



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

March 8, 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

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Reflections

which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

– 1 Timothy 6:15-17

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 100

Elder Brian Fitz

*Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

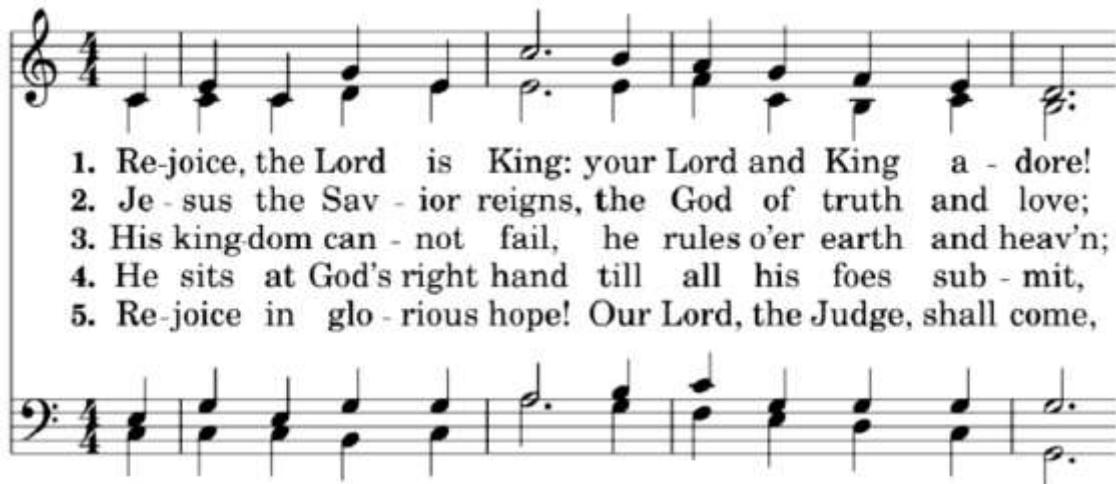
**All: Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

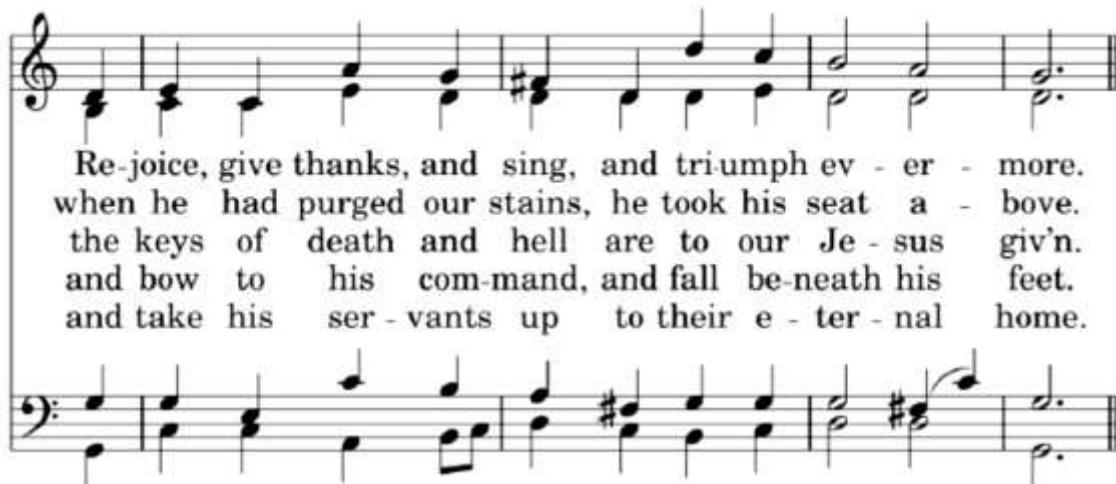
**All: For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Praise

Rejoice the Lord Is King



1. Re-joyce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore!
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His kingdom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit,
5. Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,



Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.
and bow to his com-mand, and fall be-neath his feet.
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

REFRAIN



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, re - joice!

The Lion and the Lamb

Verse 1

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion
and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Verse 2

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion
and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

Bridge

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? (7x)
Who can stop the Lord?

Chorus

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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 – Ecclesiastes 5:8-17

Mark Flaharty

Minister: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – from *Piercing Heaven*

O Lord, teach me to pray, that I may call upon your name. Prepare my heart to seek, and open your ears mercifully to hear me.

Almighty and eternal Lord God, you are the Creator and Continual Preserver of all things, both in heaven and earth. By your gracious providence I was at first fearfully and wonderfully made, and even now you keep me and preserve me.

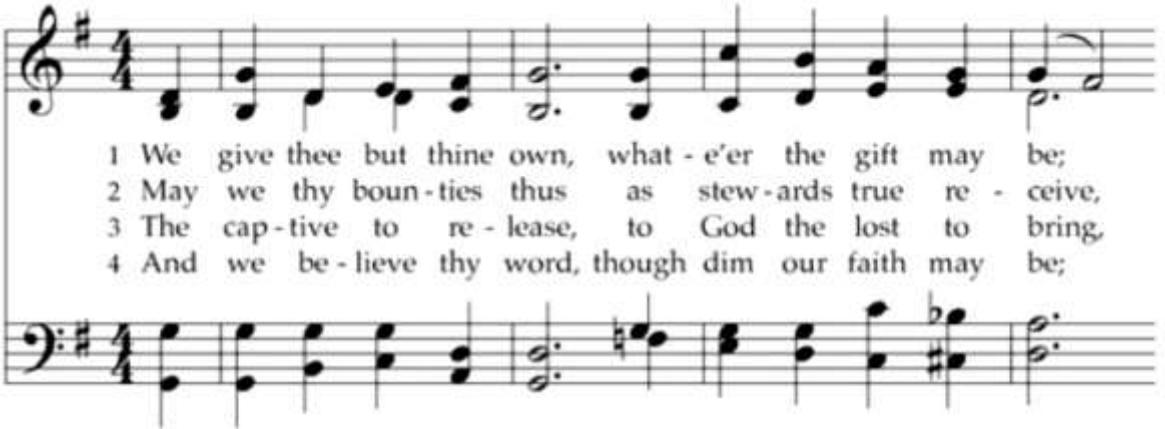
I am the workmanship of your hands, and I desire to humble both soul and body before your heavenly majesty. So here in your presence, Lord, I confess my own unworthiness to come before you, to call upon you, or to perform the least duty that will concert your worship and glory.

Because my heart is polluted and unclean, I beg you to be gracious to me for Jesus Christ your Son's sake. For the sake of his promise, truth, and mercy, have mercy upon me. Pardon and forgive all the sins, iniquities, and trespasses I have ever committed against you, in what I have said or what I have done. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – 1 John 1:7-9

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. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

Membership Vows

Todd & Amy McDaniel

Dennis & Diane Lewis

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 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist 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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death
(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

Date	Time	Event	Location
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
Sun. 3/8	6:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	Swanson Home
Tu. 3/10	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tu. 3/10	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 3/11	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 3/11	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 3/11	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 3/11	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
W. 3/11	7:00 pm	Missions Meeting	Aquarium
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

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$78,750.00	\$72,160.30
Week of 3/1/26	\$8,750.00	\$14,620.00

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** Our spring study of the book of *James* starts this **Tues. 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 19**, 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.
- ❖ **Winter Women's Book Club Potluck:** Join us **tonight 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.
- ❖ **Lost & Found:** Please check lost and found table in the foyer; any unclaimed items by **Wed. March 18** will be donated.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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)

❖ **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 **next 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 to help out and/or to provide refreshments; 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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