

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

February 7, 2021

Reflections

“Kind words do not cost much. They never blister the tongue or lips. They make other people good-natured. They also produce their own image on men's souls, and a beautiful image it is.”

~Blaise Pascal

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 96:1-4 (responsive in bold)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

² **Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴ **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

Hymn of Praise — 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 - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 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.

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin — Luke 6:43-45

⁴³“For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, ⁴⁴for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Assurance of Pardon — John 15:1-5

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Response in Song — His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (chorus)

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (chorus)

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 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Sermon — Tame Your Tongue!

~ 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 — Jesus Thank You (pg. 8)

Closing Hymn — 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)

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks for the recent congregational meeting and the great turnout to it. Pray that the Lord will continue to grow our congregation in grace and faith, love for one another, and in caring for the lost in our community.
- Pray for the session as they lead the congregation. Pray that the Lord will continue to give them strength to carry out their calling, to have the ability to love, care for, and protect the flock, and be diligent in prayer and study of the scripture.
- Pray for John Bishoff and Dana Johnston as they prepare to marry each other this coming Saturday. Pray that the Lord will bless them and their lives together as they serve and honor Him.
- Pray for the other couples from New Hope that are preparing to marry: Joe Howard/Katie Kehr and Caleb Mason/Joanna Wichern.
- 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.
- 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 those from our church that serve the community in the health care field. Pray for continued good health, for protection, and for strength for their work. Pray, too, for opportunities to share the good news of Christ where they can.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month — Kristen who serves the Lord in Europe. Pray particularly for the team she is on with a married couple who does church planting that God would lead them and give them grace, patience, and love for their community.
- Pray for Luke Hake that he will be able to find a team and a place to serve that is committed to bringing the gospel to unreached peoples.
- Pray for Benny and Liesl Boyed. They are now in a remote village in western Nepal living among completely unreached people. They have great opportunities for fruitful outreach, but also face potential persecution and real health challenges.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Dates/Events to Know:

- Feb. 13, 2:00 pm, John Bishoff and Dana Johnston wedding at New Hope
- Feb. 16, 7:30 pm, Board of Trustees Meeting, via zoom
- March 12-13, New Members Class, times and venue to be decided

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: James 2:10 ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

Westminster Confession of Faith 6.5. This corruption of nature, during this life, does remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be, through Christ, pardoned, and mortified; yet both itself, and all the motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.

Monday: James 3:1-2. What is a “teacher” (v 2, 1 Tim 2:7)? What effects can a teacher with an untamed tongue have (1 Thess 2:3-7, Ezek 3:17f)? What sober warning is there for teachers (Mt 12:37)? Are teachers alone prone to this (v 2)? Pray for your leaders, and try to pay special attention to what (and why) you say today.

Tuesday: James 3:2-5. What is James after with “perfect man” (1:4, 25, 26f)? How central is taming the tongue to becoming whole/perfect? Ponder that. How hard do you work to tame your tongue (all you communicate)? How do the examples in vv 3-5 underline the tongue’s power, influence, and effects? How does knowing The Perfect Man (his example, and his words of mercy and grace) make your words sweeter?

Wednesday: From James 3:5-7 trace the tongue’s character, influence, continuance, and affiliation. In addition to vv 5-7, consider v 8’s “restless evil” and “full of deadly poison.” How does this raise the alarm regarding the necessity and discipline to tame the tongue right now? Pray for help. Ask others for help.

Thursday: James 3:7-9. Although no human can tame the tongue, Who can tame the tongue? How does Acts 2:1-4, 33, 38 encourage you that you can do this? Consider Eph 5:1-4’s “as beloved children.” It is only fitting that God’s new creation speak like Him whose image they bear. Go, bless with your words.

Friday: James 3:1-12. What parts of the Christian’s worldview do you see in this text that help you temper your tongue: v 1 (we all are accountable to God); v 2 (they are sinners); v 1, 2 (you are a sinner too, don’t have it all together); v 2 (only Jesus is the perfect man); v 8 (God alone can change us/them); v 9 (glorify God); v 10 (they are fellow saints). The fruit examples in vv 11-12 remind me of union with Christ (Jn 15:5) and the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Pray that these principles shape your tongue.

Saturday: What is wisdom according to James 3:13-18? Pray for tomorrow’s service.

