

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

January 17, 2021

Reflection

“Cherishing is the beating heart of love. It means that during the day your eyes are on others.... To be lovers of people, we need to look at them. Like Jesus we must see them. Like him we must stop, look, and listen...Jesus lowers himself in order to care, while the disciples elevate themselves in order to judge...Compassion affects us. Maybe that’s why we judge so quickly -it keeps us from being infected by other people’s problems...To be of service to others, we have to die to them -die to evaluating and judging them, which thus frees us to be compassionate.”

~ Paul Miller, Loved Walked Among Us

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 67:3-7 (responsive)

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Song of Praise — May the People's 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)

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin — Leviticus 19:13-18

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — Isaiah 57:14-15, 1 John 1:9

¹⁴And it shall be said,

“Build up, build up, prepare the way,
remove every obstruction from my people's way.”

¹⁵For thus says the One who is high and lifted up,
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high and holy place,
and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly,
and to revive the heart of the contrite.

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Response in Song — 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

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

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the Faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together, bring shalom.

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 2:1-7

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

Sermon — The Integrity of Christ

~ Dr. John Wise, elder & intern

Closing Hymn — Praise to the Lord the Almighty (pg 8)

Prayer of Benediction

Postlude

The Integrity of Christ

James 2:1-7

1. The Impartial God (vs. 1-4)

2. The Honorable Name (vs. 5-7)

Closing Hymn — Praise to the Lord the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a reign - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 • fend - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 made thee, Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 • gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 • sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Kim Hanlin, who has tested positive for COVID and thinks that her elderly father has it as well. Pray that they will get through the illness quickly and recover soon.
- Pray for John Hadidian who is still recovering from having a pace-maker in. Pray for renewal of strength and for patience for him. Pray, too, for Muriel who is caring for him.
- Pray for Lindsey Seiver's father who is recovering from open heart surgery. Pray for peace and calm in this this storm and for a speedy and easy recovery.
- Pray for the upcoming congregational meeting — that it would go smoothly, that there would be unity in decision making, and that the Lord would be honored and glorified in it.
- Pray that the Lord would change hearts in this nation and remove the scourge of abortion from us. Pray that people will have their eyes opened to the wickedness of abortion and turn their hearts toward God. Pray for those who find themselves with unplanned pregnancies that the Lord would provide strength and practical solutions that support life. Pray, as well, for grace and forgiveness for those who have had abortions.
- Pray for the Jon and Linnea Taylor as they prepare to move to the Chicago area the last week of January. Pray that the move will go smoothly and that they will quickly find a church home.
- 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, 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 missions that we support financially: CareNet Pregnancy Center, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that God will continue to provide for all their needs.
- Pray for CareNet Pregnancy center as it strives to help serve those in the Frederick area who have unexpected pregnancies. Pray that the Lord would provide all they need and would help them flourish during this difficult time.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month — Mike who serves in Asia. Pray particularly for the persecuted church in this area of the world.
- Continue to pray for Claire Hall as she serves the Lord in a scheme in Merkinch, Scotland. Pray particularly for the women's shelter across from where she lives and for ways in which to bring the gospel to the women who are there and have been hurt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting, our annual congregational meeting and the meeting of the corporation will take place on January 31st at 2:00 pm via zoom. All the instructions for this zoom meeting will be sent out this coming week.

Annual Report, the 2020 annual report has been sent via email. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Giny in the office and she can arrange to get you one before the congregational meeting.

Upcoming Dates/Events to Know:

- January 19th, board of trustees meeting, 7:30 pm via zoom
- January 27th, Wednesday Night Bible study
 - 6:30 youth group meet
 - 6:45 zoom study for the adults
- January 30th, presbytery meeting of the Mid-Atlantic
- January 31, annual congregational meeting, 2:00 pm via zoom

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: “Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him” (James 2:5).

Westminster Confession of Faith XXVI.1: “All saints that are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other’s gifts and graces; and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.”

Monday: James 2:1. Do you hear the voice of the God in the manner James addresses his audience? My brothers (v.1); My beloved brothers (v.5). That word translated brothers, can also include sisters! We should all hear the gracious call of our God to faith in Christ Jesus and live that faith out in our lives together.

Tuesday: James 2:1. James ties the reason for his exhortation to the object of our faith: The Lord Jesus Christ. Which aspect of the character of Christ is James highlighting? Why is this important to his overall point he is making in this passage? How does turning to Christ by faith in this regard impact the way we treat one another?

Wednesday: James 2:2-5. As is typical in the book of James, the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers is identified but not plainly discussed. How is the Spirit active in your life in regards to the questions in verse 4, and the exhortation in verse 5? Doesn’t this highlight our need for the Spirit to enlighten our minds, and turn us to Christ every day? Turn to Him today and allow the work of the Spirit to search your heart and mind in order to sanctify them.

Thursday: James 2:2-6. How can we, as the church at New Hope, demonstrate the character of God within our assembly? What would it say to a person, whether visitor or long-time member, if we did not just hear these exhortations, but be more diligent to be a doer of this word? How would Christ be magnified in our impartial care for one another?

Friday: James 2:7. By what name were you called (see Phil. 2:5-9). Paul emphasizes the gracious nature of our calling (see 1 Cor. 1:26-31) and makes this the reason why there should not be divisions within the church. How can you grow in Christ-likeness in this area? Pray that the Spirit would reveal to your need for repentance in this regard and allow Him to work fruitfulness in this area.

Saturday: Read ahead to James 2:8-13. Ponder the two ways that James is using the word “law” here. Consider how we are set free because of Christ to fulfill the law of liberty.

