



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

August 30, 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

August 30, 2026

Reflection

The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless: "Who among us can dwell with the consuming fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"
He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly... - Isaiah 33:14-15a

The main reason we are to go to church on Sunday morning is to worship God. We come into His presence with fear, and reverence, and adoration, because the God who came down at the top of Mount Sinai has not changed His name, and He has not undergone a personality change. He is still an all-consuming fire, who has given us the unspeakable privilege to enter into His presence because He's given us a Mediator who took my sin, who washed my clothes for me, and covered me with the robe of His righteousness, and allows me, as my risen Savior, to come in to the presence of God."
- R.C. Sproul

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Justin Kleiner

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-5

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

All: make known his deeds among the peoples!

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

All: tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

All: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength;

All: seek his presence continually!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

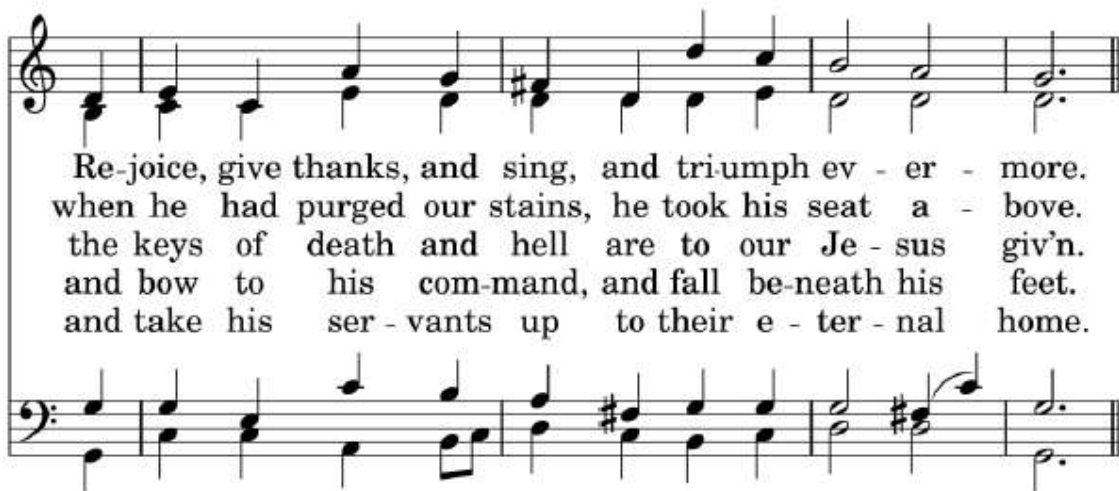
All: His miracles, and the judgments he uttered

Prayer of Praise

Rejoice, the Lord Is King



1. Re-joyce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore!
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His kingdom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit,
5. Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,



Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n.
and bow to his com-mand, and fall be-neath his feet.
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

REFRAIN



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, re - joice!

Better Is One Day

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Bridge

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands
elsewhere

Bridge and Chorus sung together:

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(thousands elsewhere)

Bridge

Better is one day
Better is one day
Better is one day
Than thousands elsewhere
(thousands elsewhere)

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Affirmation of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism, Question and Answer 26

Question: What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Answer: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 12:25-29

Bryan McGahan

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession – Adapted from the Book of Common Worship

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Ephesians 2:4-7

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loves us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

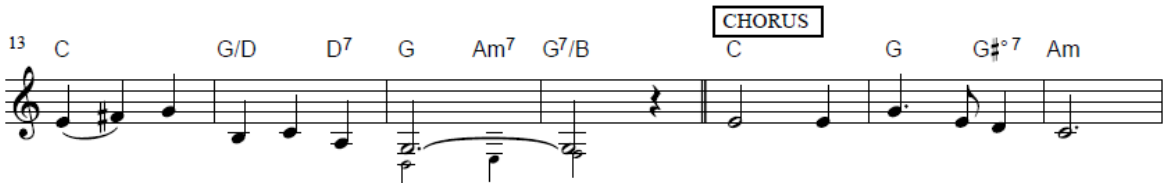
Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus



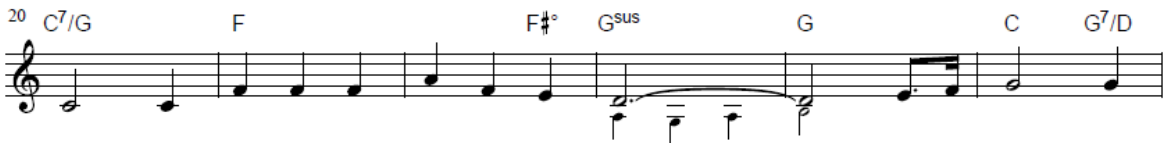
1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
3. His Word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



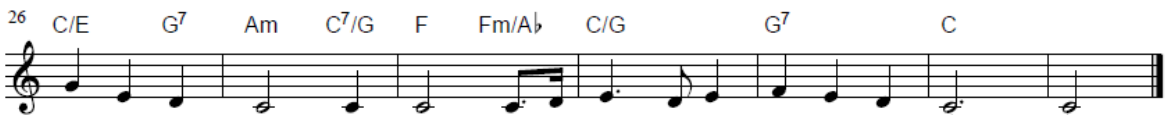
dark - ness you see? _____ There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, and
fol - low Him there; _____ O'er us sin no more hath do - min - ion- for
all will be well: _____ Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His



life more a - bun - dant and free! _____ Turn your eyes up - on Je -
more _ than con-q'rors we are! _____
per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! _____



-sus, look full in His won - der - ful face; _____ And the things of



earth will grow strange - ly dim in the light of His glo - ry and grace. _____

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: 2 Kings 1

After Ahab's death, Moab rebelled against Israel. ² Now Ahaziah had fallen through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria and injured himself. So he sent messengers, saying to them, "Go and consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, to see if I will recover from this injury."

³ But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Go up and meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and ask them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going off to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' ⁴ Therefore this is what the LORD says: 'You will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!'" So Elijah went.

⁵ When the messengers returned to the king, he asked them, "Why have you come back?"

⁶ "A man came to meet us," they replied. "And he said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you and tell him, "This is what the LORD says: Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you will not leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!"'"

⁷ The king asked them, "What kind of man was it who came to meet you and told you this?"

⁸ They replied, "He had a garment of hair and had a leather belt around his waist." The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite."

⁹ Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!'"

¹⁰ Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men.

¹¹ At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!'"

¹² "If I am a man of God," Elijah replied, "may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.

¹³ So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. "Man of God," he begged, "please have respect for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! ¹⁴ See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains and all their men. But now have respect for my life!"

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD said to Elijah, “Go down with him; do not be afraid of him.” So Elijah got up and went down with him to the king.

¹⁶ He told the king, “This is what the LORD says: Is it because there is no God in Israel for you to consult that you have sent messengers to consult Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Because you have done this, you will never leave the bed you are lying on. You will certainly die!” ¹⁷ So he died, according to the word of the LORD that Elijah had spoken.

Because Ahaziah had no son, Joram succeeded him as king in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. ¹⁸ As for all the other events of Ahaziah’s reign, and what he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel?

Sermon: Is It Because There Is No God in Israel?

Pastor Justin Kleiner

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

Behold Our God

Verse 1

Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 2

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows
all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Verse 3

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

Bridge

You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)
(REPEAT 6X)
You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill)

Chorus

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him

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Benediction – 1 Peter 1:2

According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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. 8/30	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 8/30	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Mon. 8/31	7:00 pm	Mercy Team Meeting	Aquarium
Tues. 9/1	11:00 am	Prayer Gathering	Classroom 1
Wed. 9/2	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
Wed. 9/2	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
Wed. 9/2	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/6	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School	Aquarium
Sun. 9/6	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
Sun. 9/6	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
Sun. 9/6	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members’ Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$288,750.00	\$320,674.91
Week of 8/16/26	\$8,750.00	\$4,523.39

Announcements

- ❖ **Online Donations:** The link for online donations found on the New Life website is now redirecting to a different online donation page. Our online donations are still received by the PCA Foundation and deposited into the church accounts within a week of the donation. Donations will continue to be processed by Blackbaud Merchant Services. As a result, donors with an existing recurring donation record are not required to make any changes.
 - ❖ **Sunday School Classes:**
 - **Adult Sunday School:** We are studying Genesis 12-50: The Patriarchs. Meet in the Aquarium.
 - **Children and Youth:** Fall Sunday school classes will begin on **Sept. 13**.
 - ❖ **Missionary Report During Sunday School:** On **Sept. 13**, in lieu of the regular adult Sunday school, one of our missionaries will give an update on their ministry. Join us in the aquarium room at 9am.
 - ❖ **Women's Bible Study:** The bulk, pre-order of the books has been made and the books are available for pick-up. If you have not pre-ordered a book, you are still welcome to come to the study beginning on **Tues. Sept. 15**. For more information about the study or ordering a book on your own, please contact Marlene Spark.
 - ❖ **Called Congregational Meeting:** New Life will be holding a congregational meeting on **Sun. Sept. 20** after the worship service. The purpose of this meeting has changed. The purpose is now to consider Pastor Justin's resignation request, which was made Sun. Aug. 16.
 - ❖ **Annual Voices Women's Retreat:** This retreat is for women survivors of domestic abuse and will be taking place at Providence Presbyterian Church on **Sat. Nov. 7** from 9am-4:15pm. There is also a **Fri. Nov. 6** evening program which is open to everyone from 6:30-8pm. For more information, visit yorkpca.org/voices-retreat.
 - ❖ **Voices Retreat Votive Gifts:** Are you interested in helping create votive jar favors for this year's Voices Retreat at Providence Presbyterian Church? The jars will be used to decorate the lunch tables and are given to each participant. All supplies and instructions are provided. We will meet at the following times:
 - Sept. 1 from 6-7:30pm @ PPC, room 1
 - Sept. 16, 23, & 30 – 10am-12pm @ PPC, room 3
 - Sept. 22 & 29 from 6-7:30pm @ PPC, room 3
- Come join the fun as we create and pray over the completed project. Contact Amy Miller or the office.

❖ **NEW INFO! 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.
- **NEW INFO: Scholarships available:** There are scholarships available for the marriage retreat. If you would not be able to go without scholarship help, please do apply for a scholarship. Please contact Jerry Grim for more information.



Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Adults, join us in the Aquarium for our Sunday school class focusing on Genesis 12-50: The Patriarchs. Children and youth Sunday school will begin **Sept. 13**.

Women's Bible Study: Beginning **Tues. Sept. 15**, all women of the church and their friends are welcome to attend a 10-week study, *Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom*, by Jen Wilkin. Daytime group meetings occur in the church Aquarium Room on Tuesdays 9:30-11am, or you can attend at home on Zoom in the evenings from 7– 8:15pm. Please contact Marlene Spark or the office 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 at 717-501-6083 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 Gathering: NLPC has two ongoing opportunities dedicated to prayer. In the midday, prayer will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 11am-12pm in classroom 1. In the evenings, prayer will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7-8pm in classroom 3. 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.