



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

May 31, 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 31, 2026

Reflection

These words are trustworthy and true. – Revelation 22:6

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 98:1-4

Elder Joe Heidler

*Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

**All: The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

*Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**All: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Prayer of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come; And I
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! Let Thy

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D A D G D A7 D D F#m G

mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me some me - lo - dious
 hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus sought me when a
 grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

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G/D D D F#m G D A7 D A D

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove; Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of
 stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter -
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it

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G D A7 D

Thy re - - deem - - ing love.
 posed His pre - - cious blood.
 for Thy courts a - - bove.

Forever

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever (REPEAT)

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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.

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 10:19-25

John Kloetzli

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – “Renew Me in Grace” by Isaac Ambrose

O Lord, I have no graces by nature. I have no power to cleanse my own heart. I have defaced your image, but I cannot repair it. I can say with the apostle that when I want to do well, evil is present with me, but I find no means to do what I desire.

Oh when will I be set free to do the work of God, and run the race of his commands? If only I had hope, joy, and love! Lord, I have heard of your power. You call things that are not, as if they were. If you desire it, you can work in me these graces, just as you gloriously created them in Adam.

Lord, I have also heard of your grace and truth. You are as faithful to keep as you are generous to make these precious promises. Your grace is unsearchable. Your word is purer than silver, seven times refined. Oh make good your promises! Replenish me with your grace! Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Psalm 40:11

*As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Capo 3. F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G)

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

C(A) F(D) C(A) F(D)

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

B♭(G) C(A) F(D) REFRAIN B♭(G)

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F(D) C(A) F(D) B♭(G) F(D) C⁷(A⁷) F(D) 7

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Prayers of the People

Missions Moment

Marlene Spark

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 89

89 I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
² For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."
³ You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
⁴ 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" *Selah*
⁵ Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the

holy ones!
⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,
⁷ a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
⁸ O LORD God of hosts,
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,
with your faithfulness all around you?
⁹ You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.
¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like a carcass;
you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.

¹¹ The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;

the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

¹² The north and the south, you have created them;

Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name.

¹³ You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

¹⁶ who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

¹⁹ Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:

“I have granted help to one who is mighty;

I have exalted one chosen from the people.

²⁰ I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him,

²¹ so that my hand shall be established with him;

my arm also shall strengthen him.

²² The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him.

²³ I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

²⁴ My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

²⁵ I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

²⁶ He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’

²⁷ And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

²⁸ My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.

²⁹ I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.

³⁰ If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my rules,

³¹ if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,

³² then I will punish their transgression with the rod

and their iniquity with stripes,

³³ but I will not remove from him my steadfast love

or be false to my faithfulness.

³⁴ I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

³⁵ Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;

I will not lie to David.

³⁶ His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me.

³⁷ Like the moon it shall be established forever,
a faithful witness in the skies.” *Selah*
³⁸ But now you have cast off and rejected;
you are full of wrath against your anointed.
³⁹ You have renounced the covenant with your servant;
you have defiled his crown in the dust.
⁴⁰ You have breached all his walls;
you have laid his strongholds in ruins.
⁴¹ All who pass by plunder him;
he has become the scorn of his neighbors.
⁴² You have exalted the right hand of his foes;
you have made all his enemies rejoice.
⁴³ You have also turned back the edge of his sword,
and you have not made him stand in battle.
⁴⁴ You have made his splendor to cease
and cast his throne to the ground.
⁴⁵ You have cut short the days of his youth;

you have covered him with shame. *Selah*
⁴⁶ How long, O LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your wrath burn like fire?
⁴⁷ Remember how short my time is!
For what vanity you have created all the children of man!
⁴⁸ What man can live and never see death?
Who can deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? *Selah*
⁴⁹ Lord, where is your steadfast love of old,
which by your faithfulness you swore to David?
⁵⁰ Remember, O Lord, how your servants are mocked,
and how I bear in my heart the insults of all the many nations,
⁵¹ with which your enemies mock, O LORD,
with which they mock the footsteps of your anointed.
⁵² Blessed be the LORD forever!
Amen and Amen.

Sermon: Faithfulness

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest; Sun, moon and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

6 C/E C D/A A⁷ D⁷ G G⁷ C G⁷/C C Dm C/E



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in man - i - fold
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright hope for to -

CHORUS

12 Fmaj⁷ F^{°7} C/G G⁷ C G



fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be. Great is Thy
 wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

18 F/C C A⁷ Gm/D Dm G⁷ C Cm⁶ G/D D⁷



faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I

24 G G⁷ C G⁷/C C Dm C/E Fmaj⁷



see; All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed -



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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. 5/31	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
Tues. 6/2	11:00 am	Prayer Gathering	Rishel Home
W. 6/3	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
W. 6/3	10:00 am	Moms +	Contact Joy Swanson
W. 6/3	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
W. 6/3	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Th. 6/4	10:30 am	SILVERS Planning Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 6/7	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/7	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/7	11:30 am	Giant Cards for Sale	Foyer
Sun. 6/7	11:30 am	Portrait-Taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 6/7	11:45 am	Elders and Deacons Meeting	Classroom 1
Sun. 6/7	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$175,000.00	\$176,227.23
Week of 5/17/26	\$8,750.00	\$9,320.39

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Moms+:** We are currently on our summer schedule of 10am. All women and their children are welcome. Because location varies due to weather, please contact Joy Swanson to be added to the GroupMe messages.
- ❖ **Church-Wide Summer Fellowship Events:**
 - **TODAY:** Church-wide picnic beginning at 4pm. Meat, rolls, and drink will be provided. Sign up in the foyer to bring a side or dessert to share. Plan to linger for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and lawn games. Invite friends and please bring your own lawn chairs.
 - **June 19:** York Revolution baseball game. Arrive at the stadium at 5:45 for the 6:30 game start time. **RSVP by June 7 via the signup sheet in the foyer**, 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 via the signup sheet in the foyer**. \$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. Sign up in the foyer.
 - **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.
- ❖ **Prayer Meeting:** Please note that our bi-monthly Tuesday mid-day prayer meeting will take place at the Rishel home during the summer, still at the same time of 11am-12pm. The bi-monthly Wednesday evening group will continue to meet at the church from 7-8pm. Keep a close eye on "This Week at New Life" to follow the exact schedule. Contact Sherry Rishel with any questions.

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Announcements (page 2 of 2)

- ❖ **Ladies Summer Book Club:** We'll be reading *How To Stay Married: The Most Insane Love Story Ever Told* by Harrison Scott Key. This pick is a raw and edgier read than our past selections as the author discusses, with his own brand of humor, what the journey of faith and forgiveness can look like in a messy world. Read at your own pace and then join us late summer (date TBD) for a potluck and discussion.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **New picture directory coming soon:** Please use the copy in the foyer to update or add your information. Charles Fox will be taking photos in classroom 3 after church on **June 7 and 14**. Alternatively, you may submit your own photo to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- ❖ **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.

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: From June 7 through August 23, the summer Sunday school class is studying 1 John. Youth are invited to attend with their parents.

Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible Study: We are on hiatus for the summer and will begin again in September with a study of *Revelation* by Jen Wilkin. Meetings happen on Tuesdays, with a morning in-person group and an evening group on Zoom. All women of the church and their friends are welcome. For more information please contact Marlene Spark.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in Classroom 1 at 9am.

Moms+: We are currently on our summer schedule of 10am. All women and their children are welcome. Because location varies due to weather, please contact Joy Swanson to be added to the GroupMe messages.

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: Please note that our bi-monthly Tuesday mid-day prayer meeting will take place at the Rishel home during the summer, still at the same time of 11am-12pm. The bi-monthly Wednesday evening group will continue to meet at the church from 7-8pm. Keep a close eye on "This Week at New Life" to follow the exact schedule. Contact Sherry Rishel with any questions.

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.

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

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