NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

November 1, 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

November 1, 2026

Reflection – Dietrich Bonhoeffer (letter to his fiancée from Tegel Prison, 1943)

> "May God give faith to us daily. And I do not mean the faith which flees the world, but the one that endures the world and which loves and remains true to the world in spite of all the suffering which it contains for us. Our marriage shall be a yes to God's earth; it shall strengthen our courage to act and accomplish something on the earth. I fear that Christians who stand with only one leg upon earth also stand with only one leg in heaven."

Welcome and Announcements *Pastor Erik Swanson*

Prelude

Call to Worship – I Peter 1:3-5 *Elder Brian Fitz*

Minister:	*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!*
People:	**According to his great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope**
Minister:	*Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*
People:	**To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading;**
Minister:	*Kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith*
All:	***For a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

Prayer of Praise

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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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 Revelation 5:4-12

With the Hosts of Heaven, we affirm that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, who has conquered so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals. Worthy are you, Lamb of God, to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Worthy are you, the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Amen!

Scripture Reading – II Timothy 4:1-8 *Connie Kay*

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.
All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Thank you, Father, for your mercy towards us; thank you Lord Jesus for conquering death and the grave for us that we may live; and thank you Holy Spirit for your continuing work to conform us to the image of Christ. Now we ask for your mercy of forgiveness for our twin sins of too often focusing on life here more than eternal life in heaven, and the opposite of not living this life in the light of eternity so as to live out your salvation in this world where we now reside. You are the Holy God; grant us cleansing from our sin through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness – Romans 4:7-8

Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

For All the Saints

verses 1, 2, 5, and 6 only



Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment – Operation Christmas Child *Connie Kay*

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 13

13 In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned seventeen years. **2** He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin; he did not depart from them. **3** And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he gave them continually into the hand of Hazael king of Syria and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael. **4** Then Jehoahaz sought the favor of the LORD, and the LORD listened to him, for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them. **5** (Therefore the LORD gave Israel a savior, so that they escaped from the hand of the Syrians, and the people of Israel lived in their homes as formerly. **6** Nevertheless, they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, which he made Israel to sin, but walked[a] in them; and the Asherah also remained in Samaria.) **7** For there was not left to Jehoahaz an army of more than fifty horsemen and ten chariots and ten thousand footmen, for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing. **8** Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? **9** So Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Joash his son reigned in his place.

10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jehoash[b] the son of Jehoahaz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and he reigned sixteen years. **11** He also did what was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel to sin, but he walked in them. **12** Now the rest of the acts of Joash and all that he did, and the might with which he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? **13** So Joash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now when Elisha had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” **15** And Elisha said to him, “Take a bow and arrows.” So he took a bow and arrows. **16** Then he said to the king of Israel, “Draw the bow,” and he drew it. And Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. **17** And he said, “Open the window eastward,” and he opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot,” and he shot. And he said, “The LORD's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them.” **18** And he said, “Take the arrows,” and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, “Strike the ground with them.” And he struck three times and stopped. **19** Then the man of God was angry with him and said, “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times.”

20 So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. **21** And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

22 Now Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. **23** But the LORD was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned toward them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, nor has he cast them from his presence until now.

24 When Hazael king of Syria died, Ben-hadad his son became king in his place. **25** Then Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities that he had taken from Jehoahaz his father in war. Three times Joash defeated him and recovered the cities of Israel.

Sermon: Last Words and Last Deeds *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

The Power of the Cross



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Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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. 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
Wed. 11/4	9:00 am	Moms+	Classroom 2
	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
	7:00 pm	Youth Discipleship	Classroom 1
	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. 11/7	2:30 pm	USAT Dorchester Presentation	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/8	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
	11:30 am	2nd Sunday Lunch	Fellowship Area
	11:45 am	Inquirers Class	Classroom 1
	11:45 am	Advent Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	$376,250.00	$386,816.82
Week of 10/25/26	$8,750.00	$4,877.48

Announcements

- **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 **TODAY**. 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 **this 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 **TODAY**. 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.
- **Advent Children's Choir:** All singers 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 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.

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 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.

Young Adults: Young Adults meet on the 4th Sunday at 6pm, ususally at the Raine home. Contact Nathan Raine or the office for more information.