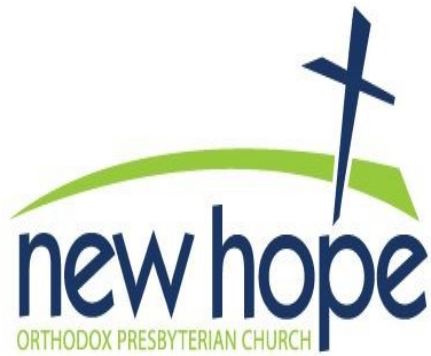


WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am
12:00 noon

Morning Worship

April 25, 2021

Reflections

When you fulfill your spiritual gift to serve someone tomorrow, you will be serving “by the strength that God supplies” — and the supply will be tomorrow, not today. “As your days, so shall your strength be” (Deuteronomy 33:25). God goes on, day-by-day, moment-by-moment, supplying the “strength” in which we minister. He does this because the ongoing, inexhaustible supplier of power gets the glory. “Whoever serves, [let him serve] by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.”

~ John Piper

To follow Christ is to love other Christians. . . . Love between believers isn’t a sign of maturity; it’s a sign of saving faith.

~ From “Compelling Community,” Mark Dever & Jamie Dunlop

“What has God given me for someone else and for the broader need of the body of Christ?” When we’re thinking in those terms, we’ll also have what we need, because someone else in the room has something we need. That’s the way the body of Christ functions.

~Michael Horton

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 68:32-35 (responsive)

³² O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord, Selah

³³ **to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

³⁴ **Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.**

³⁵ Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—
he is the one who gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — Come Praise & Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill (chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One (chorus)

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 4:7-16

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reception of New Members* (12:00 noon service)

Joel, Chalice & Aria Chism, Bruce & Susan Johnson, Jim & Lora Washburne

**see page 9 for bios of all these new members*

Response in Song — 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

Chorus

*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 Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days (chorus)

Congregational Prayer

Offering* 1 Timothy 6:6-8 — ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**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 — 1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon — Steward God's Gifts for the Church

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn— To God be the Glory (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

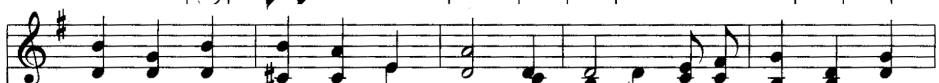
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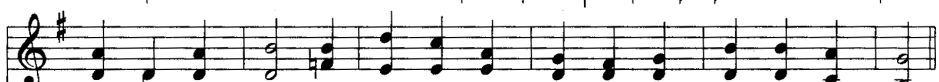
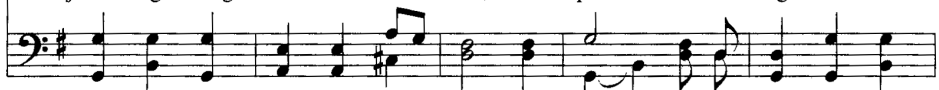
Closing Hymn — To God be the Glory



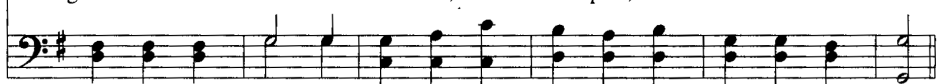
1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
li - ev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and



tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
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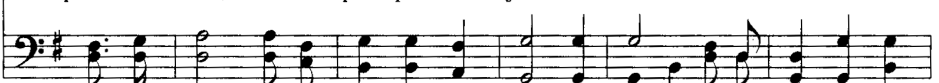
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Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,



praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'



Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!



New Member Bios

Jim and Lora Washburne were members of New Hope about 15 years ago until moving to Leesburg, VA. Now that their children are grown and mostly out of the house, the Washburnes have felt the Lord calling them back to New Hope. Together they are adjusting to being pseudo empty-nesters (this arrangement comes and goes!). They have four children: Karen, who lives in WI; Karla Boyle, who lives in NC; Amy, a graduating college senior; and Daniel, a sophomore in college. Lora enjoys volunteering at a local crisis pregnancy center, playing and teaching cello lessons, and bird watching. Jim currently works from home for an engineering company and enjoys tinkering on various projects in his spare time. They both are looking forward to growing in the Lord and worshipping Him with His local body of believers at New Hope.

Hi, I'm **Joel Chism**. I'm finishing up my freshman year at Frederick East Classical. I am the oldest of 7 kids and was born in sunny San Diego. In the past, I struggled with technology, being caught up in gaming. More recently I've decided to change my habits. My week at the boardwalk chapel was life-changing for me, and I learned a lot about God's grace. Since then I've been preparing to spend a larger portion of my summer serving there. I enjoy roasting and preparing coffee, gaming, making videos, presenting, rolling around practicing Brazillian Jujitsu at Clinch Academy here in Frederick. As an ardent member of the house of Hufflepuff, my top priority is to serve and make friends in the process.

Hi, I'm **Chalice Chism**. I'm 14. I was born in San Diego, CA, but have lived most of my life in Maryland. I love connecting with my aunts and extended family sharing notes about my devotions. I would describe my faith as a gradual growing closer to the Lord. Covid has allowed me to have more time to spend with Jesus and growing in what I believe. I enjoy art and various sports: soccer, volleyball and rollerblading.

Hi I'm **Aria Chism**. I'm almost 13. I've gone to New Hope as long as I can remember. My faith has changed as I have seen how God answers prayers and has worked in my life and in the lives of my family. I love hanging with my friends. I like to ride my bike around my neighborhood with my sisters and friends. I'm the current pull-up champion in my family. I like making pop-up cards, creating things and giving gifts to people I am close to.

Bruce and Susan Johnson are blessed with having been married and serving the Lord together for over 30 years. They met in the 1980's while serving as active duty members in the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor Hawaii. God has given them 2 boys, Nathan (20) who is at Boyce College and Paul (15) lives with them on Fort Detrick where they have been for 11 years. The Johnsons were at Mountain View Community Church in Urbana before joining New Hope and spend several months of the year in northern Indiana where Bruce's family is from.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks for Bruce & Susan Johnson, Jim & Laura Washburne, and Joel, Chalice, and Aria Chism who have joined New Hope. Pray that we will love them well and that they will be able to use their gifts here at New Hope to help further the Kingdom.
- Pray for Cynthia Wintermyer's 2 1/2 year old grandson, Siavash, who sustained second degree burns in a kitchen accident. Pray for complete healing for him and for a lessening of the pain.
- Pray that we will be a people who love one another earnestly, showing hospitality to each other, and seeking to serve so that we can bring honor and glory to God.
- Pray for opportunities to use our gifts here at New Hope as we love and serve one another. Pray that the Lord would stir our hearts and minds to use the gifts that He has given.
- Pray for the upcoming meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the men there examine the charges and the appeal that will be before them.
- Pray for those who are struggling with fear, anxiety, or depression. Pray that in the midst of difficulties God will bring comfort, strength, and hope through His word and His people.
- Give thanks for those who serve at New Hope each week so that we can meet for worship.
- 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.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel in the community, with our neighbors, and those we work with. Pray that hearts and minds will be turned toward Christ.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missions of the month — the foreign missions of the OPC. Pray particularly for the missionaries who serve in foreign lands and are struggling to minister to their people while also dealing with the affects of covid. Pray particularly for those who have been afflicted with the illness and for their complete healing.
- Continue to pray for the health, safety, and well-being of Benny & Liesl Boyed as they serve in Nepal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- Ladies' Bible Study, every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the lower building in Sunday school classroom #3
- Mid-Atlantic Presbytery Meeting, Saturday, May 1
- Ladies' Night Out, May 20th at Ann Burden's home at 7:00 pm.

Ladies' Night Out is back! - Ladies, please join us for a casual gathering at Ann Burden's patio at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 20. Some waters and light dessert will be provided, but feel free to BYOB and BYODessert, too! There will be some chairs available but you may want to bring your own in case of a high turn-out. Masking is not required. Ann lives at 4408 Noah Ct, Mt. Airy, MD. If so, contact Elease Layman (elease.layman@gmail.com).

Pastor's Vacation, Pastor Francis will be away May 3-26th on a family vacation and also for John Wise's installation in Nevada. The office will still be open and if you have pastoral needs you can contact an elder.

Help Wanted!, Please consider if you might be able to fill any of these ministry needs. More information about who to contact if you are interested as well as explanations about each of these ministries will be coming next week.

- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study coordinator
- Children's Church Coordinator for the 5-7 year olds
- Nursery worker volunteers
- Nursery team leader
- Youth Advisory Committee Member
- Men's Ministry Coordinator
- Growth Group Leaders
- Church Life Committee member
- Outreach Committee member
- Worship Committee member
- Boardwalk Chapel youth group co-coordinator
- Musicians
- Ushers
- Greeters
- Helping Hands volunteers
- Indoor and outdoor maintenance volunteers

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — 1 Peter 4:8 — ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Heidelberg Catechism 55. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”? First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members.

Monday: Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. What is the context in which Peter writes (3:16f, 4:12)? How have you dealt (spiritually and relationally) with the trials of Covid and the tumult in society? How do vv 7-11 challenge this? V 7 speaks of the end/telos of the world -Christ’s sure return, eternity, etc. How are those realities to shape present-day trials? How should they shape your prayers?

Tuesday: 1 Peter 4:8. Why might love and care for one another be challenged in times of tension or trial (think Covid)? Why is it necessary that the church be an oasis of love (Eph 5:1-2)? How does loving those you disagree with “cover” sins like bitterness, judgmentalism, disunity, etc? What do “keep” and “earnestly” add to the command? Why do you think prayer (v 7) is necessary for vv 8-11?

Wednesday: How are our gifts expressions of God’s varied grace? If these gifts are received from God, how does that oblige us (v 10)? -how does that check our attitude about ‘our’ gifts (1 Cor 4:7)? Think of yourself as a household slave, the head steward, to a great master (Joseph, Mt 25:20-21). How does this description change your stance toward and use of your gifts? How does stewarding your gifts relate to God’s glory (11)?

Thursday: 1 Pet 4:9. In our society individualism and self-centeredness, isolation and loneliness are rampant. How is the church, you included, to be counter-cultural? How can you practice this today, despite various restrictions? The Holy Spirit gives a variety of gifts, although he gives all believers gifts/abilities (see v 11, 12, 1 Cor 12:27-31). Yet the emphasis is not in determining your gift(s) -what is the emphasis in 1 Cor 12:7, 24-26? How will you serve/spend yourself for the church today?

Friday: 1 Pet 4:7-11. How many times has Peter used “one another” in these verses? What is your obligation to your local church, no matter how you feel, or who they are? How does the motive in v 11 free you to do this, especially the “grumbling” of v 9? Why does Peter include in v 11 “through Jesus Christ”? How did you enter the church (Eph 2:4-10)? Given this, how is your use of gifts to glorify and reflect the Giver (v 11a, Hebrews 13:15-16)? You are a citizen of heaven -be one!

Saturday: “It’s Saturday! What can I do to serve and love the church?” In light of 1 Peter 4:7-11, how will you answer this question? Pray for a heart rooted in how Christ has loved us gladly, selflessly.