



WELCOME!

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

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We are pleased that you are coming to worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church. In order to serve you well, please:

- *Visit our Welcome Table*
- *ESV Bibles are available on the welcome table for use during the service*
- *Turn off the ringer on your electronic devices*
- *Nursery is available for children up to age 4*
- *Children's Church is available during the sermon (suggested ages 3-7)*
- *Large Print bulletins available upon request*

Vision of New Hope Presbyterian Church

New Hope Presbyterian Church
is a grace and gospel-centered fellowship
which exists to magnify Jesus Christ
in the areas of worship, fellowship and outreach.

**Please sit right next to your neighbor to
make as much room as possible
for everyone.**

Morning Worship

December 16, 2018

Reflection — *As with Jesus' flight into Egypt, Herod's killing of Bethlehem's toddlers fulfills prophecy. Matthew 2:18 quotes from Jeremiah 31:15, a passage describing how the mothers of Israel (personified here in Rachel, matriarch of the nation) mourned when their children, the tribes of Israel, were carried into exile. However, the rest of Jeremiah's chapter is hopeful, predicting a day when God will rescue His people from exile and inaugurate a new covenant. In quoting this passage, Matthew tells us two things. First, in Matthew's day the people are still enduring the suffering of exile even though they are living in their own land. Second, this exile will end with Jesus. The tears of Bethlehem's mothers over their murdered children fill up and end the suffering of exile because the One who will bring in the new covenant has arrived. Herod is one example of all those who have tried to destroy the Christ and His people. Though this evil king did much harm, he was in the end unable to thwart the plans of the Father for His Son.*

We too can be sure that even when the church suffers persecution at home and abroad, God's kingdom will never be overcome.

~Ligonier Ministries

Approach to God

Welcome

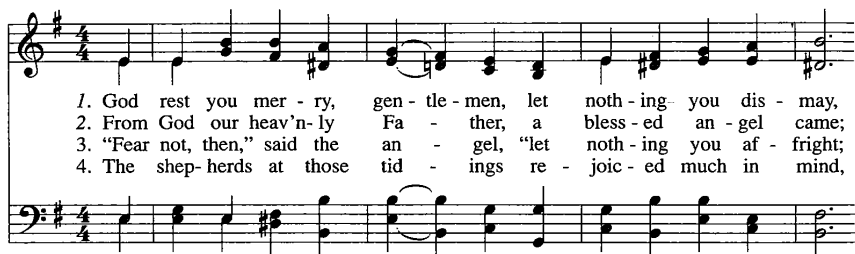
Prelude

Call to Worship — Micah 5:21, John 3:16 (responsive)

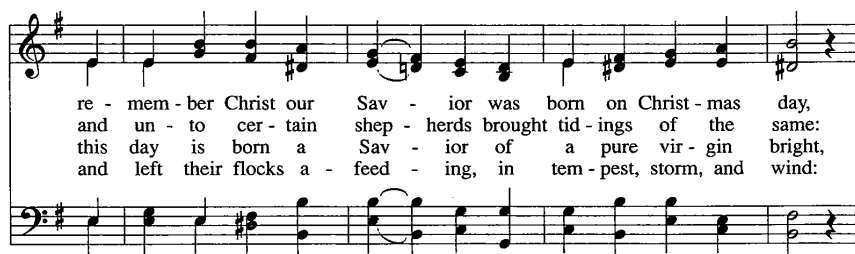
² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

¹⁶ **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

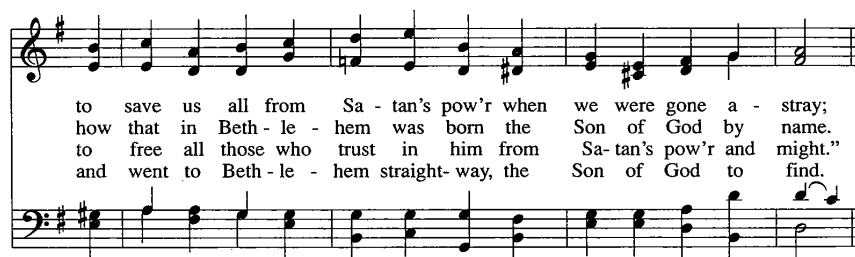
Hymn of Praise — God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing - you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

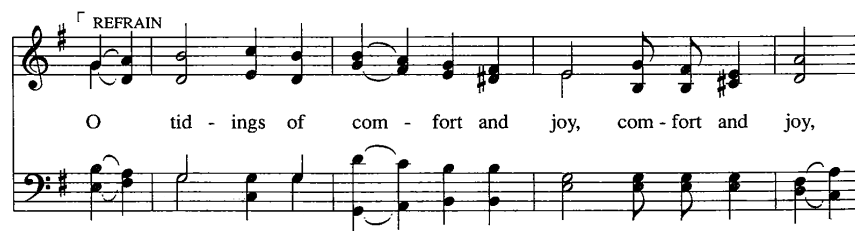


re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

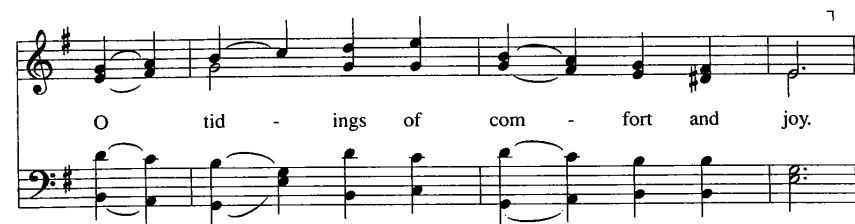


to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise — O Little Town of Bethlehem

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal ensemble (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and the key of B-flat major. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the song. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the song.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS C.M.D. irreg.
Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Songs of Praise, cont. — Light of the Stable

Hail, hail to the newborn King , Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, hail to the guiding Light, That brought us tonight to our Savior

Women

Hal-le,

Hal-le,

Hal-le,

Hal-le,

Men

Hallelujah

Hallelujah

Hallelujah

Hallelujah

Come now, let it shine so bright to the knowing Light of the stable
Kneel close to the Child so dear cast aside your fear and be thankful
(Chorus)

Hail, hail to the Prince of Peace Our Emmanuel, God is with us
Hail, hail our redeeming light He has rescued us from our bondage
(Chorus)

Praise Him, we're His chosen sons He has called us into His family
Praise God for His gift of love Carry forth His Joy to the nations (Chorus)

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon—

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Songs of Response — Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.

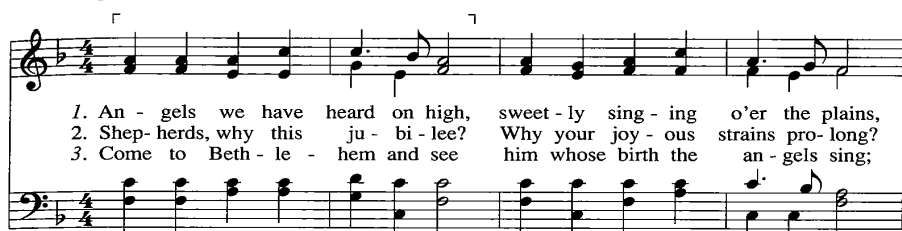
Sounds of wonder fill the sky, With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life, shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vuln'erable and helpless.

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Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory;
 Gifts of men from distant lands, Prophecy the story.
 Gold—a King is born today, Incense—God is with us,
 Myrrh—His death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heaven, Given as a ransom;
 Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
 What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
 Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry.
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Song of Response — Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



REFRAIN
 Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



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Congregational Prayer

Offering

If you're visiting, please fill out a gray visitor card and place it in the offering basket.

*At parent's discretion children ages 6-7 are dismissed
to children's church in **ROOM #3**, ages 4-5 are dismissed to **ROOM #5**.*

Sermon Text — Matthew 2:16-18, Jeremiah 31:7-26

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

⁷ For thus says the LORD:

"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.'

¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

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and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall be like a watered garden,
and they shall languish no more.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,
declares the LORD."

¹⁵ Thus says the LORD:

"A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more."

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD:

"Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears,
for there is a reward for your work,
declares the LORD,
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

¹⁷ There is hope for your future,
declares the LORD,
and your children shall come back to their own country.

¹⁸ I have heard Ephraim grieving,
'You have disciplined me, and I was disciplined,
like an untrained calf;

bring me back that I may be restored,
for you are the LORD my God.

¹⁹ For after I had turned away, I relented,
and after I was instructed, I struck my thigh;
I was ashamed, and I was confounded,
because I bore the disgrace of my youth.'

²⁰ Is Ephraim my dear son?

Is he my darling child?

For as often as I speak against him,
I do remember him still.

Therefore my heart yearns for him;
I will surely have mercy on him,
declares the LORD.

²¹ "Set up road markers for yourself;
make yourself guideposts;
consider well the highway,
the road by which you went.

Return, O virgin Israel,
return to these your cities.

²² How long will you waver,

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O faithless daughter?
For the LORD has created a new thing on the earth:
a woman encircles a man."

²³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Once more they shall use these words in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I restore their fortunes:

"The LORD bless you, O habitation of righteousness, O holy hill!"

²⁴ And Judah and all its cities shall dwell there together, and the farmers and those who wander with their flocks. ²⁵ For I will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish."

²⁶ At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me.

Sermon — Rachel, Dry Your Tears!

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus: *We will feast in the house of Zion*

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things, we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God

We are not consumed, by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up (chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh how long?

Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the Faithful one, And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom. (chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

Rachel, Dry Your Tears!

Matthew 2:16-18, Jeremiah 31:7-26

1. Weep, Rachel, Weep! (Matt 2:16-18)

2. Rachel, Dry Your Tears! (Jeremiah 31:7-26)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 a.m.

Usher: Ron Socash, Matt Byrd, Alex Mason
Greeter: Nancy Seiler, Valory Snyder, Paul Vidal
Nursery: Betsy Lalley, Jen Williams

10:30 a.m.

3-year old Nursery: Lauren Mendez, Russell Beeman
Toddler Nursery: Mary Troxel, Karl Koops, Ella Mason,
Talia Poortenga
Infant Nursery: Kathy Koops, Dawn Myers
Chld Chrch (6-7): Kelly McConville, Lily Rundell
Chld Chrch (4-5): Todd & Darcy Smith, Alexis Wise
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Jesse Wright

Serving Next Week

10:30 a.m.

Usher: Jeff Jernigan, Pete Vidal, John Wise
Greeter: Farrah Wise, Heather Wiley
3-year old Nursery: Liesl Hake, Courtney Keebaugh
Toddler Nursery: Matt Layman, Ronnie Socash, Zoe & Kyle Poppert
Infant Nursery: Traci Poppert, Diana Bartlett
Chld Chrch (6-7): No Children's Church
Chld Chrch (4-5): No Children's Church
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Lance Duvall

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Thursday

Ladies' Night Out, 6:30 pm at Mexicali Cantina followed by dessert at Tara Grove's home. See announcement page for details.

Next Sunday

No Sunday School or Children's Church

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Report Alert!, all committee heads: please let your committees know that they should have submitted an annual report. **The submissions were due November 27th.**

Nominations for Elder & Deacon are being solicited! If you know of someone you think would be an excellent elder or deacon, please check out the nomination forms we have available on the Welcome Table. Please talk to the person you want to nominate first to make sure they are able and willing.

Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, December 20! Ladies, bring your friends and join us for dinner at 6:30pm at Mexicali Cantina (W Patrick St, Frederick) and/or dessert around 8:30pm at Tara Grove's home (212 Norva Ave, Frederick). *RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, December 19* to Eleese Layman at 301.767.6848 or eleese.layman@gmail.com.

Sunday School, TODAY is the last Sunday school class of this semester. We will be taking 3 weeks off of Sunday school and will resume January 13th with a mini-mester.

Sunday, December 23rd, during the worship service on the Sunday before Christmas, there will be no children's church. Pastor Francis will give a children's message during the service. There will still be a nursery available.

Christmas Eve Service, There will be a Christmas Eve service on Monday, December 24th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to the VanDelden home after the service for a Christmas party. (6917 Palace Court, Frederick, 21703).

Mini-mester information, we will have a 5 week mini-mester beginning January 13 and running through February 10. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for what the classes will be!

New Members Class, Friday, January 25 & Saturday January 26th. 6:00-8:00 pm at the VanDelden home on Friday (they will have dinner there) and 8:00 am until noon on Saturday. If you are interested in the class please let Pastor Francis know. Also, if you need child-care for Saturday it can be arranged if you let Pastor Francis know.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Larry Wintermyer who seems to be nearing the end of his life. Pray for Cindy as she cares for and loves him through this difficult time. Praise God that Larry is trusting the Lord for his salvation and is looking forward to eternity in heaven!
- Pray for Fred Plowman who is having some health concerns. Pray for strength and healing for Fred and for Jackie as she cares for him.
- Give thanks for the men and women who serve in the military. Pray for their protection and for those who are away from family during the Christmas season.
- Pray that God will raise up men to serve as elder and deacon at New Hope.
- Continue to pray for the Hake family as they grieve the loss of Faye. Pray for peace, faith in God's goodness, & provision for their needs.
- Praise God for the engagement of Jesse Wright to Allison Rice! Pray for them as they plan their wedding and for their lives together.
- Pray for those who are out of work, looking for new work, or underemployed. Pray for patience amidst the stress, for trust in the Lord and His goodness, and for provision for all their needs.
- Pray for Mandy Beeman who is expecting. Pray for the health of both her and her little one.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: the Hake family, Steve Doe, Christian Auldridge, the Jernigan family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, Charles Salter, Ron Oakes, John Bishoff, Tim Flora, Ed Rodatus, Christine Mason and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

Frederick Area

- Continue to pray for the Good News Clubs that we host at Ballenger Elementary every Thursday. Pray for the hearts of the children that come that they will be softened to the words of the gospel.
- Pray that God will use the Christmas pamphlets we are passing out to our neighbors, friends and co-workers to bring them to a saving knowledge of Him.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for the mission of the month: the Frederick Rescue Mission. Give thanks for the generosity of the New Hope people who are providing Christmas gifts for a couple of needy families. Pray that these gifts will minister to the hearts of those who receive them.
- Pray for Brad Myers as he serves with RUF at UNC in Wilmington. Pray particularly for fruit to come from the freshman Bible study he is co-leading.
- Continue to pray for Kristen Lalley as she serves the Lord in Ireland through Serge International.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Romans 3:25 — ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ²⁵**whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.**

Westminster Shorter Catechism 106: What do we pray for in the sixth petition? *In the sixth petition, which is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.*

Monday: Read Ps 2:1-3, Rev 12:1-6. How do you see these texts played out in Mt 2:13-23. How do you see God’s protection (Ps 2:4ff) in these same verses? If God so protects his Son, will he not protect his adopted children? Where do you try protect yourself, or be/provide your own security? What would it look like to entrust yourself to God?

Tuesday: Matthew 2:16. What does Herod do? Why? Compare this to Ex 1:21-22. Jesus escapes this time, but does Jesus ultimately escape murder by the ruler (Mt 27:22-26)? How is this hopeful for serious sinners like Herod (Acts 9:1, 17-19, 1 Tim 1:15-16)? Are you beyond Christ’s grace? Are you receiving and resting in his forgiveness and love?

Wednesday: Matthew 2:17. Look at Rachel’s “prophecy” of tears (Gen 35:18, 37:35, Jer 31:15). In Jer 31:15 she weeps because her people are exiled. Why is she weeping in Mt 2:17? Herod’s sin (like Adam’s) caused significant suffering. Take a moment and lament the suffering you see around you. This formed part of Christ’s suffering (e.g. he fled into exile). How does this help the sufferer (Heb 4:14-16, 2:14-18)? How will Christ ultimately deal with suffering (Rev 21:1-3)?

Thursday: Why does Jer 31:15-16 tell Rachel to stop weeping (see Jer 31:8, 12, 13-14, 25)? How does the birth of Christ underline each of these reasons, and provide deep comfort for those suffering? Pray these verses for yourself or others you know are suffering.

Friday: Herod’s destruction of the Bethlehem boys is a dark part of the Christmas story. Yet the passage quoted and fulfilled in Mt 2:16-18 holds the key to hope for serious sinners. How? See Jeremiah 31:7, 9, 11. Confess your sin (Jer 31:17-18). Grieve others’ sins, including our nation’s. Go to Christ for fresh mercy, and strength to fight sin.

Saturday: Read Matthew 1:18-25. What is the significance of Joseph adopting Jesus?

NEW HOPE INFORMATION

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

2018

ELDERS

- Rev. Francis VanDelden, Pastor & Moderator
- Rev. Steve Hake, Teacher
- Dennis Caruso
- Karl Koops
- Dave Myers
- Jason Rundell, Clerk

DEACONS

- Ed Wright

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Billy Rundell, President
- Lance Duvall, Vice President
- Matthew Rodatus, Secretary
- Karyn Lynerd, Treasurer
- Rex King
- Elease Layman
- Steve Ochs
- John Laird
- All elders
- All deacons

GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups meet throughout the area. They include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. They offer fellowship, encouragement, support, and accountability. Growth Groups are the backbone of our fellowship. If you would like to join a Growth Group, please fill out a gray care card that can be found on the back of the sanctuary chairs or obtained from an usher.

SERVICE TIMES

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship Service

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