

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

December 06, 2020

Reflection

“You have only to read the Gospels, and to look with willing eyes, and you shall behold in Christ all that can possibly be seen of God. It is veiled in human flesh, as it must be; for the glory of God is not to be seen by us absolutely. It is toned down to these dim eyes of ours; but the Godhead is there, the perfect Godhead in union with the perfect manhood of Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory forever and ever.”

~ Charles Spurgeon

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 33:1-8 (responsive)

¹Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

Praise befits the upright.

²Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

³Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴For the word of the LORD is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise — O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day-spring from high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Prayer Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon— adapted from the Valley of Vision, “Truth in Jesus”

Response in Song — Jesus Thank You

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary
You the perfect holy One crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table, Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and kindness know no end.

Lover of my soul I want to live for you. (3X)

Scripture Reading — 1 John 1:1-10 (responsive)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— **²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³** that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. **⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.**

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, **that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, **we lie and do not practice the truth.** ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.** ⁸If we say we have no sin, **we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** ⁹If we confess our sins, **he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, **we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

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 — John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Sermon — The Light of Mankind

~ Dr. John Wise

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Everyone should have a prepackaged bread and juice. It is not gluten free. If you do not have a prepacked container, please raise your hand at this time to allow the elders to come serve you.

Closing Song — He Who is Mighty (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

The Light of Mankind

John 1:1-5

1. The Eternal Word

2. The Inextinguishable Light

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

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for wisdom and strength for our session as they carry out the calling that God has given them.
- Pray for Sarah Downs who has recently had sudden 70% hearing loss in one of her ears. Pray that the Lord would help quiet her fears and that He would grant complete healing.
- Pray for Scott Innes as he recovers from having a stroke. Pray for full healing for him of both body and mind.
- Pray for Lisa Rodatus' parents as they recover from the effects of covid-19. Pray for complete healing and strength.
- Pray for the Lord's mercy and compassion to be displayed in John Wise's mom.
- Continue to pray for the Vidal family as they grieve the loss of husband & father, Pete, almost 6 months ago. Pray that the Lord would continue to minister to them through His word and through His people, providing for all their needs. Pray that through Christmas time and winter birthdays God would work on their hearts to work through all the pain. Pray, too, for Paul as he is in Alaska with his aunt that his time there would be fruitful.
- Give thanks that Karyn Lynerd's father is home and doing well following his heart surgery.

Frederick Area

- Pray for the churches here in Frederick as they care for the local community. Pray that they will be committed to teaching the Truth that can only be found through the Word of God. Pray particularly for our sister churches, Good News ARP and Faith PCA that they will flourish as they preach the gospel and will be protected by the arrows of the evil one.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month, the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray for this ministry to seek to serve those in the community who are physically and spiritually needy. Pray that the Lord would bless their work and would provide for all of their needs particularly during this difficult time.
- Continue to pray for Claire Hall as she serves the Lord in a scheme in Merkinch, Scotland. Pray for her and her team as the minister to people during the Christmas season. Pray for wisdom for how to make the best use of this season to reach out to those around them. Pray, too, against the Hate Crime legislation in the Scottish Parliament which, if passed, would essentially allow speaking the gospel to be considered a hate crime and the owning of Bibles as possession of inflammatory material punishable by imprisonment.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he is in Mexico studying at Radius but planning to return home for a visit for the Christmas break. Pray for strength for the remainder of his semester and for safe traveling mercies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed!, if you attend either the outdoor or indoor worship services, we could use some help! Please see the needs below and contact the appropriate person if you are able to serve:

- Musicians — Ron Socash, ronsocash66@gmail.com
- Ushers — Brian Burden, bricumbur@gmail.com
- Sound technicians — Dan Poppert dan.poppert@gmail.com, Ed Wright wright.ed@gmail.com

Thank offering, many, many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Thank offering this year. \$6800 was given and sent to the OPC to help fund their Worldwide Outreach. Praise God!

Information on Worship Services, as we move into the winter months we want to keep you apprised of what plans are for worship on Sunday mornings.

- If the temperature outside is 50 degrees or higher, it is fair, and there is no precipitation, we will hold an outdoor service at 12:00 noon.
- We will continue to have the 10:30 am service indoors that is livestreamed.
- If the numbers of attendees allows for it, we will have a 2nd indoor service at noon if the outside weather doesn't fall into the outdoor service parameters.

We will keep you as informed as we possibly can, making announcements via the website, email, Facebook, and through notifications via the app.

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!

Building Fund, don't forget...we still have a building fund! As we look toward the future and to a larger facility, please consider giving to the building fund. Just write "building fund" in the memo line.

2020 Donation Deadline - Please note the following deadlines for donations to New Hope to be counted toward the 2020 tax year:

- Cash must be received in the offering basket on any Sunday through 12/27/2020 and must be in an envelope with your name and contact information marked in order to be recorded on your donor contribution statement. Mailing cash is not advised.
- Checks must be properly dated (no later than 12/31/2020). They can be put in the offering basket on any Sunday through 12/27/2020 or mailed to the church with a postmark of no later than 12/31/2020 *and* received by 1/7/2021. Mailed checks received after 1/7/2021 will be recorded for tax year 2021, regardless of check date, unless there is a clear postmark of 12/31/2020 or earlier.
- PayPal Donations must be processed no later than 11:59pm ET on 12/31/2020.

Contribution statements for 2020 will be provided no later than 1/31/2021. If you have any questions, please contact Elease Layman at treasurer@newhopeopc.org.

Upcoming Events & Dates to Know:

- Christmas Eve Service, Thursday, Dec.24th, 7:00 pm

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text— John 1:4,5 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Westminster Confession—Chapter VIII.2 The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin.

Monday: John 1:1. What does this say about our God? Why do you think John began his gospel with this declaration? You should take great comfort in this verse especially when you pray and dwell upon the Scripture, knowing that your God speaks to His people.

Tuesday: John 1:2,3. He? How is John now speaking about the Word? What comfort, what consolation does it speak to us that He was in the beginning? Why does this matter to believe what the Scripture tells us about Christ? Can't we just appreciate the teaching of Jesus to follow Him? Read Colossians 1:15–18 and let these words bring you to worship Christ for who He is.

Wednesday: John 1:4. John tells us that in Him was life, and the life was the light of men. Jesus said this in His earthly ministry as well, read John 6:54; 14:6, and 10:10. Nothing can exist (live) without life? How is Christ then the light of men? Because the light shines in the darkness, and cannot overcome it. Give thanks that Christ has shone in your heart to make you know Him. Dwell in His word that you may have life and more abundantly.

Thursday: John 1:4,5. Think of the power of speech, of words that we possess as the image of God. Words do have power—we all know that, and use that power for good or for evil. If He is the Word, and He is the life and the light of men (and women, too of course), then how can He shine through us as His people, being re-made, or born again by His Spirit? Read Genesis 27:32–38 to see the power of words in the out-working of our redemption.

Friday: John 1:1-5. Re-read these verses. John Calvin wrote of this, "Rather should we be satisfied with this heavenly oracle, knowing that it says much more than our minds can take in." Meditate on this word of God; Ponder the depth of its message it proclaims to you, God's beloved adopted child.

Saturday: Read John 1:6–8. Consider what does it mean to bear witness about the light?