

WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am
12:00 noon

Morning Worship

March 21, 2021

Reflections

All of us have an important part to play in the salvation of others. While we ourselves could never save another soul, God uses us as tools to help place His Word in the hearts of His elect. As Calvin says, "we must therefore take heed lest souls perish through our sloth, whose salvation God puts in a manner in our hands. Not that we can bestow salvation on them; but that God by our ministry delivers and saves those who seem otherwise to be nigh destruction." ~ Ligonier Ministries devotional on James 5

"We may reasonably expect today that the Spirit is able to come on us with fresh and even overwhelming power. We should not just wait for the big earthquake. We should respond to all the smaller tremors as well. Preachers and their churches need to be fervent in prayer, asking that God would pour out his Spirit in great measure on each message and on the church as a whole. We need to be expectant of what God in his power can do."

~ Capill

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Ezekiel 34:15-16, Psalm 28:8-9

(responsive)

¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy.

**⁸The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

**⁹Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
in the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness,
now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended,
took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering,
never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam,
come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment,
of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners,
hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption,
see the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery,
slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected,
as we will be when he comes
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Confession of Sin — Galatians 5:16-6:2

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Assurance of Pardon — Acts 3:19-20

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus...

Receiving New Members (12:00 noon service reception, 10:30 service introduction immediately after the service) — John & Shannan Thorhauer*

**see page 11 for bio*

Response in Song — Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Congregational Prayer

Offering*

John 3:16 (love gives)— ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**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 5:13-18

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Sermon — The Prayer of Faith

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — What a Friend We Have in Jesus
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Benediction

Postlude

The Prayer of Faith

James 5:13-18

1. The Praying Individual (vs 13)
2. The Praying Elders (vs 14-15)
3. The Praying Church (vs 16)
4. The Praying Prophet (vs 17-18)

Closing Hymn — What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Joseph Scriven, ca. 1855

WHAT A FRIEND 8.7.8.7.D.
Charles C. Converse, 1868

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks for John and Shannan Thorhauer and their membership here at New Hope. Pray that they will be ingrafted well, that their gifts will be used here for the furtherance of God's kingdom, and that they will enjoy the blessings that come from fellowshiping within the body of believers.
- Pray that the congregation will look for new ways to serve at New Hope.
- Pray that we will be a praying people, taking all things to the Lord in faith, confessing our sins, and trusting in Him for salvation.
- Pray for John Wise and his family as they wind down ministry here and look ahead to ministry in Nevada. Pray for the church in Battle Mountain that they will be blessed by John's care for them.
- Give thanks for those who so graciously serve each Sunday so that we can worship. Pray that the Lord will give them joy in their service and bless them for their work.
- 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 the other couples from New Hope who are preparing to marry: Emily Howard/Leo Zavala and Caleb Mason/Joanna Wichern.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Jen William's brother, Mike, 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 missions of the month — OPC Home Missions and church planting. Pray particularly for the regional home missionaries that serve within the OPC and who give care, support, and guidance to the church planters within their scope.
- Pray for Benny & Liesl Boyed as they serve with Pastor Pramod and his wife Rama in Nepal. Pray for open doors and open heart for the gospel in Martadi and in the surrounding villages. Pray that they will be wise to know God's will and strong to do it, moment by moment.
- Pray for Claire Hall as she serves in Merkinch, Scotland with 20Schemes. Pray that the Lord would give clear guidance for what a Christ-honoring youth ministry would like for her church when they are able to meet together again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- March 23, Session Meeting, 7:00 pm
 - April 4, last Sunday the Wise family will be at New Hope and a “good-bye” celebration
 - April 10, Wise family departs for Nevada
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New Member Biography

John and Shannan Thorhauer are parents to two children and grandparents to one grandson. John was born in Pittsburgh and move to the Deep Creek Lake area while in middle school. Shannan was born and raised in Garrett County, They went to the same high school (two years apart) but did not meet until a few years after graduation. They married shortly after John graduated from college. Eventually they moved to Smithsburg MD where they spent the bulk of their time raising their children. Shannan now has two mini dachshunds that are her second set of children. John enjoys backpacking and finding any excuse to get outdoors. When John heads out for a multi day adventure, Shannan digs into one of several favorite movies or books by Jane Austen.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: James 5:9 —⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

Westminster Confession of Faith 21.3. Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of His Spirit, according to His will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.

Monday: James 5:13. What kinds of suffering have we seen in James? How does James charge us to respond? For what should we pray (e.g. 1:4, 5, 12, 14, 5:7, 8)? “Cheerful” can be “courageous,” or, you might say “holding steady.” What response does James demand? Every situation is to be brought before God, lived out in faith before God. Spend some time praying, and/or praising.

Tuesday: James 5:14. When you get sick, do you first think of prayer/God? If not, why not? What is the sick person to do? Although the text refers to serious sickness, do you take initiative and ask the elders for prayer when needed? What is this “prayer of faith” (Js 1:5f, 21-22)? Pray that your elders become better pray-ers (Acts 6:4, 4:31). Oil symbolizes dedicating someone to God for special attention and care.

Wednesday: James 5:15. Is sickness sometimes tied to sin (John 5:14, 1 Cor 11:30-32)? Always (Jn 9:3)? Have you ever tied (your) sickness to sin? What two responses does God make in this verse to the prayer of the elders? What a joy to know our sins really are forgiven -- relish this (Ps 30:2, 41:4)!

Thursday: James 5:16. When must you confess your sins to others (Mt 5:24, 18:15)? The “one another’s” seem to imply a confessing of sin as a practice between believers, and then praying with and for one another. What benefits do you see in this (e.g. Prov 28:13, Js 5:16)? Why might you need to be careful in what, where, how, and when you do this? Based on this text, what are you compelled to do?

Friday: James 5:16-18. Why is Elijah described as he is? How does his prayer and its answer underscore the last sentence in v 16? “Righteous person” means one “in Christ.” How do these verses encourage you to pray, especially in trial/suffering (v 13, 1:2ff)? Where do you need to plan and commit to growing in prayer?

Saturday: James 5:19-20. According to these verses, how are you your brother’s/sister’s keeper?