

NEW LIFE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH *of*  
LA MESA

# Church Profile



# Introduction

New Life Presbyterian Church is a confessional, reformed church whose mission is to glorify and enjoy God by faithfully proclaiming His Word, making disciples, nurturing the love and fellowship of the saints, and being salt and light to our neighbors.

## Each Lord's day, our worship service engages us in a dialogue with God.

- He calls us through His Word to worship.
- We respond with a hymn of praise and a prayer of invocation.
- We confess our sin and receive assurance from God's Word of His abundant grace and forgiveness through the Lord Jesus.
- In thankfulness we sing to His glory and give offerings.
- The prayer of the church lifts our praise and petitions to our Heavenly Father.
- God speaks to us through various Scripture readings.
- A hymn prepares us to hear the Word.
- We hear God's Word read and preached.
- Another hymn prepares us to receive the Lord's Supper.
- After a final prayer of thanksgiving, we doxologize Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are dismissed with the blessing of the Lord.

New Life has become the home church of many who have sought expositional preaching, Biblical teaching, Christian fellowship and encouragement in the Christian life.

Our church is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and is part of the South Coast Presbytery. The Presbytery is comprised of elders from 27 PCA churches located in three southern California counties and meets for three scheduled meetings per year.

# History

New Life Presbyterian Church began in January 1966 when Ed Kellogg, pastor of Paradise Hills Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), began ministering to a small group of families in the Women's Assembly Hall in the Point Loma area of San Diego. After a period of growth, the church soon arranged to use the facilities at the Point Loma Seventh Day Adventist Church for Sunday services and some mid-week meetings and activities.

In November 1966, the congregation became particularized as Point Loma Orthodox Presbyterian Church. When Pastor Kellogg retired in 1977, the congregation called George Miladin, then serving as pastor of a Presbyterian church on Lookout Mountain, Georgia. Beginning in January 1978, Pastor Miladin's faithful preaching, pastoral care, and steady evangelistic outreach blessed the congregation with steady growth. The church changed its name to New Life OPC in 1981.

By 1985, New Life had grown to about 200 adult members and 60 children. After almost 20 years of meeting in the rented Adventist building, many felt it was time to find our own property. For five years a search was undertaken to find a new home. The answer to many prayers came in the form of a vacant 40,000 square foot building in La Mesa near the Interstate 8 freeway. The building had at one time been a popular indoor ice skating venue and later housed medical offices. Then, for nearly 12 years, it sat unused. Because of its size, prominent location, and available parking, the congregation seized upon it, purchased the property and began renovating the building in 1995.

Over the course of the next two years, many hours of diligent work by engineers, architects, contractors and volunteers resulted in the wonderful church facility we have today. The first worship service in the "new" building was conducted on April 26, 1998.

## New Life celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016.

Pastor Miladin led our church for 27 years until his retirement in 2005. That same year, the congregation realigned with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) denomination. We called our Assistant to the Pastor, Brian Tallman, to become Senior Pastor, a position he held for 14 years. In that time, New Life grew and planted two churches in the county, each led by a pastor who interned at our church. Also during this time, intern Trey Jasso was elected to be our Associate Pastor in 2014. He served as our interim Senior Pastor in 2020 through April 2021.

The COVID pandemic of 2020 had a significant impact on churches, including New Life. Orders from health officials severely restricted our ability to meet together for many months. Regular church meetings, studies, and classes were similarly disrupted. After several start-and-stops with outdoor and indoor worship, we eventually returned to regular Lord's Day worship in our sanctuary late in the year. Attendance has steadily grown as we have endeavored to reestablish the familiar routines of our church life together. By God's grace, we look forward to bearing good fruit in the years ahead as we labor together in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



# Ministries & Activities

New Life focuses on the centrality of Lord's Day worship while also providing other opportunities for Christian education, fellowship, and service during the week.

- Morning and evening worship on the Lord's Day
- Fellowship luncheons on the first Sunday of the month
- Sunday School classes for children and adults
- Multiple mid-week evening Bible studies
- Mid-week morning women's Bible study
- Friday night college & career group



## Other events during the year may include

- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services
- Easter sunrise service
- Memorial Day picnic
- Vacation Bible School
- Guys' fellowship nights
- Summer nights fellowship and study
- Reformation Service
- Thanksgiving feast and service
- Christmas Lessons and Carols service



- Monthly prayer meeting for missionaries
- Morning women's fellowship and prayer
- Women's book club
- Monthly mother's prayer for adult children
- Monthly participation with Misión Vida Nueva (a ministry of the PCA's Mission to North America)
- Church library



# By the Numbers



337

Church Members



70

Members Under 17



251

Avg. Morning Worship Attendance



66

Avg. Evening Worship Attendance

How long have you  
been a member  
at New Life?



From January 2021 survey; 156 respondents



# Location

New Life Presbyterian Church is located in La Mesa, California, about 10 miles northeast of downtown San Diego. New Life members live in the surrounding cities of La Mesa, El Cajon, and Santee, as well as other communities within San Diego county.

The area offers a variety of educational opportunities that include public, private, and charter schools. Several co-ops offer class days and support groups for families wishing to home school.

New Life is located about two miles from San Diego State University. University of San Diego (USD), University of California San Diego (UCSD), National University, University of Phoenix and several community colleges serve the greater La Mesa/San Diego area.



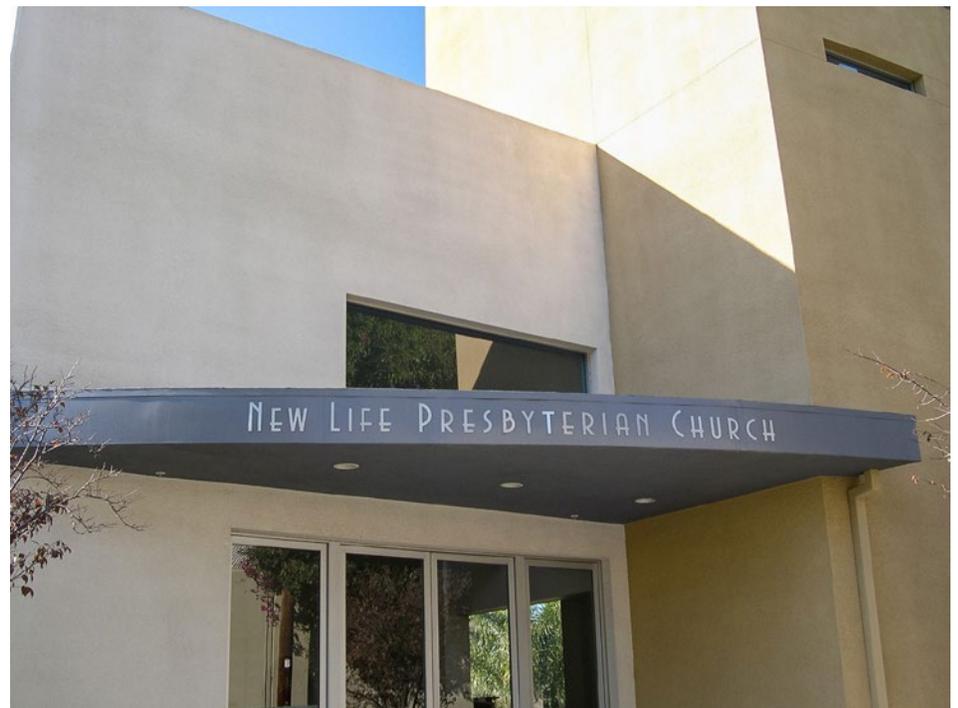
Westminster Seminary California is located in north San Diego County, less than an hour's drive from New Life.

Established in 1912, La Mesa is home to approximately 60,000 people. Although not as expensive as other areas of San Diego County, the cost of housing in La Mesa is more expensive than most parts of the country. In January 2021, the median list price of homes was \$665,000, up 4.6% from last year, and the median sale price was \$609,500. The median rental price for a house in La Mesa was \$1,787.00, up 1% from a year ago.

La Mesa is served by the San Diego Trolley system (Orange and Green lines) with four stations. The city is also connected by Interstate 8 and California State Routes 94 and 125. A wide variety of stores in the La Mesa area provide close-by shopping access for family needs.

# Financials

New Life has owned our church building free-and-clear since 2009. There are ample reserve funds available for building maintenance and improvements. The able planning and resource management of our trustee board keeps us within our operating budget. The congregation, through designated giving, provides generous support to the general fund, the deacons and our missionaries.





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