroom 3, and 9-12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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