



# NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**May 3, 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

May 3, 2026

## Reflection

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:1

## Welcome and Announcements

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

## Prelude

## Call to Worship – Psalm 47:1-9

*Elder Joe Heidler*

*Leader: Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.**

*Leader: He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.*

**All: He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

*Leader: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*Leader: For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!*

**All: God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

*Leader: The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.*

**All: For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!**

## Prayer of Praise

# O Worship the King

1 O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove,  
 2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace,  
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?  
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,  
 5 O mea - sure - less Might, un - change - a - ble Love,

G D G C C D7 G

O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 ▶ It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
 in whom you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
 whom an - gels de - light to wor - ship a - bove!

D D7 G D G D7

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
 ▶ it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
 Your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,  
 Your ran - somed cre - a - tion, with glo - ry a - blaze,

G D G C G D7 G

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 ▶ and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!  
 in true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise!

# Battle Belongs

## Verse 1

When all I see is the battle  
You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain  
You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow  
Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now  
For I am safe with You

## Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

## Verse 2

And if You are for me  
Who can be against me  
For Jesus there's nothing  
Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes  
You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross  
God You see the empty tomb

## Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

## Bridge 3X

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows  
You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God

## Chorus

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
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## Tag

O God the battle belongs to You

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## **Affirmation of Faith – the Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer of Confession** – adapted from *Streams of Mercy*

**Loving heavenly Father, you have created us to worship you alone. Your Word should delight us and your law should motivate us to obedience. Yet, Lord, we are great sinners who wander and run from you often. We regularly exchange your truth for lies, because we don't want to worship you. Rather, we want to be our own gods. Many times we turn toward idols that enchant us, bowing before them and hoping that they will make peace for us. We desire sinful things and sell our souls to get them.**

**Father, forgive us; have mercy on us, for we are weak and guilty of worshipping many false gods. Thank you for Jesus, who paid the price for all sin and who worshipped God alone throughout his earthly life. Holy Spirit, show us our idolatry and grant us sweet conviction and joyful repentance. Make Christ more beautiful to us than all other things and help us desire him above the trinkets and positions we crave. Grant us growing hope and faith in Christ alone until the day we bow before our victorious King, rescued by His strong arm and dressed in his righteousness alone. Amen.**

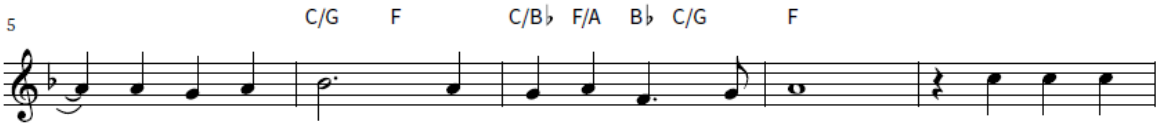
**Assurance of Forgiveness** – Isaiah 53:1-5

*He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

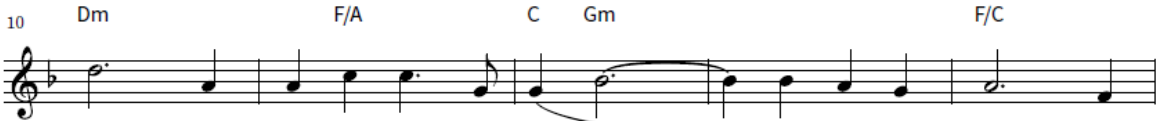
# Be Still My Soul



1. Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Be still, my soul! Thy God doth un - der - take \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Be still, my soul! When dear - est friends de - part \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Be still, my soul! The hour is has - t'ning on \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. Be still, my soul! Be - gin the song of praise \_\_\_\_\_



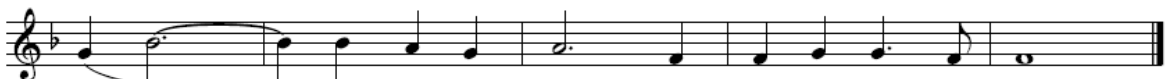
— Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy  
 — to guide the fu - ture as He has the past. Thy hope, thy  
 — and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears. Then shalt thou  
 — when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -  
 — on earth be - liev - ing to thy Lord on high. Ac - knowl - edge



God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_ In ev - 'ry change He  
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_ All now mys - te - rious  
 bet - ter know His love, His heart; \_\_\_\_\_ Who comes to soothe thy  
 -point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row for - got, love's  
 Him in all thy words and ways; \_\_\_\_\_ So shall He view thee



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heav'n - ly  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still  
 sor - row and thy fears. Be still, my soul! Thy Je - sus can re -  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul! When change and tears are  
 with a well - pleased eye. Be still, my soul! The Sun of life di -



Friend \_\_\_\_\_ through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 know \_\_\_\_\_ His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 -pay \_\_\_\_\_ from His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 past, \_\_\_\_\_ all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.  
 -vine \_\_\_\_\_ through pass - ing clouds shall but more bright - ly shine.

# 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:

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

#### **Philippians 4:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

**Sermon:** The Peace of God and the God of Peace

*Pastor Erik Swanson*

**Series:** The Fruit of the Spirit

**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**

## We Will Feast in the House of Zion

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first system (measures 1-4) is in 4/4 time. The second system (measures 5-8) is in 4/4 time. The third system (measures 9-13) is in 4/4 time. The fourth system (measures 14-17) is in 4/4 time. The fifth system (measures 18-20) is in 2/4 time. The sixth system (measures 21-22) is in 4/4 time. The seventh system (measures 23-24) is in 4/4 time. The eighth system (measures 25-26) is in 4/4 time. The ninth system (measures 27-28) is in 4/4 time. The tenth system (measures 29-30) is in 4/4 time. The eleventh system (measures 31-32) is in 4/4 time. The twelfth system (measures 33-34) is in 4/4 time. The thirteenth system (measures 35-36) is in 4/4 time. The fourteenth system (measures 37-38) is in 4/4 time. The fifteenth system (measures 39-40) is in 4/4 time. The sixteenth system (measures 41-42) is in 4/4 time. The seventeenth system (measures 43-44) is in 4/4 time. The eighteenth system (measures 45-46) is in 4/4 time. The nineteenth system (measures 47-48) is in 4/4 time. The twentieth system (measures 49-50) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-first system (measures 51-52) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-second system (measures 53-54) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-third system (measures 55-56) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-fourth system (measures 57-58) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-fifth system (measures 59-60) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-sixth system (measures 61-62) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-seventh system (measures 63-64) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-eighth system (measures 65-66) is in 4/4 time. The twenty-ninth system (measures 67-68) is in 4/4 time. The thirtieth system (measures 69-70) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-first system (measures 71-72) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-second system (measures 73-74) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-third system (measures 75-76) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-fourth system (measures 77-78) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-fifth system (measures 79-80) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-sixth system (measures 81-82) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-seventh system (measures 83-84) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-eighth system (measures 85-86) is in 4/4 time. The thirty-ninth system (measures 87-88) is in 4/4 time. The fortieth system (measures 89-90) is in 4/4 time. The forty-first system (measures 91-92) is in 4/4 time. The forty-second system (measures 93-94) is in 4/4 time. The forty-third system (measures 95-96) is in 4/4 time. The forty-fourth system (measures 97-98) is in 4/4 time. The forty-fifth system (measures 99-100) is in 4/4 time.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has  
 E C#m7 A E C#m B A B E  
 done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.

**VERSE**

A C#m A B  
 We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our  
 In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -  
 Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful

C#m A C#m A B  
 God. We are not con - sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed,  
 fraid. For the prom - ised morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob,  
 one. And from the gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er,

C#m B/D#  
 gath - - - - - ered up.  
 be - - - - - my strength.  
 bring sha - - - - - lom.

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### Benediction – 2 John 3

*<sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.*

### 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. 5/3	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/3	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/3	11:30 am	Inquirers' Class	Classroom 1
Sun. 5/3	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 5/3	11:45 am	VBS Volunteer Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 5/3	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tu. 5/5	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
Tu. 5/5	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 1
Tu. 5/5	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
W. 5/6	9:00 am	Moms +	Classroom 2
W. 5/6	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/6	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 5/6	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 5/7	10:30 am	SILVERS Planning Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 5/10	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/10	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary

## Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$148,750.00	\$137,931.45
Week of 4/26/26	\$8,750.00	\$17,257.85

## Announcements

- ❖ **Vacation Bible School:** Mark your calendars for NLPC's Vacation Bible School the week of **July 20-24th**. We are holding a volunteer information meeting after worship **TODAY** at 11:45am in the Aquarium. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Catherine Kloetzli.
- ❖ **Women's Fellowship Night:** Ladies of all ages are invited to join the women of New Life's music team to share in a refreshing evening of singing, scripture, and snacks on **Sat. May 16** at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Please bring a scripture and a snack to share. See you there! Contact Becky Cerha or Jenn Ryan (jenn@newlifeyorkpca.com) with questions or favorite worship songs.
- ❖ **Church Picnic:** In lieu of Second Sunday Lunch in May, New Life is planning a church-wide picnic starting at 4pm on **Sun. May 31**. Lawn games will be available. Please invite friends and plan to enjoy a relaxing evening together. Bring food or a drink to share.
- ❖ **Servants Faith Beyond the Pews work week 2026:** Servants' annual Faith Beyond the Pews 2026 is happening **June 8-12**. Come help us practically serve our York neighbors through construction with opportunities to share the good news of Jesus! Online registration is available at <https://servants.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=104071> or by selecting RSVP at <https://www.servants.org/event-details/faith-beyond-the-pews>. Signups can be for the whole week or for individual days. Sign-ups are open now through early May. Servants work camps begin with an info session and ice cream social at the host site on Sunday evening. Monday through Friday are work days. Each morning begins at the host site with breakfast, a devotional, lunch packing, and tool/material pickup before heading to the assigned work sites. After serving for the day, teams return to the host site for dinner and a debrief where God-sightings from the day are shared. On Friday evening there is a celebration dinner and all volunteers and homeowners we worked with during the week are invited. Other ways to help: New Life's Mercy Team coordinates a taco dinner on **Thurs. June 11** to serve to all the hungry workers at 5pm. We need help serving dinner and also baking and providing desserts. Please see signup sheets in the church foyer or reach out to Kiel Reese, Susette Grim, or Barbara Henry.

## 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 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.

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

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