

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am

Morning Worship

January 31, 2021

Reflections

We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone.

~ John Calvin

Civility is public politeness. It means that we display tact, moderation, refinement and good manners toward people who are different from us.

In the past civility was understood in much richer terms. To be civil was genuinely care about the larger society.

~ Richard Mouw, “Uncommon Decency”

WCF 16.2. These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 97:1, 6-12

¹The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

⁶**The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.**

⁷**All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!**

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.

⁹For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

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- 10 O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

Song of Praise — Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days (chorus)

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour King
Then my joy complete, standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin — Titus 2:7-14

⁷ Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, ⁸ and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. ⁹ Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, ¹⁰ not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 1:1-5

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness...

Response in Song — By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign (chorus)

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains
Of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth (chorus)

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name (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 2:14-26

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. ²⁵And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

Sermon — Faith Without Works is Dead

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — Trust and Obey (pg. 8)

Benediction

Postlude

Faith Without Works is Dead

James 2:14-26

1. Is Your Faith Living (vs. 14, 17, 20, 24, 26)

2. Faulty Faith (vs. 14-19)

-the poor parishioner

-the theological demon

3. Genuine Faith (vs. 20-26)

-the sacrificing patriarch

-the serving prostitute

Closing Hymn — Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,
 2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
 3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
 4. But we never can prove the delights of his love
 5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,
 but his smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,
 • but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,
 un - til all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows
 or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,

he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
 not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey.
 • not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.
 and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey.
 where he sends we will go, never fear, on - ly trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

John H. Sammis, 1887

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 Daniel B. Townner, 1887

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God that Kim Hanlin is recovering from COVID-19. Pray that she will continue to heal, strengthen, and will soon feel well.
- Pray for the congregational meeting today — 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 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 that we will be a people so moved by the grace, mercy, and love of our Father that we would serve others and do good works.
- Pray that the Lord will bring healing to our country, remove that divisiveness that seems to be growing, and change hearts of stone to hearts of flesh.
- Give thanks for those who serve each week to bring us the worship service.
- Continue to pray for Hannah Vidal and her family as they cope with the loss of Pete. Pray that the Lord will provide for all her and the children's needs while healing the pain and bringing peace.
- 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 New Hope who work in the school system in Frederick county and the surrounding area. Pray that they will bring hope and grace to the students they serve.

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 and will have clear direction for where to go afterward.
- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting, our annual congregational meeting and the meeting of the corporation will take place on TODAY! 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 31, annual congregational meeting, 2:00 pm via zoom
- February 6, continuation of the trial of Mr. Jason Rundell.

DAILY DEVOTION

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

Westminster Confession 11.2: Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification: yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but works by love.

Monday: How does “save him” fill out “what good is it” in James 2:14? V 14’s “someone says” can be translated as “someone claims” -how does that clarify what James is challenging? According to 2:14, 17, 18, 26, what is James’ main point? How does that clarify what he means in v 24? Is your faith merely a claim, or is there evidence of a new heart/new birth?

Tuesday: James 2:14-17. How is the example in James 2:14-17 shocking? What is missing as seen in the person’s response (e.g. 1:27, 2:8)? What does it say about the person’s faith? How can you grow in your care for and love of specific church members? (bonus: how do you balance this challenge with 1 Thess 3:10?)

Wednesday: James 2:18-19. Is there anything wrong with the demons’ theology (Deut 6:4, Mt 8:29)? In that narrow sense they can be said to “have faith.” How do they respond to their knowledge (v 19)? What is missing in their response (Lk 3:8, Deut 6:5, Mk 12:30). Is your faith merely knowledge about God? Do you love God? Pray for a deeper love for God.

Thursday: James 2:20-24. Gen 15:6 and Rom 4:3-6 answer the question “how is one born again.” Gen 22:12 and James 2:20-24 ask “are you really born again?” How did Abraham’s actions (Gen 22:1-12) reveal his trust in/love for God was real, genuine? Faith and faithfulness are inseparable, the latter as inevitable evidence of the former. How does your faith express itself in love, submission, and obedience to God?

Friday: James 2:45-56. First the righteous patriarch, now the unrighteous prostitute. What do these two extremes say about who can have true faith? How did Rahab demonstrate her faith was more than just words (v 25, Judges 2:1-21)? Like Rahab’s, how does your faith express itself in love, sacrifice, and care to your neighbor?

Saturday: How does v 9 fit into the discussion in James 3:1-12? Fight to control your tongue.