



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

May 24, 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.

Worshipping God

May 24, 2026

Reflection

And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

– Luke 18:18-19

The appearance of God is ineffable and indescribable, and cannot be seen by eyes of flesh. For in glory He is incomprehensible, in greatness unfathomable, in height inconceivable, in power incomparable, in wisdom unrivaled, in goodness inimitable, in kindness unutterable.

- Theophilus of Antioch

The goodness of God is infinitely more wonderful than we will ever be able to comprehend.

– A. W. Tozer

God is too good to be unkind, too wise to be mistaken; and when you cannot trace His hand, you can trust His heart.

– Charles Spurgeon

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Revelation 21:1-6

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Prayer of Praise

Praise to the Lord the Almighty



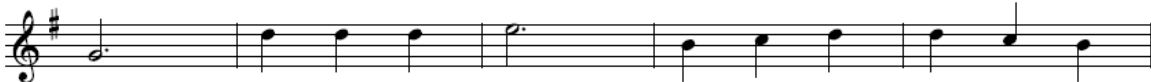
1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign -
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend
 4. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly made
 5. Praise to the Lord! O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

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true Word
 3. Rich - es I heed not nor man's emp - ty praise
 4. High King of hea - ven my vic - to - ry won

5 Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
 I ev - er in with Thee and Thou with me Lord
 Thou mine in her - it - ance now and bright heaven's ways
 May I reach hea - ven's joys, O bright heaven's sun

9 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Thou my and great Fa - ther and Thy true son
 Thou and Thou on - ly heart what - ev - er my be - liever
 Heart of my own heart what - ev - er my be - liever

13 Wa - king or sleep - ing Thy pres - ence my light
 Thou in me dwell - ing and I with Thee one
 High King of hea - ven and my O trea - sure Thou art
 Still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all

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.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 23

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Goodness of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
(REPEAT)

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
(REPEAT)

Tag

I will sing of the goodness of God

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Prayers of the People

Prayer for Graduates

Kathryn Kotchish

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

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

Psalm 34

34 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my
mouth.
² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard
him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and
delivers them.
⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in
him!
⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and
hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no
good thing.
¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
¹² What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see
good?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are toward the
righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those
who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from
the earth.
¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help,
the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their
troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the
righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them
all.
²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will
be condemned.
²² The Lord redeems the life of his
servants;
none of those who take refuge in him
will be condemned.

Sermon: Taste and See That the LORD Is Good!

Pastor Justin Kleiner

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

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down
from lofty mountain
grandeur,
and hear the brook
and feel the gentle breeze;

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

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Benediction – 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you, 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. 5/24	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/24	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
W. 5/27	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 5/27	10:00 am	Moms +	Contact Joy Swanson
W. 5/27	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
W. 5/27	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/31	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
Sun. 5/31	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 5/31	4:00 pm	Church Picnic	New Life

New Life Presbyterian Church Financial Report

January 1 to March 31, 2026

Fund Description	Balance as of 1/1/26	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Balance as of 3/31/26
General Fund	109,998.11	102,784.94	98,096.60	-	114,686.45
Deacon's Fund	19,215.04	100.00	2,813.00	-	16,502.04
Building Improvement	1,054.31	-	-	-	1054.31
Capital Reserve	121,331.21	-	-	-	121,331.21
Strategic Reserve	183,716.00	-	11,996.73	-	171,749.27
Short Term Missions	11,636.07	-	1,850.00	-	9,786.07
Totals	446,950.74	102,884.94	114,726.33	-	435,109.35

Fund Descriptions:

- General Fund is used for church operating expenses (e.g., utilities, ministry costs, salaries)
- Deacon's Fund provides financial aid to those within and outside of the church
- Building Improvement Fund is used to fund projects that add new features to the building
- Capital Reserve Fund is used to fund projects that replace worn out building infrastructure.
- Strategic Reserve Fund is to save in advance for future initiatives that require significant resources.
- Short Term Missions Fund is used to fund short term missions trips

Notes:

- The church has a building mortgage with an outstanding balance of \$53,499.35, currently at a 7.0% interest rate. The mortgage will be fully paid off on about August 2027.
- Short Term Missions balance of gift cards on hand but not yet sold is \$2,450.
- Strategic Reserve fund expense for sanctuary sound system upgrades, \$11,966.73.

Announcements

- ❖ **Moms+:** We will begin our summer schedule on **Wed. May 27**. All women and their children are welcome. Because location varies due to weather, please contact Joy Swanson to be added to the GroupMeet messages.
- ❖ **Church-Wide Summer Fellowship Events:**
 - **May 31:** Church-wide picnic. Sign up in the foyer to bring food to share. Arrive by 4pm and plan to linger for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and lawn games. Invite friends.
 - **June 19:** York Revolution baseball game. Arrive at the stadium at 5:45 for the 6:30 game start time. **RSVP by June 7**, so that we can purchase a block of tickets. The cost will be \$11 per ticket.
 - **August 1:** Arrive at Guppy Gulch (95 Guppy Valley, Delta, PA 17314) by 9:15am for the group check-in. The water opens at 10am. **RSVP by July 26**. \$27 for swimmers; \$10 for non-swimmers. Guppy Gulch is recommended for guests 8 years old and older. Guests weighing less than 50 pounds should bring their own Coast Guard approved lifejacket. Pack a lunch, snack, water, towel, and sunscreen.
 - **August 28-30:** Camping trip at Codorus State park. We typically book campsites in Loop C, as close to site 88 as you can get. Please go here to reserve your family's site. <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/codorus-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880316>. Everyone from New Life is invited to a potluck meal on Saturday.
- ❖ **Summer Sunday School Class:** From **June 7 through August 23**, the summer Sunday school class will be a Bible study of 1 John. Youth are invited to attend with their parents.

Announcements continue on the back.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.