

# WELCOME!

# 10:30 am Worship

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.

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# **Morning Worship**

December 23, 2018

**Reflection** — Without the incarnation of Christ, we could by no means have any hope in this world. Our merciful God has seen fit not to let His creation languish in the fall but has sent His own Son not only to speak to us but also to become like us in order that we might be rescued from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of heaven. We owe everything to Him on account of this grace, and so we must seek to live accordingly. ~ Ligonier Ministries

**Approach to God** 

## Welcome

# Prelude

#### **Call to Worship** — Isaiah 9:2,6-7 (responsive) <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light:

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.



**Prayer of Adoration** 

# Songs of Praise

#### Prepare Him Room

O behold, the mystery now unfolds See the star shine on the virgin foretold Angels sing and light up the sky Hope rings out in a newborn's cry Swing wide, you ancient gates for Christ is born today!

## CHORUS

Prepare Him room Prepare Him room Let the King of glory enter in

God with us, the promise has come to be This, the one the prophets were longing to see In the darkness a blazing light To the hungry the words of life His kingdom now is near for those with ears to hear (chorus)

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem Hear Him knock, don't say there's no room in the inn Through the cradle, cross, and grave See the love of God displayed Now He's risen and He reigns. Praise the Name above all names!

## Come and See

Come and see the glory of the Lord Come, behold the Lamb. Come and see the mercy of the King; Bowing down before him.

For he is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth; Lord of all the angels, Worthy to be served. Alleluia, Alleluia

Come and give thanks unto the Lord; Come, behold the Lamb. Come and sing the praises of the King, Bowing down before him.

# Confession of Sin — John 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

## Prayer of Response

Pastor" Lord Jesus, if you had not limited all your majestic greatness into the cramped quarters of the human nature, we could not now know the limitless power and privilege of being your children!

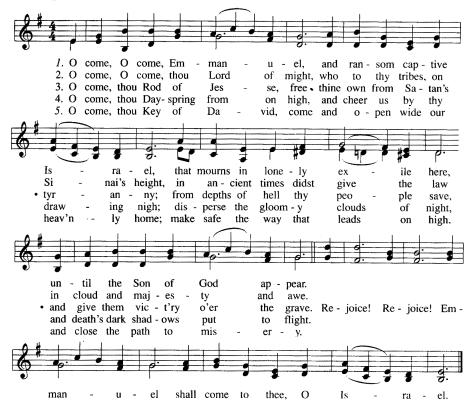
All: If you had not been blind in the womb, we could never have had the scales drop from our eyes. If you had not come to die, we could never have received endless life. If you had not been torn, we could never have been mended.

Pastor: Now forgive us for not loving others as you loved us at Christmas. Forgive us for not quieting the fears of our hearts with the knowledge of how you loved us at Christmas.

All: Now let us adore you for the gift of your Son, for He is our hope and our health and our life.

Children's Sermon — "Immanuel"

# Song of Response – O Come, O Come Emmanuel



## **Congregational Prayer**

**Offering** — "The Unbelievable" (see last page for words for this special music)

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 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us).<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,<sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

### **Sermon** — Jesus' Adoption

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

**Closing Hymn** — He Who is Mighty (see page 10)

**Benediction** 

Postlude

# Jesus' Adoption

Matthew 1:18-25

# Closing Song — He Who is Mighty

Oh, the mercy our God has shown, To those who sit in death's shadow The sun on high pierced the night, Born was the Cornerstone

### PRE-CHORUS

Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born

## CHORUS

He who is mighty has done a great thing Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame Holy is His name

Oh, the freedom our Savior won The yoke of sin has been broken Once a slave, now by grace No more condemnation

#### BRIDGE

Now my soul magnifies the Lord, I rejoice in the God Who saves I will trust His unfailing love, I will sing His praises all my days

## **THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

#### <u>10:30 a.m.</u>

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

#### Serving Next Week

#### <u>10:30 a.m.</u>

Usher: Greeter: 3-year old Nursery: Toddler Nursery: Infant Nursery: Chld Chrch (6-7): Chld Chrch (4-5): Sound: Live Stream: Brian Burden, Dave Myers, Ron Oakes Mary Troxel, Dawn Myers Pete Vidal, David Chism Joel Poortenga, Joe & Scott Seiver, Cora Kim Claudia Rigg, Hannah Vidal Jason & Hazel Rundell Matthew & Lisa Rodatus, Samantha VanDelden Dan Poppert Kyle Poppert

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Monday** *Christmas Eve Service,* 6:00 pm at the church. Everyone is invited back to the VanDelden home for a Christmas party following the service.

Next Sunday No Sunday School

- 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.
- **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.
  - The adult class will be taught by Pastor Francis on "Sexual Sanity" and will cover topics such as gender identity, homosexuality, how to talk with your kids about sex and other things. The high schoolers are asked to join in with the adult class and the middle schoolers can either join the adult class or help with one of the elementary classes.
  - The PreK-Kindergarten class will be taught by Steve & Karen Ochs.
  - The 1st-5th grade class will be taught by Amy Wright & Laura Vandelden.
- **Donations for 2018,** any donations that you want to have included in your 2018 giving statement need to be in to the church no later than Sunday, December 30th. Anything received after that will be credited to the 2019 giving year.
- **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 childcare for Saturday it can be arranged if you let Pastor Francis know.
- **Annual Congregational Meeting,** January 27th, 2019. There will be a fellowship meal immediately following the worship service followed by the annual meeting. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for details

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

#### Our Church Family

- Give thanks that our heavenly Father chose to send His Son, Jesus, to come to earth as a man to save us from our sins. Pray that as we celebrate Christmas we will be mindful of the glorious, life-giving gift that we have been given.
- Pray that the power of God will sustain and sanctify the Wright family during the difficult time they are going through.
- Pray for those who struggle with loneliness, depression or anxiety during the holiday season. Pray that the Lord would minister to their hearts, bring them comfort and care, and bring rest and joy as they trust fully in the saving work of Jesus.
- 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!
- Continue to pray for the Hake family who is grieving the loss of Faye. Pray for peace, faith in God's goodness, and provision for all their needs.
- 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. Pray for Faith House that provides housing and care for women and children who are in need that God would provide for all the needs as they serve Him.
- 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.

## **DAILY DEVOTION**

**Memory Text** — **Romans 3:25a** — <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's right-eousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**Heidelberg Catechism** 35. What is the meaning of these words "He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary"? That God's eternal Son, who is, and continues true and eternal God, took upon himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Spirit; that he might also be the true seed of David, like his brothers in all things, sin excepted

**Monday:** Read Mt 1:18-25. How much press does Jesus' actual birth get? How is this refreshingly simple? What stands out because of this simplicity? How do these verses set Jesus' mission? What do these verses call you to meditate on in this season (Lk 1:77)?

**Tuesday**: Find all the proofs you can of Christ's divinity in Mt 1:18-25. Compare this to John 1:1-4, 14, Phil 2:6-8. J.C. Ryle says "If we would have a strong foundation for our faith and hope, we must keep constantly in view our Savior's *divinity*." How does Christ's divinity set a strong foundation for our faith and hope (i.e. Heb 7:25)?

**Wednesday:** How does Matthew emphasize Jesus' humanity in Mt 1:18-25? Why must Christ be truly human (see catechism above)? How is his humanity a rich comfort for us? How does it give us confidence to approach Christ? See Heb 2:17-18, 4:15.

**Thursday:** Read Mt 1:21. What does "Jesus" mean? "Sinners" in v 21 seems to look back to the genealogy. Ponder the sinners in Mt 1:1-16. What kind of Savior were the Jews expecting? How do we reflect the same (shallow) deliverances? How is it helpful (useful, necessary) to keep in the forefront that we are sinners in need of a Savior?

**Friday:** Matthew 1:22 says "all this" took place to fulfill Is 7:14. Is he talking only about the virgin conception? Trace Isaiah's development of Immanuel through Is 7:14, 8:8-10, 8:13-14, 9:6f, 11:1-5. Spend a moment marveling that through Christ's salvation work God is with us even to the end of the age.

**Saturday:** Matthew 2:1-12. Why do you think Matthew includes the story of the Wise Men in his gospel?

# The Unbelievable

Come and see the inconceivable And believe the unbelievable God has come to dwell with us Begotten Son born into Adam's earth Promised One fulfilling ancient words God has come to dwell with us

#### BRIDGE

Who could ever know the depths Of the myst'ry of Your grace? Though our minds can't take it in Lord, our hearts are filled with praise

He will heal the unhealable He will save the unsavable God has come to dwell with us Heaven's joy will drink our bitter cup Emptied out as He is lifted up God has come to dwell with us

Lord, we're lost in overwhelming awe At the thought of such amazing love God has come, God has come God has come to dwell with us

## **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
- Location: 5305-A Jefferson Pike

Frederick, MD 21703

#### **OFFICE INFORMATION**

Church Office: 5305-A Jefferson Pike Frederick, MD 21703 301-694-3595 admin@newhopeopc.org

Office hours: Monday: closed Tues-Friday: 9:00-3:00

For more information about New Hope, please visit:

www.newhopeopc.org