

WELCOME!



Worship  
10:30 am & 5:00 pm

# Morning Worship

August 16, 2020

## Reflections

*The office and work being spiritual, it is necessary that elders should be spiritual men. It is not necessary that they be men of great gifts or worldly position, of wealth or high education, but it is indispensably necessary that they be men of God, at peace with him, new creatures in Christ Jesus.*

-David Dickson

*“Readiness to die is the first step in learning to live.”*

~ J.I. Packer

*“If I want the words of eternal life, there’s only one place I can go to get them—to the One who gave his life that we might live.”*

~ R.C. Sproul

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## Approach to God

### Welcome

### Prelude

### Call to Worship — Psalm 80:1-3 (responsive)

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might  
and come to save us!

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

### Prayer of Adoration

# Songs of Praise — Jesus with Thy Church Abide

1. Je - sus, with thy church a - bidē, be her Sav - ior, Lord, and Guide,  
 2. Keep her life and doc - trine pure; grant her pa - tience to en - dure,  
 3. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and char - i - ty,  
 4. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un - til she find,

while on earth her faith is tried: we be - seech thee, hear us.  
 trust - ing in thy prom - ise sure: we be - seech thee, hear us.  
 win - ning all to faith in thee: we be - seech thee, hear us.  
 and the bro - ken - heart - ed bind: we be - seech thee, hear us.

- 5. Save her love from growing cold,  
 make her watchmen strong and bold,  
 fence her round, thy peaceful fold:  
 we beseech thee, hear us.
- 6. May her lamp of truth be bright,  
 bid her bear aloft its light  
 through the realms of heathen night:  
 we beseech thee, hear us.

- 7. Arm her soldiers with the cross,  
 brave to suffer toil or loss,  
 counting earthly gain but dross:  
 we beseech thee, hear us.
- 8. May she holy triumphs win,  
 overthrow the hosts of sin,  
 gather all the nations in:  
 we beseech thee, hear us.

Thomas Benson Pollock, 1871  
 All. in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875

GOWER'S LITANY 7.7.7.6.  
 John Henry Gower, 1891

## **Song of Praise — May the Peoples Praise You**

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ  
May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

Chorus:

*May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known  
May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word  
(CHORUS)

This our holy privilege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation, tribe and tongue,  
Your church proclaims

CHORUS

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy, worthy  
is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise  
Your glorious Name (CHORUS)

# Installation of Joel Poortenga

Questions for Joel:

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
3. Do you approve of the government, discipline, and worship of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church?
4. Do you promise to seek the purity, the peace, and the unity of the church?
5. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this congregation and promise, in reliance on the grace of God, faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?

Question for the Congregation:

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord, to which his office, according to the Word of God and the constitution of this Church, entitles him?

## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

# Congregational Prayer

## Offering\*

*\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

## Sermon Text — 1 Peter 5:1-4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

## Sermon — The Chief Shepherd

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## Closing Hymn — Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us (page 8)

## Benediction

## Postlude

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# The Chief Shepherd

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1 Peter 5:1-4

The Chief Shepherd:

1. Pain (vs 1)

2. Pattern (vs 2-3)

3. Power (vs 4)

# Closing Hymn — Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:  
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:  
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;  
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;  
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# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Praise God for His provision of Joel Poortenga as elder at New Hope. Pray for Joel and his family as he serves and gives of his time and his talents. Pray that his life will be marked by a commitment to prayer and time spent in God's word as well as by a heart set toward service and humility.
- Pray for Lindsey Seiver who is having surgery tomorrow. Please pray for her that she will come through the surgery well, that she will not be adversely affected by the anesthesia, and that she will recover completely and quickly.
- Pray for our session that they will eagerly shepherd the flock, being good examples to them, as they lead and oversee them.
- Pray for those who are struggling with anxiety and/or depression. Pray for peace that passes understanding and for relief from what they are feeling.
- Pray for those who are expecting: Katie Poortenga, Lauren Mendez, and Colleen Forsee. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies. Pray that these little ones will grow to love and serve the Lord all their days.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: the Vidal family, Scott Innes, Kim Hanlin's father, John & Muriel Hadidian's daughter-in-law, Karyn Lynerd's father, the Wright family, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, Ed Rodatus and those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones. Pray for strength to bear their difficult trials.

## **Frederick Area**

- Pray for the local ministries we support financially — CareNet Pregnancy Center, the Frederick Rescue Mission, and Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray that the Lord will continue to sustain, provide for, and bless these ministries during this uncertain time.
- Pray for the churches in Frederick that they will continue to bring hope through the gospel to the people in the community. Pray for peace and love and truth to be evident to all in the churches.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month: Foreign missionaries of the OPC. Pray particularly for Ben and Melanie Westerveld in their work at St. Marc's in Quebec City through church building and evangelism.
- Pray for Claire Hall and Kristen Lalley as they prepare to go to the United Kingdom this fall to serve as missionaries. Pray that the Lord will bless the work of their hands.
- Pray for Brad Myers as he serves with RUF at the University of NC at Wilmington. Pray especially for the student leaders as they focus more on small group and one to one ministry due to restrictions.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, August 20 at 7:00pm** until dark. We're having another Parking Lot Party at church! **Bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket**, your own beverage or dessert (if desired), and yourself. Your RSVP to Elease Layman ([elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com)) is appreciated, but not required.

*Please note that masks are optional as this event is outside, and all participants are expected to maintain at least 6 feet of social distance. Please continue to love and respect your church sisters by following this guideline.*

**Treasurer Update**, By Elease Layman, [treasurer@newhopeopc.org](mailto:treasurer@newhopeopc.org) or 301.767.6848

Our General Fund giving remains fairly steady, thanks to God's provision manifested by your faithfulness. We continue to be able to meet all of our budget obligations, including gifts to a variety of missions partners. Please see current numbers through the end of July, below.

## **2020 General Fund Giving, January 1 through July 31**

**Actual:** \$291,978.92

**Budget:** \$290,528.00

**Variance:** \$1,450.92 (*surplus*)

Did you know that you can still contribute to our Facility Fund? We look forward to the Lord's timing and guidance for plans to construct a new church building some time in the future. Your donations to the Facility Fund, which will support this effort, are always welcome! Below are data for gifts through the end of July and where the Facility Fund currently stands.

## **Facility Fund**

**Giving, January 1 through July 31, 2020:** \$11,946.40

**Last Reconciled Balance:** \$254,488.09

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — **2 Samuel 22:3:** <sup>2</sup>He said, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, <sup>3</sup>**my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.**

**Heidelberg Catechism 123: What is the second petition [of the Lord’s Prayer]?** *“Thy kingdom come”; that is, rule us so by your word and Spirit, that we may submit ourselves more and more to you; preserve and increase your church; destroy the works of the devil, and all violence which would exalt itself against you; and also all wicked counsels devised against your holy word; till the full perfection of your kingdom take place, wherein you shall be all in all.*

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**Monday:** Read 1 Pet 5:1-4. What does it mean that Jesus is the “chief” shepherd? Although Jesus uses means (like elders) to shepherd, how does he ultimately shepherd himself (cf 1 Pet 2:25, Heb 13:20-21)? Ponder the wonder that the Living God loves you so much that he actively shepherds you (cf Ps 23)! How does Jesus being the chief shepherd shape the elders’ authority and motivations?

**Tuesday:** Trace Jesus’ own path from suffering to glory in 1 Pet 5:1-4 (Phil 2:8-9). How is this a similar path for the believer (v 6)? What had Peter witnessed and tasted (that elders must too)? Why would suffering and glory be all over a text calling elders to shepherd the flock (think in terms of the elder’s goals, and how they help us. Cf 4:19, 5:8-11)? Pray for our elders and this work.

**Wednesday:** How does a focus on the glory of the Chief Shepherd correct each of the things Peter warns about in 1 Pet 5:2-4? How did Christ exemplify each of them? How do you struggle with parallel things? Put them into the focus of the glory of Christ. Are there ways that you as a congregant are called to shepherd others? How is this especially important during Covid-19, with isolation and a temptation to focus on your own small circle?

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 5:4. After a high call to elders to shepherd, how might a reminder that Jesus is the chief shepherd encourage them? How might the fact that Peter was a fellow sinful elder who was still called to shepherd encourage them (Mt 26:75, John 21:15-17)? How does this hearten you? What motivation does Christ give to the elders (4)? Why? Pray through these verses for our elders.

**Friday:** What two commands does Peter give in 1 Pet 5:5? Why might younger people especially need a reminder to be subject to the elders (and parents)? Why is this tough for all of us? Why is it needed (Heb 13:17)? What is the whole church’s responsibility, not just to elders, but to one another? Why does God oppose pride (Prov 3:34, Rom 1:24f)? Where do you struggle with this? Pray for help, and fight against this pride.

**Saturday:** Read 2 Samuel 18. What do you make of David’s response to Absalom’s death (v 33)?

