



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

July 26, 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

July 26, 2026

Reflection

God's hard words are never His last words. The woe and the waste and the tears of life belong to the interlude and not to the finale. – Anonymous

And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ²and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

– Deuteronomy 30:1-3

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude: Light of the World

Vacation Bible School Children

Verse 1

The world is searching for an answer
A ray of hope in a hopeless world
Who can we turn to
Where is our rescue

Verse 2

There is someone he's the answer
He's the light and he'll light the way
His name is Jesus and he came to
save us

Chorus

He is the light light light
Light of the world
And he shine shine shines
All over the earth
Shining bright bright bright
He is the light of the world

Interlude

Oo-woh-oh oo-woh
Oo-woh-oh oo-woh
Oo-woh-oh oo-woh

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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

God So Loved

Verse 1

Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He
gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of
the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He
gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love
(REPEAT)

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He
gave us
His one and only Son to save

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He
gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of
the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

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Only a Holy God

Verse 1

Who else commands all the hosts
of heaven
Who else could make every king
bow down
Who else can whisper and
darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

Verse 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(REPEAT)

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Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from Matthew 22:37-40

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Verse

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

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Scripture Reading – Exodus 20:1-2, 12-17

Sue Vester

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – Adapted from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Come Unto Jesus

Verse 1

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary
Come to the mercy seat fervently kneel
Here bring your wounded hearts broken
and needy
Come unto Jesus mighty to heal

Verse 2

Joy of the comfortless Light for
the straying
Hope of the penitent Peace in our strife
Here speaks the Comforter
tenderly saying
My yoke is easy my burden is light

Chorus

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens He is enough
Come unto Jesus rest in His love

Verse 3

Come taste the Bread of Life broken
for sinners
Drink from the cup of His promise
made sure
Feast at His table as sons and
as daughters
Grace overflowing is yours evermore

Chorus 1

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens He is enough
Come unto Jesus rest in His love

Verse 4

Come now and follow Him this
life forsaking
All that was gain count as nothing
but loss
Trade all this world for His
kingdom unfading
Come unto Jesus take up your cross
Come unto Jesus take up your cross
Life everlasting He offers to us

Chorus 2

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens He is enough
Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens He is enough
Come unto Jesus rest in His love

Tag

Come unto Jesus rest in His love

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Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment

Membership Vows

Reaffirmation of Faith
Profession of Faith and Baptism
Profession of Faith and Baptism
Baptism

Sam Trout
Felix Rodak
Patrick & Hannah Daugherty
Miles Alan Daugherty

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: 1 Kings 17

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." ² And the word of the LORD came to him: ³ "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴ You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. ⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷ And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³ And Elijah said to

her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹ And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." ²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Sermon: The God of Judgment and Mercy

Pastor Erik Swanson

Series: Elijah and Elisha: Prophets Par Excellence

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 Things

Verse 1

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered
the grave
You free every captive and break
every chain
O God
You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake
and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God
You have done great things

Verse 2

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered
the grave
You free every captive and break
every chain

O God

You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake
and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God
You have done great things

Bridge

Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You've done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered
the grave
You free every captive and break
every chain
O God
You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake
and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God
You have done great things

Ending

You have done great things
O God You do great things

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Benediction – Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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. 7/26	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 7/26	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/26	11:30 am	Called Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Sun. 7/26	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Swanson Home
Mon. 7/27	7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting	Aquarium
Wed. 7/29	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Wed. 7/29	10:00 am	Moms+	Contact Joy Swanson
Wed. 7/29	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wed. 7/29	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting	Classroom 3
Sat. 8/1	9:15 am	Guppy Gulch Outing	95 Guppy Valley 17314
Sun. 8/2	9:00 am	Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/2	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 8/2	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 8/2	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$253,750.00	\$288,292.83
Week of 7/19/26	\$8,750.00	\$5,939.99

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **SILVERS Picnic:** SILVERS, come enjoy a picnic at the Lomax home on **Sat. Aug. 22** beginning at 4pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; please bring a dish to share. See the sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- ❖ **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.

- ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** Please join the women of New Life for a 10-week, in-depth study of Revelation. We will be using the guide by Jen Wilkin, *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom*, which includes thoughtful homework and video teaching to watch on your own and then getting together to share understanding and application for life. **When:** Tuesdays Sept. 15 through Nov. 24, mornings 9:30-11:00am at the church, and evenings 7:00-8:15pm on Zoom. For more information or to sign up, please contact Marlene Spark. A bulk order for a reduced price of \$21.25 will be made on August 24th. Don't let the price hold you back – scholarships are available!
- ❖ **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 Oct. 31 \$550. All reservations must be in by December 15. The cost 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. Registration closes on December 15.



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: All women of the church, and their friends, are welcome to attend a 10-week study, *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom*, by Jen Wilkin, beginning **Sept. 15**. Group meetings occur in the church Aquarium Room on Tuesdays 9:30-11am, and also at home 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+: 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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