



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

June 21, 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

June 21, 2026

Reflection

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 3:12-14

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – adapted from Deuteronomy 6 and Psalm 34

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

All: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

Leader: My soul will boast in my LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

All: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Prayer of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

F F Gm F C F C F C7 F C 7

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F C C F C7 F C F C7

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more, His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

F F Gm F C7 F 7

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend,
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r,
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

King of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father
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Affirmation of Faith – Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions and Answers 1 and 2

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Scripture Reading – Psalm 1

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:15-17

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Capo 3 ♯ (G) (D⁷) (G) (C) (Am⁷) (G) ♯ (Em) (F#)

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; wean it from
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies, no sud - den
 3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine
 4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the
 5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love, one ho - ly

(Bm) (E⁷) (D/A) (A⁷) (D) (D⁷) (C)

earth, through all its puls - es move; stoop to my weak - ness,
 rend - ing of the veil of clay, no an - gel vis - i -
 • own, soul, heart, and strength and mind. I see thy cross—there
 strug - gles of the soul to bear, to check the ris - ing
 pas - sion fill - ing all my frame; the bap - tism of the

(D⁷) ♯ (G) (C) (G) (D⁷) (G) ♯

might - y as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 tant, no o - p'ning skies; but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way,
 • teach my heart to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
 doubt, the reb - el sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 heav'n - de - scend - ed Dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

Prayers of the People

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 5:16-26

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 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. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Sermon: Growth in Grace

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

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 – Romans 1:7b

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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. 6/21	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/21	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/21	11:30 am	Portrait-Taking	Classroom 3
Sun. 6/21	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Wed. 6/24	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Wed. 6/24	10:00 am	Moms +	Contact Joy Swanson
Wed. 6/24	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 6/24	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Sun. 6/28	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/28	11:30 am	VBS Meeting	Aquarium
Sun. 6/28	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$210,000.00	\$226,704.12
Week of 6/14/26	\$8,750.00	\$4,265.39

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

❖ Sanctuary Use Reminders:

- As a reminder, children and youth are asked to keep away from the sound booth, the instruments, and the stage.
- Also by way of reminder, generally speaking please do not bring food/drink (except water) into the sanctuary. An exception to that request is for families with very young children. These are welcome to bring in what they need to for the care of their children.

❖ **July 26th Congregational Meeting:** Pastor Justin has asked that the congregation meet to consider removing the expectation in his terms of call that his family relocate to the York area by Sept 1st of this year. To that end, the session passed the following motion: "**M/S/C** to call a congregation meeting on July 26, 2026 for the purpose of deliberating and voting on a change to TE Kleiner's Terms of Call at his request to remove the statement that "New Life Presbyterian Church expects Justin Kleiner and family to relocate to the local York, PA area by September 1, 2026." " For a fuller history of this request, and for more details on what the meeting entails, please see the information in New Life News, pick up from the church lobby a printed copy of the email that went out to the congregation, or email the church office to request a digital copy of that email.

❖ **VBS Meeting:** All VBS volunteers, please come to the meeting on **Sun. June 28** after the worship service. We will be meeting in the aquarium room and discussing final details. Please reach out to Catherine Kloetzli with any questions.

❖ **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.

❖ Church-Wide Summer Fellowship Events:

- **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 **today**. Alternatively, you may submit your own photo to kelly@newlifeyorkpca.com.
- ❖ **Save the Date for a Winter Marriage Retreat:**
 - **Conference Title/Theme:** Heart to Heart – Improving Communication
 - **Location:** Gettysburg Hotel, hotelgettysburg.com
 - **Dates:** January 22-24, 2027
 - **Speaker:** William P. Smith, a pastor, counselor, author, and retreat speaker. crossway.org/authors/william-p-smith
 - **Cost per couple:** \$480 early bird registration. After Nov. 1 \$550. This covers two nights at the hotel and four meals (breakfasts/lunches). Not included in the cost is Saturday dinner, a "date night" for you and your spouse, and the daily (discounted) parking fee of \$6.
 - **Travel times:** Arrive when you can anytime after 4pm on Friday (bring a bag dinner or buy it on the way), with the first event beginning at 7:30. Departure will be no later than 1pm, after lunch, on Sunday.
 - **Kids?** While nursing moms are welcome to bring the nursing child, this retreat is for married couples and not for families with children.

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 GroupMeet 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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