



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

March 29, 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 29, 2026

Reflection – Psalm 118:19-27

- ¹⁹ *Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.*
- ²⁰ *This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.*
- ²¹ *I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.*
- ²² *The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.*
- ²³ *This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.*
- ²⁴ *This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*
- ²⁵ *Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!*
- ²⁶ *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.*
- ²⁷ *The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!*

Processional – King of Kings and Lord of Lords

King of kings and Lord of lords
Glory hallelujah
King of kings and Lord of lords
Glory hallelujah

Jesus Prince of Peace
Glory hallelujah
Jesus Prince of Peace
Glory hallelujah

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Prelude – *Blessed Is He*

Children’s Choir

Blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord
our God!
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
who comes in the name of the Lord
our God!

Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
HOSANNA!

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Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna to the King
of Kings!

Call to Worship – Psalm 118:1-4, 25-29

*Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**All: Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

*Leader: Let the house of Aaron say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”*

**All: Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

*Leader: Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!*

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

*Leader: The LORD is God,
And he has made his light to shine upon us.*

**All: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!**

*Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.*

**All: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Victory Chant

(Congregation sings words in **bold**)

Verse 1

Hail Jesus You're my King
Hail Jesus You're my King
Your life frees me to sing
Your life frees me to sing
I will praise You all my days
I will praise You all my days
You're perfect in all Your ways
You're perfect in all your ways

Verse 2

Hail Jesus You're my Lord
Hail Jesus You're my Lord
I will obey Your word
I will obey Your word
I want to see Your kingdom come
I want to see Your kingdom come
Not my will but Yours be done
Not my will but Yours be done

Verse 3

Glory glory to the Lamb
Glory glory to the Lamb
You take me into the land
You take me into the land
We will conquer in Your name
We will conquer in Your name
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
And proclaim that Jesus reigns

Verse 4

Hail hail Lion of Judah
Hail hail Lion of Judah
How powerful You are
How powerful You are
Hail hail Lion of Judah
Hail hail Lion of Judah
How wonderful You are
How wonderful you are

Verse 5

Glory glory to the Lamb
Glory glory to the Lamb
You take me into the land
You take me into the land
We will conquer in Your name
We will conquer in Your name
And proclaim that Jesus reigns
And proclaim that Jesus reigns

Verse 6

Hail hail Lion of Judah
Hail hail Lion of Judah
How powerful You are
How powerful You are
Hail hail Lion of Judah
Hail hail Lion of Judah
How wonderful You are
How wonderful you are
How wonderful You are
How wonderful you are
How wonderful You are!

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Christus Victor (Amen)

Verse 1

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

Chorus 1

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah Amen

Verse 2

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Verse 3

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Bridge

Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Tag

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen
Amen

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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 – Matthew 21:1-10

Bryan McGahan

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “The Broken Heart”

O Lord, no day of my life has passed that has not proved me guilty in your sight. Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart; Praise has been often praiseless sound; My best services are filthy rags.

Blessed Jesus, let me find a covert in your appeasing wounds. Though my sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them; Though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell, your righteousness exalts me to your throne. All things in me call for my rejection, all things in you plead my acceptance. I appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace.

Grant me to hear your voice assuring me: that by your stripes I am healed, that you were bruised for my iniquities, that you have been made sin for me that I might be righteous in you, that my grievous sins, my manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your concealing blood.

I am guilty, but pardoned, lost, but saved, wandering, but found, sinning, but cleansed. Give me perpetual broken-heartedness, keep me always clinging to your cross, flood me every moment with descending grace, open to me the springs of divine knowledge, sparkling like crystal, flowing clear and unsullied through my wilderness of life.

Assurance of Forgiveness – John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)

Verse 1

O come behold the works of God
The nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our
side
We walk by faith
In God who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Verse 2

O God of Jacob fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows
And all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men
And still You let them live
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win

Chorus

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

Bridge 2x

Though oceans roar You are the Lord of
all
The One who calms the wind and waves
And makes my heart be still
Though the earth gives way
The mountains move into the sea
The nations rage
I know my God is in control

Chorus 2x

Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the
fire
With us as a Shelter
With us in the storm
You will lead us
Through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

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Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Elder Wayne Blanding

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 – Zechariah 9

The oracle of the word of the LORD is against the land of Hadrach
and Damascus is its resting place.

For the LORD has an eye on mankind
and on all the tribes of Israel,

²and on Hamath also, which borders on it,
Tyre and Sidon, though they are very wise.

³Tyre has built herself a rampart
and heaped up silver like dust,
and fine gold like the mud of the streets.

⁴But behold, the Lord will strip her of her possessions
and strike down her power on the sea,
and she shall be devoured by fire.

⁵Ashkelon shall see it, and be afraid;
Gaza too, and shall writhe in anguish;
Ekron also, because its hopes are confounded.

The king shall perish from Gaza;
Ashkelon shall be uninhabited;

⁶a mixed people shall dwell in Ashdod,
and I will cut off the pride of Philistia.

⁷I will take away its blood from its mouth,

and its abominations from between its teeth;
it too shall be a remnant for our God;
it shall be like a clan in Judah,
and Ekron shall be like the Jebusites.

⁸ Then I will encamp at my house as a guard,
so that none shall march to and fro;
no oppressor shall again march over them,
for now I see with my own eyes.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

¹³ For I have bent Judah as my bow;
I have made Ephraim its arrow.
I will stir up your sons, O Zion,
against your sons, O Greece,
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD will appear over them,
and his arrow will go forth like lightning;
the Lord GOD will sound the trumpet
and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.

¹⁵ The LORD of hosts will protect them,
and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones,
and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine,

and be full like a bowl,
drenched like the corners of the altar.

¹⁶ On that day the LORD their God will save them,
as the flock of his people;
for like the jewels of a crown
they shall shine on his land.

¹⁷ For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!
Grain shall make the young men flourish,
and new wine the young women.

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.

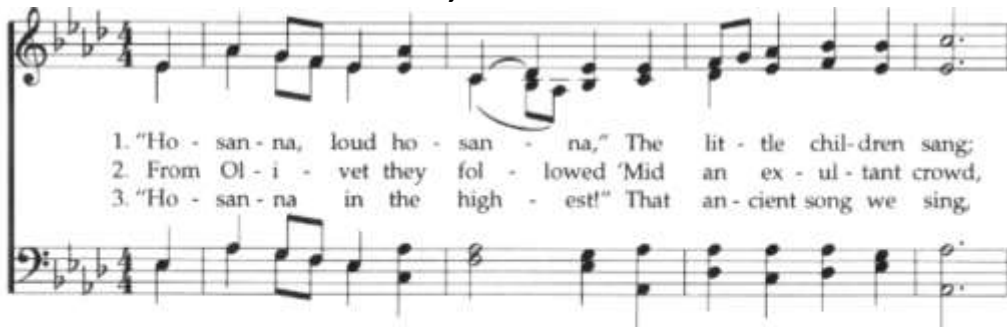
Christ will come again.

Communing Together

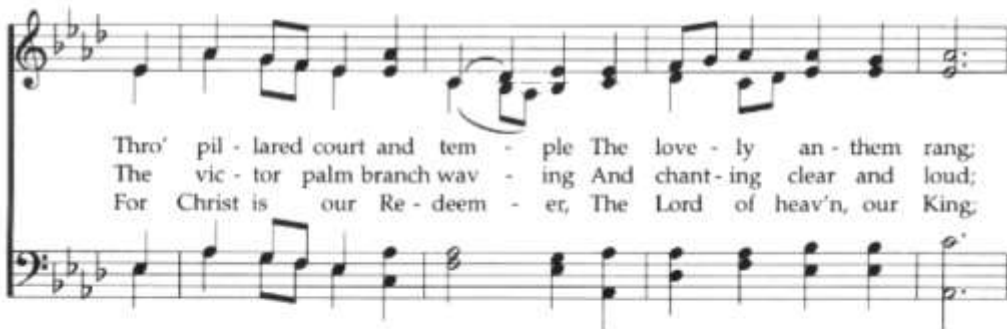
The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

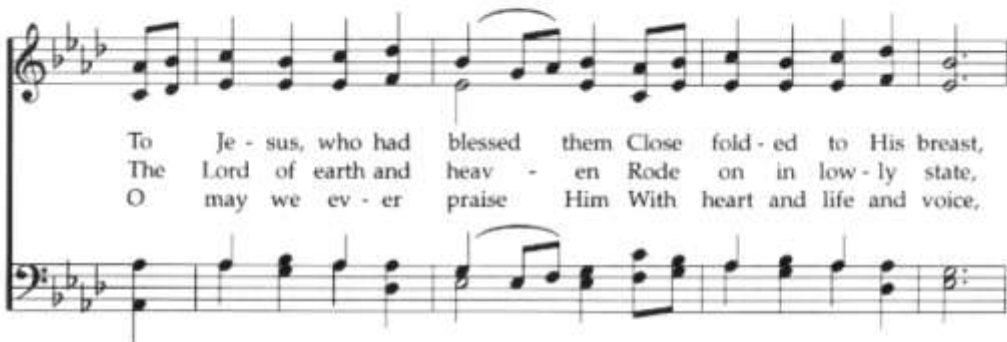
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



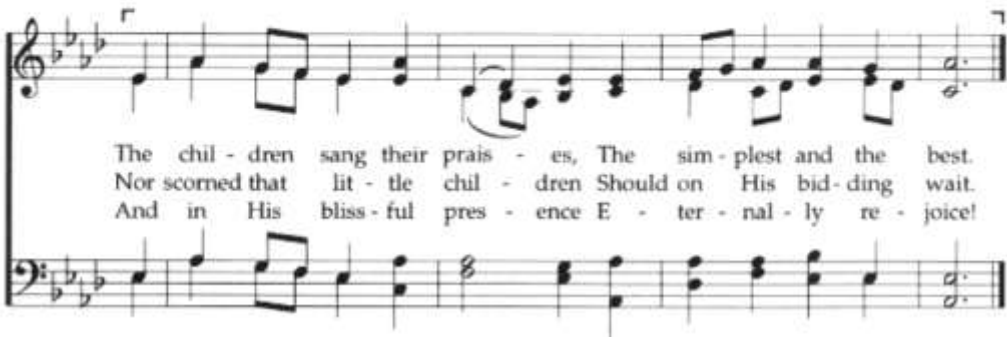
1. "Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na," The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang;
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud;
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our King;



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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. 3/29	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
Tu. 3/31	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tu. 3/31	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Tu. 3/31	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 4/1	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 4/1	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 4/1	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 4/1	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 4/1	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 4/2	10:30 am	SILVERS Planning Team Meeting	Fellowship Hall
F. 4/3	6:30 pm	Good Friday Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/5	6:30 am	Sunrise Worship & Breakfast	Henry Home
Sun. 4/5	10:00 am	Easter Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 4/5	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$105,000.00	\$88,740.90
Week of 3/22/26	\$8,750.00	\$4,600.60

Announcements

- ❖ **Hymn Sing:** Our quarterly hymn sing is **tonight Sun. March 29** at 6pm at New Life. Please bring a snack to share for afterwards.
- ❖ **Easter at New Life:**
 - + **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!
 - + **Good Friday Service:** 6:30pm **this Fri. Apr. 3**
 - + **Sunrise Service:** 6:30am **next 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.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars for NLPC's Vacation Bible School the week of July 20-24th. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Catherine Kloetzli.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.newlifeyorkpca.com/about-us.html>

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