

SERMON NOTES

**“Preparation for the End”**

Ward Shope, preaching

Matthew 25:1-13

May 16, 2021

A Reluctant Judge

A Certain End

A Repentant Preparation

**Prayer of Belief:** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.  
*(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today,  
please contact the church and one of the pastors or elders will be in touch.)*



**Presbyterian Church of Dresher**

**MAY 16, 2021**

Join us online [here](#) or on [YouTube](#) at 10am or 11:30am

**Call to Worship:** Revelation 19:6b-8a

Even So Come

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

**Prayer of Confession**

Jesus Paid It All

**Assurance of Pardon:** Galatians 2:20

**General Offering Invitation**

**Special Needs Ministry:** Amy Gill

**Congregational Prayer**

**Sermon:** “Preparation for the End”

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The Solid Rock

**Benediction**

*You can give your tithes and offerings [here](#)  
or send checks to the church*

New Life Presbyterian Church—<https://newlifedresher.org/>

## WELCOME

### Welcome to New Life!

We're glad you're with us this morning. Our hope is that you'll learn more about what God has done for us through Jesus. If you are a guest, feel free to text "connect" to 215-607-8444 to let us know you're with us this morning. You can call the church to connect with our staff at 215-641-1100 or email [newlife@newlifedresher.org](mailto:newlife@newlifedresher.org).

Most of us are busy with the matters of the day. We aren't thinking about Jesus' return: the joyous celebration of the most inclusive and loving population ever gathered, nor the deepest divide between the redeemed and the unredeemed that has ever existed. To think of these things brings our lives into perspective and encourages us to take stock of our deepest held convictions and values. We may not know every detail of the end, but what we know for sure is clear and sobering. There is safety in Jesus alone.

## WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Celebration

10am and 11:30am Online. Please Join us [here](#) or on [YouTube](#).

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Ward Shope, preacher

Tommy Leahy, worship leader

Amy Gill, David Donnelly (11:30am), congregational prayer

We are now holding three worship services "In Person" in our building at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am. You must reserve your spot to attend each week. You can reserve your spot [here](#). We are providing childcare and Sunday School up to 5th grade at the 10am hour. Please use this separate [form](#) to register them.

We continue to seek volunteers for Sunday mornings, especially childcare. Please use this [form](#) if you are able to help, or for other opportunities.

### GENERAL OFFERING STATS AS OF MAY 9, 2021

	PREVIOUS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
<b>Needed:</b>	\$29,876	\$567,644
<b>Received:</b>	\$17,419	\$465,350

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kids Clubs** (4-5pm), **JH Youth** (5:30-6:45pm), and **SH Youth** (7-8:30pm) will meet today. **SH Sunday school** will meet this morning at 10am in person and on Zoom.

Discover the one secret that will change your marriage. **Vertical Marriage** is a one day virtual conference using material and videos developed by [Family Life](#). Cost is \$14 for the guide book. Please sign up [here](#). Contact [Dawn](#) for more information.

**Our New Life App is updated.** You'll see a different format, but all the same features you've been used to—plus more. Get on board. You can download our app by texting "nldresher app" to 77977.

Are you new to New Life? A **Meet the Staff lunch** will take place next Sunday, May 23 at 12:45pm. Gather for an outdoors lunch after worship along with some staff members to get to know them and the church better. RSVP to [Ward](#) so that we can make sure we have lunch for you.

New Life is hosting a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at New Life on Friday, May 28 at 1pm-7pm. Mark it on your calendar and sign up [here](#) using the sponsor code: NLPC-Dresher. Each donation can potentially save 3 lives.

New Life will hold **one combined outdoors service and picnic on Sunday, May 30 at 10am.** Sunday School for children will be at the same time indoors. Look for more information in your email.

New Life is looking for a 20 hour/week **Administrative Assistant**. You can click [here](#) for more information and qualifications.

## OUTREACH FOCUS—SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

- Pray that God would provide volunteer buddies for the children that need them during Sunday classes as well as for kids/cubs in motion
- Pray that our families affected by disability would experience God's love in the midst of the hard and feel known and supported by the body of Christ.
- Pray that our church community would grow in its ability to see and love those who do not always fit in easily with the rhythms of our church programs/life.
- Pray for our children/youth who have disabilities or special needs to have smooth transitions to their new classes in June especially those who are moving up to middle school. Pray for our staff to be sensitive and creative with those who are anxious.
- For progress towards our goal to start a respite night program in the fall that would serve families in our community as well as in our church.