

WELCOME!



Worship

9:00 am & 10:30 am

Next week: 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Morning Worship

October 25, 2020

Reflection

*All this is flashy rhetoric about loving you.
I never had a selfless thought since I was born.
I am mercenary and self-seeking through and through:
I want God, you, all friends, merely to serve my turn.*

*Peace, re-assurance, pleasure, are the goals I seek,
I cannot crawl one inch outside my proper skin:
I talk of love—a scholar's parrot may talk Greek—
But, self-imprisoned, always end where I begin.*

*Only that now you have taught me (but how late) my lack.
I see the chasm. And everything you are was making
My heart into a bridge by which I might get back
From exile, and grow man. And now the bridge is breaking.*

*For this I bless you as the ruin falls. The pains
You give me are more precious than all other gains.*

~ As the Ruin Falls by C. S. Lewis

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 147:1-3 (responsive)

Praise the LORD!

**For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ **He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.**

Hymn of Praise — Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Prayer of Invocation

Response in Song — Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man
That you change Your mind or change Your plan
Invisible, our human eyes can't see the Depths of Your majesty

Chorus:

*You're the God of forever and ever amen
The alpha, omega, beginning and end
We sing Hallelujah, we worship in awe, Immortal, invisible God*

Immortal, You are not bound by death,
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place, Yes Your glory is filling this place
(Chorus)

Immortal yet You once died for me, to pay my debt to set me free
Invisible You will not always be
'Cause You're coming to reign as our king
And the saints will fall down at Your feet (Chorus)

We sing Hallelujah, We worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God, Immortal, invisible God

Confession of Sin — Daniel 9:4-10

⁴I prayed to the LORD my God and made confession, saying, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁵we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. ⁶We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. ⁸To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you. ⁹To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him ¹⁰and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — Ezekiel 36:8-11

⁸“But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home. ⁹For behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt. ¹¹And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Song of Response — I Will Rejoice in the Lord (Habakkuk 3)

Lord, I have heard of your fame;
I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord.
Renew them in our day,
In our time make them known;
In wrath remember mercy.

*And I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
I will rejoice in the Lord! Again I say rejoice!
I will rejoice in the Lord! I will rejoice in the Lord!*

Though the fig tree does not bud
And there're no grapes on the vines,
Though the olive crop fails
And the fields produce no food,
Though there're no sheep in the pen,
And no cattle in the stalls.

Yet I will rejoice...

Lord, in your presence who can stand?
My deeds before you are as filthy rags.
There's nothing I can bring
but a heart full of sin.
Yet through the mercy of Your Son
I can enter in.

So I will rejoice...

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Sermon Text — James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion:
Greetings.

Sermon — Wilderness Wisdom

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — 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*

Benediction

Postlude

Wilderness Wisdom

James 1:1

1. From One Redeemed and Ruled

2. Wilderness Wanderers

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Dan, JoAnne, and Austin Keister as they move to South Carolina this coming weekend. Pray that all goes smoothly during their transition and that they are able to find a church home quickly.
- Pray for endurance and a deep trust in God for Pastor Francis.
- Pray for John Wise that the Lord would give him wisdom to consider where God would call him to serve.
- Pray for the edification committee as they meet this week and seek to serve the church through supporting the various ministries that edify and grow the congregation through fellowship, Biblical learning and training.
- Continue to pray for the budget and finance committee as they work on the 2021 budget. Pray for wisdom and unity as they work.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for our session as they carry out the calling that God has given them.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Christopher Burden, 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.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with those around us: our neighbors, co-workers, friends, and acquaintances. Pray for the churches in the Frederick area that they would be committed to preaching the Truth of the Word of God.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month, the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that through this mission the love of Christ will be evident as they give food to the hungry, supply clothing and furniture to those in need, provide residential recovery programs to those experiencing homelessness or chemical addiction, and help connect the community through relationships.
- Claire Hall, who will be heading to Scotland with 20Schemes November 1st. Pray that she will be able to sort through and handle all the details leading up to her departure.
- Pray for Kristen in Europe as she adjusts to her new surroundings. Pray that she is able to build a relationship with another tenant in her apartment complex and for her to love her new community. Pray, as well, for her team as they seek to share the good news!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help for Keisters, Dan & JoAnne Keister are moving to South Carolina at the end of October and could use some help with loading the moving truck. They are in need of folks to help load up either Friday, October 30th after 10:00 am and/or Saturday, Oct. 31st preferably in the morning. If you are able to help please text JoAnne at 814.494.1042.

CHANGE IN WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES, beginning Sunday, November 1st, our 9:00 am worship service will be moved to noon. This is happening because mornings are growing colder. We will continue to meet outside for as long as possible but please stay tuned! The 10:30 am service will remain the same and will be livestreamed.

Daylight Savings Time Ends, don't forget to set your clocks BACK next Sunday, November 1st. You gain an hour of sleep!

YOUTH RETREAT! If you have not given payment for the retreat yet, please do so ASAP!

- Parents, if you are able, **please send a baked good with your child to the retreat for community snacks.**
- Please check your email for more info about the retreat!

Outdoor Help, if anyone has some extra time on their hands and would be interested in keeping the property looking nice, we need some help with weeding particularly in the flower beds. If you are able to help just come on over to the building whenever it suits!

Thank offering, the annual denominational Thank Offering will be kicking off in November. Please pray about how you might give to this endeavor and stay tuned for details!

Help Bless the Vidal Family, The Vidal family has several birthdays plus Christmas coming up in December, and Hannah would welcome support for helping cover the cost of gifts for the kids. She would appreciate gift cards to several places, a list of which can be found at <http://bit.ly/vidalgiftcards>. This link also has additional information about getting the gift cards to her. Contact Elease Layman with questions (elease.layman@gmail.com). Thank you to our church family for your continued support of this sister and her kids!

Annual Report, it's hard to believe it's that time again... time to submit reports for the annual report. If you are a chairperson of any of the main committees, please contact your subcommittee folks for their submissions for the annual report. These reports should include information about what when on in the committee in 2020, what future plans might be, and information that would help give justification

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for the budget for that committee. These reports will be due Friday, December 4th.

Upcoming Events & Dates to Know:

- Youth Retreat, Friday, Oct. 30th—Sunday, Nov. 1st
- Budget numbers due to budget and finance committee: Nov. 1st
- Session Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7:00 pm, second meeting of trial re: Jason Rundell
- Annual Reports due to the office, December 4th

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text James 1:2 — ²Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,

Westminster Larger Catechism 76—Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God’s mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with him in all the ways of new obedience.

Monday: James 1:1. Who was James (Gal 1:19)? What did he think of Jesus early in his life (Mk 3:21, Jn 7:5)? How can he say “servant of the Lord Jesus Christ” now? What happened (1 Cor 15:7)? Are you a bond-servant, bound, indebted, and redeemed by Jesus? Give thanks to him. Maybe sing about it!

Tuesday: James 1:1. James was Jesus’ half brother (bragging right?). What do you learn from the following texts about his influence and position in the early church: Gal 1:19, 2:9, Acts 15:13-22? Yet despite all of this, how does he refer to himself? What do you learn about humility (and grow in) from James here (Phil 2:1-8)?

Wednesday: James 1:1. James refers to himself as a “servant of God” and the Lord Jesus Christ. This certainly includes the idea of worshipping the Triune God. However, it also includes the idea of submission to the will of the Master, through his Word (like Paul, Acts 22:10). Do you actively apply God’s Word? Do you read it to be changed and challenged by it, or do you run by what you feel is right? See James 1:18, 21, 22 for James’ development of this.

Thursday: James 1:1. When were the twelve tribes scattered (dispersed), and what did God promise them (Is 11:11-12, Jer 31:8-14)? “James here claims the NT believers constitute the true people of God in ‘the last days.’” How does Jesus gather the scattered people of God? According to Jesus, who are the true “twelve tribes” (Mt 19:28, see also 1 Pet 1:1)?

Friday: Do you think of yourself as dispersed, scattered, in exile (James 1:1)? How does that set your expectations for this life? Think about (or flip through) James, asking yourself “how does James give wisdom for wilderness-wandering? What does he emphasize? What is the homeland you are seeking to wisely walk toward?”

Saturday: James 1:2-4. Compare how do you view trials to this text.

