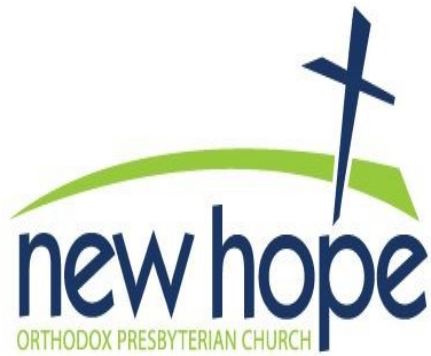


WELCOME!



Worship
10:30 am
12:00 noon

Morning Worship

May 2, 2021

Reflections

Moses' faith is given as a reason why he was willing to suffer affliction with the people of God, and to endure reproach for Christ's sake, because, in the exercise of that faith, he saw something better than the throne and riches of Egypt laid up for him in heaven...He that does not receive the gospel with all its difficulties, does not receive it as it is proposed to him. He that does not receive Christ with his cross as well as his crown, does not truly receive him at all.

~ Jonathan Edwards, Charity and Its Fruits

The fellowship of being near unto God must become reality, in the full and vigorous prosecution of our life. It must permeate and give color to our feeling, our perceptions, our sensations, our thinking, our imagining, our willing, our acting, our speaking. It must not stand as a foreign factor in our life, but it must be the passion that breathes throughout our whole existence.

~ Abraham Kuyper

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 111:1-4 (responsive)

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

**³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

Hymn of Praise — Oh Worship the King

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of - Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds' form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Prayer of Adoration (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Praise — May the People's Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace, that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life

Chorus:

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace, to spread Your Word
(CHORUS)

This our holy privilege to declare, Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

CHORUS

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name (CHORUS)

Confession of Sin — Philippians 3:7-11

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Assurance of Pardon — Philippians 3:12-16

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

Response in Song — All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

Offering* 1 Timothy 6:10-11 ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Sermon — Credit Card Christianity

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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Credit Card Christianity

Luke 14:25-33

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.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they embark on their vacation. Pray for safety in travel, joy in the family time, and refreshment in the time spent away.
- Praise God for the gift of grandchildren as Mark & Joy Nichols' son and daughter in law (Mark & Meredith) are expecting twins! Pray for a smooth and uneventful pregnancy for Meredith and the growing babies she carries.
- Give thanks for the healthy birth of Craig & Betsy Lalley's granddaughter, Claire Beatrice Springer, born on April 23rd to their daughter Samantha and her husband. Praise God that mom and baby are doing well!
- Pray that we will be a people who are willing to follow the Lord Jesus, bear our cross and suffer for Him. Pray for hearts that are committed to following and serving Him.
- Pray for those who are currently struggling with covid — Ron & Valory Synder's friend, Copper, and Gingy Socash's uncle, John. Pray for healing of their bodies and for complete recovery.
- 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 mission of the month — Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. Pray that the Lord would use this evangelistic ministry of the OPC to bring the gospel to many who don't know Him and that hearts and minds would be changed.
- Continue to pray for the health, safety, and well-being of Benny & Liesl Boyed as they serve in Nepal.
- Pray for Ben Westerveld as he serves in Quebec City with St. Marc's Reformed Church particularly during this difficult time of confinement. Pray for opportunities to meet with people, develop and pursue friendships, for God's glory and honor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- Ladies' Bible Study, every Wednesday at 10:00 am in the lower building in Sunday school classroom #3
- Outdoor Work Day, Saturday, May 15, 8:30 am until noon.
- Ladies' Night Out, May 20th at Ann Burden's home at 7:00 pm.

Outdoor Work Day, Saturday May 15th, beginning at 8:30 am and ending at noon. Bring any gardening tools you may have, a wheel barrow, and gloves!

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. Each week we will highlight a few of these (*) so that you will have a better understanding of who to contact or what the position entails.

- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study coordinator
- Children's Church Coordinator for the 5-7 year olds
- Children's Church teachers and assistants
- 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

Ministries in Need... What are they, what does the position entail, and who do I contact? Keep reading! Below you will find a couple of the ministries highlighted. Contact the person in charge if you have more questions!

- **Outreach Committee Member**, the outreach committee oversees all of the missions and outreach related ministries of New Hope Church. Members of the committee attend Outreach Committee Meetings as well as help put together the yearly budget for the outreach committee. Members often have other tasks within the committee such as: keeping up and communicating with missionaries we support, be a liaison with a local ministry, help with providing outreach opportunities for the body of New Hope, etc. Also needed is a **co-coordinator for the Boardwalk Chapel**. New Hope takes a group of high school aged young people to the Boardwalk Chapel for training in evangelism and a helper for that is needed. If you have interest in being on this committee, please contact Pastor Francis.
- **Worship Committee**, the worship committee oversees all of the aspects of the worship service for Sunday morning including music teams, ushers, greeters, livestream, sound, etc. A administrator for this committee, as well as, other members are needed. Other ministries that need help that are under the supervision of the worship committee are: music teams (musicians), ushers, greeters. If you have interest in being on worship committee or serving as usher or greeter, please contact Pastor Francis. If you are a skilled musician who is interested in serving, please contact Ron Socash.
- **Youth Advisory Committee member**, we have many, many youth in the church and have a strong desire to edify and encourage them. We have an established committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, that is under the oversight of the Edification Committee and oversees the youth group activities and helps to plan and provide for them. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact David or Cathy Cruzan.
- **Church Life Committee member**, the church life committee is under the oversight of the Edification committee and is in place to provide opportunities for fellowship for the body of New Hope. This committee oversees church dinners, get-togethers, and other related activities. If you would like more information about this committee, please contact Monica Laird.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — **Luke 14:25-33** — ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Westminster Larger Catechism 104 What are the duties required in the first commandment? *The duties required in the first commandment are, the knowing and acknowledging of God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly, by thinking, meditating, remembering, highly esteeming, honoring, adoring, choosing, loving, desiring, fearing of him; believing him; trusting, hoping, delighting, rejoicing in him; being zealous for him; calling upon him, giving all praise and thanks, and yielding all obedience and submission to him with the whole man; being careful in all things to please him, and sorrowful when in anything he is offended; and walking humbly with him.*

Monday: Luke 14:25. When great crowds turn up, what dangers are there for the followed (Jn 3:25-30)? For the followers (14:26ff)? What makes Jesus' response surprising? At outflow of the prosperity gospel is the idea that God/Christianity wants us to be nice and happy, and to stand in the way of finding/having that happiness is sin. Consider where this has affected the broader church, and you yourself.

Tuesday: How do Mt 10:37ff, Dt 33:8-9, Ex 20:12 explain what Lk 14:26 does not mean? Given the context of "great crowds following," with what is Jesus challenging them (Lk 16:13, Phil 3:7-9)? Do you love Jesus above all? Where do you need to grow further into making him your first love?

Wednesday: Lk 14:27 Bearing a cross meant shame, crucifixion, death. How does being a disciple of Christ entail sacrifice, and death (Gal 2:20, Col 3:5f)? Why is it more than worth suffering for Christ (1 Jn 3:3, Lk 14:15f)? Are you prepared to suffer and sacrifice for Christ (what about "small" pains like time, money, words)?

Thursday: Luke 14:28-33. What two examples does Jesus give of counting the cost? How are they similar? How are they different? Is there any cost to your Christianity? Are you all in? Have you settled for a *laissez faire* faith? Plan to grow, plan to do good works, let us 'live' for Christ!

Friday: Luke 14:31-33. Has Lk 14:25-33 convicted you? How? Do you feel a bit like the king in v 31? How do we "seek terms of peace" with the king (Rom 8:1-3)? How does Christ's perfect obedience, and sin-covering atonement, move your heart to love him more, and seek to live for him more -without the condemnation?

Saturday: How does John 15:9-17 fit in the context of branches grafted into Christ?