



NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

October 25, 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

October 25, 2026

Reflection – Fred G. Zaspel, *Warfield on the Christian Life* (p. 48)

“Here, then is the value of God’s Word. It is given redemptively: God has set out by it, and not apart from it, to restore us to his fellowship and to his image. In other words, Scripture is foundational to life. ‘We cannot do without the Scriptures; having them we need no other guide. We need this light to light our pathway; having it we may well dispense with any other [B.B. Warfield].’”

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Prelude

Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-6, 8

Elder Will Pope

Minister: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people!

People: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

Minister: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

People: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

Minister: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

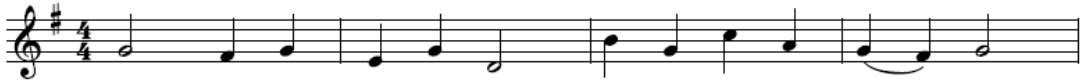
People: O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Minister: He remembers His covenant forever,

All: The word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

Prayer of Praise

Come Christians Join to Sing



1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ, our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Let all, with
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! He is our
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! On heav - en's



heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
 Guide and Friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore;



Praise is His gra - cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Holy Forever

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in
worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been
redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His
name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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Affirmation of Faith – Belgic Confession (1561), Article 26: The Intercession of Christ

We believe that we have no access to God except through the one and only Mediator and Intercessor: Jesus Christ the Righteous. He therefore was made man, uniting together the divine and human natures, so that we human beings might have access to the divine Majesty. Otherwise we would have no access. But this Mediator, whom the Father has appointed between himself and us, ought not terrify us by his greatness, so that we have to look for another one, according to our fancy. For neither in heaven nor among the creatures on earth is there anyone who loves us more than Jesus Christ does.

Scripture Reading – Hebrews 6:13-20

Mark Flaharty

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Thank you, Father, for your word and your promises in your word. Forgive us for our times of neglect of that word You have given to us; help us to embrace Your eternal promises in our lives. Forgive us for failing to see your times of Judgment as evidence of your holiness, your faithfulness to your promises, and evidence of your mercy extended to us through Christ. You are the only Holy God and we are thankful that You have not left us alone, without guidance, but instead have given us a lasting revelation of Your word through your prophets and ultimately through Christ our Savior, the very Word of God become flesh, to bring us redemption. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Hebrews 10:22-23

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(REPEAT)

Ending

O Lord oh Lord our God
O Lord oh Lord our God

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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: 2 Kings 9:1-13

9 Then Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Tie up your garments, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. **2** And when you arrive, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi. And go in and have him rise from among his fellows, and lead him to an inner chamber. **3** Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.' Then open the door and flee; do not linger."

4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. **5** And when he came, behold, the commanders of the army were in council. And he said, "I have a word for you, O commander." And Jehu said, "To which of us all?" And he said, "To you, O commander." **6** So he arose and went into the house. And the young man poured the oil on his head, saying to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I anoint you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. **7** And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD. **8** For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. **9** And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. **10** And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury her." Then he opened the door and fled.

11 When Jehu came out to the servants of his master, they said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the fellow and his talk." **12** And they said, "That is not true; tell us now." And he said, "Thus and so he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, I anoint you king over Israel.'" **13** Then in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, "Jehu is king."

Sermon: Prophecy Fulfilled

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

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and
living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You
(REPEAT)

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Benediction – 1 Peter 5:10-11

The God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion 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. 10/25	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
	11:45 am	Inquirers’ Class	Classroom 1
	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Raine Home
Tues. 10/27	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study	Aquarium
	7:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study	Zoom
Wed. 10/28	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Gathered Prayers	Classroom 3
Sun. 11/1	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	Giant cards for sale	Foyer
	11:45 am	Inquirers’ Class	Classroom 1
	11:45 am	Advent Children’s Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members’ Homes

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	\$367,500.00	\$381,939.34
Week of 10/11/26	\$8,750.00	\$8,193.69

Announcements (page 1 of 2)

- ❖ **Everyone Welcome!** On **Sat. Nov. 7** at 2:30pm here at New Life, there will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about the famous four chaplains of the USAT Dorchester during WWII, including York's own Rabbi Alexander D. Goode. Presented by Mr. Lou Levetan of the York County Jewish History organization, this is truly "a story of courage and selflessness." This event is free to attend and the SILVERS will provide a light snack following the program. Find the sign-up sheet on the foyer table and add your name no later than **next Sun. Nov. 1**. Questions? See "D" Flaharty, Alice Lomax, or Mel King.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Encouraging the Ladies of the Voices Retreat:** Ladies, there is a box full of note cards and envelopes on the table in the hallway. I would like to encourage you to take a few and write a note of hope and encouragement to a woman who will be attending the VOICES retreat. There is a large "CARDS" box to place your completed notes in. Please turn them in by next **Sun. Nov. 1**. Thank you so much! – Ellen Metzger
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child:** Join with Samaritan's Purse in sending gift boxes to children around the world! Grab a shoebox and a label from the foyer and fill the box with presents. (Visit samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ for ideas and instructions and how to pay. \$10 will cover the shipping cost and an additional \$6 will provide the child with the follow-up curriculum "The Greatest Journey.") Be sure to consult the front of your label which will allow you to follow your box! Completed shoeboxes are due back to New Life no later than **Sun. Nov. 15**. Have trouble getting out? If you prefer, you can build/send a box entirely online by visiting the link above.

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- ❖ **Advent Children's Choir:** All singers from age 4 through 8th grade are invited to participate in our 2026 Advent children's choir. Rehearsals will begin about 15 minutes after worship ends on Sundays Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 6. The children will sing in worship on **Sun. Dec. 13**. Questions? Please contact either Ellen Metzger or Jenn Ryan. We hope to see you there!
- ❖ **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.
 - **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, or in Classroom 2 for a class on *Christ of the Covenants*. Children and youth meet in the following rooms: PK-1st grade – Classroom 5; 2nd-5th grade – Classroom 4; 6th-8th grade – Classroom 3; 9th-12th grade – Classroom 1.

Women's Bible Study: We meet in the Aquarium room on Tuesday mornings or via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. 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 a group of women who meet every Wednesday morning from 9am-11am. Children are welcome as they will have their own age-appropriate class to attend. Contact Joy Swanson or the office.

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.

Gathered Prayers: NLPC has two ongoing opportunities dedicated to prayer. In the midday, prayer meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 11am-12pm in classroom 1. In the evenings, prayer meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 7-8pm in classroom 3. Contact Sherry Rishel or the office with any questions.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Contact Elder Will Pope or the office 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.

Young Adults: Young Adults meet on the 2nd Sunday at 12pm in Classroom 1. They also meet on the 4th Sunday at 6pm at the Raine home. Contact Nathan Raine or the office for more information.

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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