



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

June 28, 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

June 28, 2026

Reflection

“The Church is a distinctive, new covenant community formed through the shared indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who was poured out upon believers as a result of the death, resurrection, and glorification of Jesus Christ. Though distinctive, the Church also stands in continuity both with the past (initially fulfilling promises given to the patriarchs and their children) and with the future (providing an initial expression of the Kingdom of God).” - Dr. Joseph Kim, Lancaster Bible College

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Justin Kleiner

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 108:1-5

Leader: My heart is steadfast, O God!

All: I will sing and make melody with all my being!

Leader: Awake, O harp and lyre!

All: I will awake the dawn!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

All: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Leader: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

All: your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

All: Let your glory be over all the earth!

Prayer of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chords: F D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Chords: A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Chords: D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Chords: F Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us

F(D) C(A) C7(A7) F(D)

Chris- tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

C(A) F(D) B^b(G) F(D) B^b(G)F/C(D/A/C7(A7)) F(D)

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

5. This glorious hope revives
 our courage by the way;
 while each in expectation lives
 and waits to see the day.

6. From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 and sin, we shall be free;
 and perfect love and friendship
 reign through all eternity.

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 – Ephesians 4:1-6

Bryan McGahan

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Galatians 5:19-24

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 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. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come ___ to You ___ to re - ceive ___ the food ___ of Your
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ___ ho - ly rev - er - ence, ___ true hu -
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new ___ our minds; - Help us grasp ___ the heights ___ of Your



ho - ly word. ___ Take Your truth, plant it deep ___ in us; ___ Shape and
 -mil - i - ty. ___ Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes ___ in the
 plans ___ for us. ___ Truths un - changed from the dawn ___ of time, - that will



fash - ion us ___ in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance ___ of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 e - cho down - through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen ___ to-day ___ in our acts of love and our deeds of ___ faith. ___ Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 eyes ___ to see ___ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. ___ Words of pow'r that can
 prom - is - es; - And by faith we'll walk as You walk with ___ us. ___ Speak, O Lord, till Your



-fill ___ in us ___ all Your pur - pos - es, ___ for Your glo - ry.
 nev - er fail; ___ Let their truth ___ pre - vail ___ o - ver un - be - lief.
 church ___ is built ___ and the earth ___ is filled ___ with Your glo - ry.



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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:

Matthew 16:15-18

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

John 17:13-22

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one...

Sermon Notes (the following page is blank for your additional notes)

"I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church." (Nicene Creed) "As it relates to the church, *is* precedes *does*." (Gregg Allison)

Introduction

Four Myths about the Church

1. ***The Church is merely a human organization of which there are many.*** No, it is created by God in Christ, **Unity**.
2. ***The Church is a supermarket with spiritual groceries.*** No, the Church is set apart, **Holy**.
3. ***The Church is just a gathering of a few believers.*** No, it is a **catholic – universal** Church.
4. ***The Church is optional.*** No, it is a commitment for all believers, **Apostolic**.

Verses Referenced – Rev. 7:9, Eph. 5:27, Eph. 4:4-6, Rev. 1:20, I Peter 2:9, I Cor. 11:18, Eph. 4:16, Eph. 4:1-3, Gal 5:19-21, Rom. 16:17-18, Titus 3:10-11, Eph. 5:25-27, Gal. 6:1, Mt. 18:15-17, I Peter 1:14-16, Mt. 18:20, Gal. 3:28, Acts 6:1-6, Heb 10:24-25, Eph. 2:19-22, Eph. 2:20, Rev. 21:14, II Thess. 2:15, 3:14, I Tim. 6:20, II Tim. 2:1-2, II Tim. 3:16-17

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 Are God's People

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire; yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand,
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire,

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. 6/28	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 6/28	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 6/28	11:30 am	VBS Meeting	Aquarium
Tues. 6/30	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting	Rishel Home
Wed. 7/1	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Wed. 7/1	10:00 am	Moms+	Contact Joy Swanson
Wed. 7/1	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
Thurs. 7/2	10:30 am	SILVERS Planning Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sun. 7/5	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/5	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/5	11:30 am	Giant Cards for Sale	Foyer
Sun. 7/5	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members’ Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$218,750.00	\$245,876.51
Week of 6/21/26	\$8,750.00	\$19,172.39

Announcements

- ❖ **Red Lion Community Group** will only meet the first Sunday of the month for June, July, and August. The NW York group will continue to meet on the first and third Sundays.
- ❖ **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 **TODAY 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.
- ❖ **VBS Registration** is now open! Register your kids for **July 20-24th** via our website. newlifeyorkpca.com/vacation-bible-school-new-life-pca/
- ❖ **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://pennsylvania.stateparks.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.
- ❖ **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.
 - **Registration:** For more information and to register, please use this QR code.



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: 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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