

SERMON NOTES

**“Experimenting in Futility”**

Dave Hopping, preaching

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

June 20, 2021

A. Solomon’s Credentials (Ecclesiastes 1:12-18)

B. Testing it out (Ecclesiastes 2:1-23)

1. Pleasure and Materials

2. Wisdom vs. Folly

3. Work

C. In perspective through... (Ecclesiastes 2:24-26)

**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**

**FATHER’S DAY—JUNE 20, 2021**

Join us online at <https://newlifedresher.online.church/> at 10:30am

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 121

Psalm 34

Thy Mercy My God

**Prayer of Confession**

Jesus Strong and Kind

**Assurance of Pardon:** Ephesians 2:4-8

**General Offering Invitation**

**Missions Moment:** Andrew King Video

**Congregational Prayer**

**Sermon:** “Experimenting in Futility”

Dave Hopping, preaching

Amazing Grace

**Benediction**

You can give your tithes and offerings at  
<https://pushpay.com/g/newlifedresher>

## 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).

If life consists of the years after our birth and before our death and nothing more, what are we to do with it. Do we pursue pleasure and drown ourselves in laughter? Do we pursue knowledge and curiosity? Do we pursue accomplishments, building an ever growing resume? We can keep ourselves occupied, but the reality is that all of these can deteriorate into toil: ceaseless seeking with no end game. Today we explore these thoughts through the eyes of the "Preacher".

## WORSHIP TODAY

### Worship Celebration

9am and 10:30am. Sunday School at 9am.

Join us at 10:30am online at <https://newlifedresher.online.church/>

"Experimenting in Futility"

Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

Dave Hopping, preacher

Tommy Leahy, worship leader

Jamie Gleason (9am), congregational prayer

This summer we are holding two worship services "In Person" in our building at 9am, and 10:30am. We are providing childcare and Sunday School up to 5th grade at the 9am hour, and you can register them through emails that come through the church. We will accept walk ins.

### GENERAL OFFERING STATS AS OF JUNE 13, 2021

	PREVIOUS WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
<b>Needed:</b>	\$29,876	\$717,024
<b>Received:</b>	\$21,205	\$608,501

#### New Life Presbyterian Church

2015 S. Limekiln Pike, Dresher, PA 19025

215-641-1100

[www.newlifedresher.org](http://www.newlifedresher.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend our sincere sympathy** to Ron Lutz and his family on the death of his mother, Janet Lutz.

**Congratulations, Graduates!** We are praying for the high school, college, and post college students who are graduating this spring.

Our **Jr. High youth** have an outdoor entertainment night on Friday, June 25, from 7:30-9:30pm here at the church. Spend some time hanging out with each other

We are hosting another **blood drive**, June 22 at 1-6pm for one that was cancelled. If you missed our regular drive in May, register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the sponsor code NLPC Dresher.

Save the Date! **Combined worship and light brunch on Sunday July 4 at 9am.** We'll provide food and water. Enjoy the fellowship. Details coming.

Please check the **Summer Missions** <https://newlifedresher.org/summermissions/> to see how you can serve in our community over the summer months. Help GROW and the North Hills Connection among others. Many are just one day and are very close by! Try one!

Volunteers are needed to serve in the **food pantry** on Sunday mornings during two different shifts, from 8:15-10:00 am and from 10:00-11:45 am. If interested, please email Donna Daly ([drdaly7@gmail.com](mailto:drdaly7@gmail.com)).

New Life is looking for a 20-hour/week **administrative assistant** with excellent organizational and tech skills. See our website bulletin board for more information (<https://newlifedresher.org/reaching-out/nl-bulletin-board/>).

## OUTREACH FOCUS—ANDREW AND MARY KING

### Serving with InterVarsity

- Pray for the King family as they settle into their new house in Northern VA? The house is a blessing and the process went well, but we're also learning about homeownership.
- Pray for us as we seek to raise funds in our InterVarsity region for staff. Pray for our collective goal of \$100,000 and that we praise God for the response we've seen so far.
- Would you pray for our 50 staff across PA, MD, DE and DC as they orient their work back to a campus setting as much of the last 18 months has been virtual? Pray for guidance on how best to serve students and pray that God's direction would not only support staff planning but also college students in their search for truth and life that only comes from Jesus.