NEW LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

November 15, 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 15, 2026

Reflection

Grant, Almighty God, that as nothing is omitted by you to help us onward in the course of our faith, and as our sloth is such that we hardly advance one step though stimulated by you, -- O grant, that we may strive to profit more by the various helps which you have provided for us, so that the Law, the Prophets, the voice of John the Baptist, and especially the doctrine of your only-begotten Son, may more fully awaken us, that we may not only hasten to him, but also proceed constantly in our course, and persevere in it until we shall at length obtain the victory and the crown of our calling, as you have promised an eternal inheritance in heaven to all who faint not, but wait for the coming of the great Redeemer. Amen.

– John Calvin, *Calvin's Commentaries Volume XV*, p. 632

Welcome and Announcements *Pastor Erik Swanson*

Prelude

Call to Worship – Exodus 15:1-2

Minister: *I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;*
People: **The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**
Minister: *The LORD is my strength and my song,*
People: **And he has become my salvation;**
Minister: *This is my God, and I will praise Him.*
All: ***My Father's God, and I will exalt Him.***

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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It Is Well with My Soul



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 – Revelation 22:12-21 *Elder Joe Heidler*

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

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, we confess that it is not always well with our souls; in the midst of trials and uncertainties we sometimes lose our focus upon your revealed Word which provides us truth and comfort. Forgive our anxieties and distraction, and focus us anew upon the life-giving Word of God, Jesus Christ. Spirit of God help us to understand the written Word of God provided to us. And refresh us to take that word into a world desperately in need of your grace and power. 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.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Prayers of the People

Missions Moment *Wayne Blanding*

Covenant Baptism *Emma Grace Kloetzli*

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: Malachi 4

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. **2** But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. **3** And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. **6** And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

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

Days of Elijah

Verse 1
These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus
Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2
And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus
Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Bridge
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
(REPEAT many times)

Chorus 2x
Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

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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. 11/15	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
	11:45 am	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 & 5
	11:45 am	Advent Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Community Groups	Members' Homes
Tues. 11/17	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study	Aquarium
	11:00 am	Gathered Prayers	Classroom 1
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Zoom
Wed. 11/18	9:00 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Classroom 1
	7:00 pm	Music Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sun. 11/22	9:00 am	Sunday School for All Ages	Classrooms
	10:00 am	Corporate Worship	Sanctuary
	11:45 am	Youth Discipleship	Classrooms 1 and 5
	11:45 am	Advent Children's Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Cerha Home

Church Financial Summary

Category	Budget	Actual
Year to Date 2026	$393,750.00	$404,493.04
Week of 11/8/26	$8,750.00	$5,342.69

Announcements

- **Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes are due back today. Please see Connie Kay if you forgot yours. Missed the boat this year? You can still visit the website and build/send a box entirely online. Visit samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ to send a gift box to children around the world!
- **Sharing Lessons Learned:** In learning what we can from the events of the summer, the session would like to share "lessons learned" with any from the congregation who want to be part of that discussion. To that end, the session is scheduling three "town hall" discussions at 11:30 on the following Sundays: **Nov. 29** (in the Aquarium room), **Dec. 6** (in the Aquarium room), and **Dec. 13** (in the sanctuary). In terms of what the session plans to share, the content of these discussions will be the same.
- **Babies News:** New Life welcomes the birth of two new babies! Philip John Raine was born to Aubree and Nathan on November 7 and Dawson Red Daugherty was born to Hannah and Patrick on November 9. If you would like to bring them a meal, please contact the office.
- **A Video Recording** was made of the presentation on Sat. Nov. 7 by Lou Levetan at the SILVERS hosted event. The presentation was on the *Four Chaplains of the USS Dorchester in WWII.* If you would like to view the recording please contact Mark Deckard and he will send you the link.
- **Christmas at New Life:**
  - Sun. Dec. 6 at 6pm: Christmas caroling in the community. All are invited.
  - Sun. Dec. 13 during worship: Come to hear our children's choir help lead us in worship this day.
  - Sun. Dec. 13 at 11:30am: In lieu of our regular 2nd Sunday Lunch we will hold a Christmas luncheon. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please bring items in crockpots or casserole dishes. (The oven will not be available to bake items; it will only be used to keep dishes warm.) See Shyrl Tompkins with any questions.
  - Sun. Dec. 18 beginning at 4pm: Church-wide Open House at the Swanson home. We will plan to sing Christmas carols together at 7pm.

❖ **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:** $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, usually at the Raine home. Contact Nathan Raine or the office for more information.