

WELCOME!



Worship  
10:30 am

# Morning Worship

January 24, 2021

## Reflection

*“Considering how our sin must appear in the pure sight of the righteous and holy God who created us, why are we even still here, alive and breathing? God’s mercy is indeed an incredible mystery.”*

~ Anselm

*“Divine love triumphed over divine wrath by divine self-sacrifice.”*

~ R.C. Sproul

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome

**Call to Worship** — Luke 1:76-29, Revelation 7:10, 12  
(responsive)

<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup>**to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,**

<sup>78</sup>**because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high**

<sup>79</sup>to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>10</sup>**“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the  
Lamb!”**

<sup>12</sup>**“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and  
honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”**

# Hymn of Praise — He is Our God

## VERSE 1

Who can light the fires of a thousand burning suns  
Blazing in the heavens?  
There is only One He is our God

## VERSE 2

Who commands the nations,  
building up and tearing down  
Silencing His rivals? There is only One  
He is our God, He is our God

## CHORUS 1

*Holy, You alone are holy  
Matchless in Your glory, holy God*

## VERSE 3

Who would come to save us when we turned away His love  
Conquer us with kindness? There is only One  
He is our God, He is our God

## CHORUS 2

*Holy, You alone are holy  
Matchless in Your glory, no one is like You  
Worthy, You alone are worthy  
We adore You only, holy God*

## BRIDGE

Now to the King on the throne  
Who was and is to come  
And to the Lamb Who was slain be glory

# Prayer of Adoration

## **Confession of Sin — Romans 2:17-23, 3:20**

<sup>17</sup> But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God <sup>18</sup>and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law; <sup>19</sup>and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, <sup>20</sup>an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— <sup>21</sup>you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal? <sup>22</sup>You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup>You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.

<sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## **Response in Song — I Will Rejoice in the Lord (Hab. 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](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

## **Sermon Text — James 2:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup>For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

## **Sermon — Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## **Closing Hymn — We Come, O Christ, to You (pg 8)**

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# ————Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement————

James 2:8-13

# Closing Hymn — We Come, O Christ, to You

1. We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
 2. You are the Way to God, your blood our ran - som paid;  
 3. You are the liv - ing Truth! All wis - dom dwells in you,  
 4. You on - ly are true Life, to know you is to live  
 5. We wor - ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav - ior and our King,

by whom all things con - sist, in whom all life be - gan: in you a -  
 in you we face our Judge and Mak - er un - a - fraid. Be - fore the  
 • the Source of ev - ery skill, the one e - ter - nal TRUE! O great I  
 the more a - bun - dant life that earth can nev - er give: O ris - en  
 to you our youth and strength a - dor - ing - ly we bring: so fill our

lone we live and move, and have our be - ing in your love.  
 throne ab - solved we stand, your love has met your law's de - mand.  
 • AM! In you we rest, sure an - swer to our ev - ery quest.  
 Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life re - new!  
 hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.

E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
 John Darwall, 1770

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# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## Our Church Family

- Pray for Kim Hanlin, who is currently in the ICU with Covid-19. Pray for complete healing and recovery as well as peace and trust in the Lord. Praise God that she is improving and could likely be moved out of ICU.
- Give thanks that John Hadidian did not have any adverse affects from the covid-19 vaccine.
- Give thanks that Lindsey Seiver's father came through open heart surgery well. Pray that he will continue to do well through his recovery and rehabilitation.
- Pray for Jen William's brother, Mike, who was just put on hospice due to a very rare, extremely advanced Parkinson's disease. Pray for his salvation particularly. Pray, too, for Jen's father who is having a hard time with this and unlikely to be able to see his some again. Pray for God's mercy and kindness to Jen's family.
- Pray for our new president, for Godly leadership, and for unity within our country.
- Pray for the senior members of our congregation who are feeling isolated, lonely and missing fellowship and worship. Pray that the Lord would bring comfort to them.
- 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.
- 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.

## Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month — Mike who serves in Asia. Pray that he and his family will be able to return to this area of the world soon to continue their ministry. Continue to pray for the persecuted church.
- Pray for Brad and Lucy Myers as they serve with RUF at UNC in Wilmington. Pray that they will be able to serve well through their last semester there and will have clear direction for where to go afterward.
- Pray for those who serve as church planters in the OPC and seek to develop ministries across the United States.

# 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 Gingy in the office and she can arrange to get you one before the congregational meeting.

## **Upcoming Dates/Events to Know:**

- 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

**2020 Contribution Statements** were emailed (with a handful of snail mail exceptions) over the past week. If you have not received an expected contribution statement, please check your spam folder for your email from [treasurer@newhopeopc.org](mailto:treasurer@newhopeopc.org), sent between January 16 and 21. If you still cannot find your statement, please contact Elease Layman ([treasurer@newhopeopc.org](mailto:treasurer@newhopeopc.org)) and she will be happy to help!



# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text: James 2:8** — <sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

**Westminster Confession of Faith 19.5** The moral law does forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that, not only in regard of the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it. Neither does Christ, in the Gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.

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**Monday:** James 2:8. The “Royal Law” is the King’s law, the kingly, the kingdom law. What is the heart of Jesus law (Mt 22:36-40)? How does Jesus fill out this kingdom law (Mt 5:21ff)? How does Jesus fulfill it on our behalf (Rom 8:1-3)? By what are Jesus’ kingdom citizens to be marked? Does this exclude obedience to the 10 commandments (see v 9-11, see “love” in Lev 19:18, 1 Jn 5:2f)? What neighbors are you loving “as yourself”?

**Tuesday:** James 2:8-9. What does James contrast between v 8 and 9? What is their specific sin? How do you unjustly judge, think about, and mistreat those around you based on what they drive, how they vote, etc? Does racism and disdain for immigrants fit into this? How is partiality a sin against love, loving your neighbor? How does the gospel challenge such partiality (2:5)?

**Wednesday:** James 2:9-11. James’ folks seemed to minimize partiality as not too big a deal. Do you think it’s a “major” sin? Why is it a big deal according to our text? Why is conviction of specific sins, and repentance thereof, essential for Christians? Why, according to vv 10-11, can Christians not pick and choose which laws to obey? Pray for a whole-hearted, and more life-encompassing obedience.

**Thursday:** James 2:12. Now the “royal law” has become the “law of liberty.” How has Jesus freed us from the “must obey” to the “desire to obey” (Mt 18:32-35, Jn 14:15)? How has he given us the power and will to obey (Gal 3:3, 5:16, 22, 25)? What specific ways will you speak, and what specific ways will you act, that demonstrate love for neighbor this week?

**Friday:** James 2:13. How important is evidence of love for Christ according to this verse? How does God’s mercy triumph over judgment in the cross (2 Cor 5:21, Eph 2:4-6)? How does your mercy-love triumph over judgment-partiality? How does James press this home with v 13’s warning?

**Saturday:** What is James’ main point in James 2:14-26?