

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

January 3, 2021

Reflection

“The conviction that Christian doctrine matters for Christian living is one of the most important growth points of the Christian life.... Most of us, by nature, are not students but more ‘practical’ types, ‘doers’ rather than ‘thinkers.’ Yet both Scripture and the history of the church indicate to us that it is, generally speaking, ‘thinkers’ who make the best ‘doers’!... Practical Christian living is based on understanding and knowledge.”

~Sinclair Ferguson

*As in water face reflects face,
so the heart of man reflects the man.*

~ Proverbs 27:19

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 2:2-3 (responsive)

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

³ and many peoples shall come, and say:

**“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”**

**For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

Song of Praise — Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King—nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign (Chorus)

Tag
You will reign forever
Let Your glory fill the earth

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin — 2 Peter 1:5-9

⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — 2 Peter 1:3-4

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Response in Song — Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness,
Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence,
the Roaring Lion declared the grave
has no claim on me (Repeat)

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

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 1:22-25

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Sermon — Be Doers of the Word

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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 Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (pg 8)

Benediction

Postlude

Be Doers of the Word

James 1:22-25

1. The Forgetful Hearer (vs. 22-24)

2. The Hearing Doer (vs. 25)

Closing Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Edward Mote, 1834

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for New Hope as we begin a new year. Pray that we will look to honor and serve Christ in all that we do and say.
- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family will have patience, faithful endurance, and be doers of the word.
- Pray for John Wise and his family and the preparations for ordination trials and the upcoming move to Nevada. Pray that they would rest in the Lord's provision and strength in the midst of the challenges ahead.
- Pray for Josie O'Shea's brother in law who is currently in the hospital with blood clots in his legs and lungs. Pray that God would work a miracle in his life and bring him to a saving knowledge of Christ. Pray for his health and marriage, as well.
- Pray that the Lord would raise up men to serve as elders and deacons at New Hope.
- Pray for those from our congregation that are engaged to be married: Caleb Mason (Joanna), John Bishoff (Dana), Hannah Willman (Tyler) (getting married this coming weekend), Emily Howard (Leo), and Joe Howard (Katie). Pray for them as they make plans for their futures together and work through all the details of the wedding. Pray that the Lord would bless their lives and help them keep Christ central in their relationships.
- 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 will be able to return soon to his missionary duties after a long furlough in the United States.
- 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.
- Pray for Emily Howard and her return to Nicaragua to bring encouragement and strengthen the believers there. Pray for her as she continues the work she had been involved in previously.
- Pray for Benny & Liesl Boyed as they prepare to leave for Nepal. Pray for safety in travel and for a fruitful time of ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for Elder & Deacon, now is the time to nominate men for elder and deacon. If you know of anyone that you think would be a good elder or deacon, please ask them first if they are willing, fill out the form that was sent via email, and then give it to Pastor Francis or one of the elders.

Congregational Meeting, our annual congregational meeting and the meeting of the corporation will take place on January 31st. The Annual Report will be distributed 2 weeks prior to this meeting.

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 you to everyone who participated in our December diorama contest! The results are in from our judges and we have our winners. Both judges commented on how creative many of the submissions were! The judges are not New Hope members and were not given any names with the submissions.

Here are the list of winners:

- 4 & 5 year old group: Evrynn Kim
- 6 & 7 year old group:
 - 1st place: Siena Quist
 - 2nd place: Keegan Williams
- 8-10 year old group:
 - 1st place: Mark Layman
 - 2nd place: Jessie VanDelden
- Family Category
 - 1st place: Samantha VanDelden
 - 2nd place: Emma VanDelden

1st and 2nd place winners may pick up their prize at church starting this Sunday (prizes will be marked and located in your family mailbox or above the mailboxes). All other participants will find a small treat in your mailbox as well. You may call Gingy in the office to arrange a time during the week (after Jan. 3rd) to pick up your prize other than Sunday.

Upcoming Dates/Events to Know:

- January 5, session meeting, 7:00 pm
- January 16, second meeting of the trial of Mr. Jason Rundell, 9:00 am at New Hope
- January 19th, board of trustees meeting, 7:30 pm
- January 31, annual congregational meeting, time TBA

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sign Language Class Offering Thursdays 2:00-3:00 1/14-2/25 at the Cruzan Homestead. In this 7 week class, we'll introduce basic vocabulary, conversational signs, fingerspelling & some history of Deaf culture. All ages welcome. *Taught by myself (ASL Interpreter/CODA) & Joseph (Deaf) we'll immerse you in this rich language & have fun in the process.* Suggested donation is \$35/person or \$50/family. 50% of profits go to the Rinehart adoption fund. A PE class immediately follows the ASL class. Contact Cathy Cruzan for additional information. dncruzan@gmail.com.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: James 1:22 — ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Monday: James 1:22. What command does James write in v 22? Note the history of this command in Ex 35:1, Lev 20:8 Josh 1:8, Prov 23:12, Ezek 18:5, Mt 28:20. What does this add to v 19's "be quick to hear" the Word, and v 21's "receive" the Word? How actively to you seek to "do" God's word? Pray that the Spirit deepens this in you.

Tuesday: James 1:23-24. How does the deceiver contrast with the doer? What does *not* happen after the "hearer only" looks in the mirror? What does that mean in terms of his/her Bible reading/listening? What is missing in this person's heart? Where do you think their priorities might be (e.g. Luke 14:17ff)? How is repentance and forgiveness so hopeful here? Does that allow for sloth?

Wednesday: James 1:22. James says the "hearer only" deceives himself. How does Col 2:4 help you understand what this deceiving means? Consider this stark warning, as expounded by Jesus in Mt 7:21-23. Is God after perfect obedience? A certain level of obedience? What is God after here?

Thursday: James 1:25 How is the law perfect in terms of its Writer, and its design for you? How are the 10 Commandments the "law of liberty" (think of the historical context, and their introduction in Ex 20:2)? Since Christ kept the law, and you are God's child now, how is the law one of freedom (Gal 5:1, 13f, Rom 8:1-2, 1 Pet 2:16)? As a child of God, what evidence do you display of this fact?

Friday: James 1:22-25. You are called to obey the Word, to display your love for God by loving Him and your neighbor in practical ways. How will you do this today? How will you apply what you read this morning throughout the day (in thinking, believing, speaking, acting)? How will you tangibly love your neighbor (even with your phone!)?

Saturday: How does James 1:26-27 give examples of v 25?