

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
Worship ~ 10:30 am

Morning Worship

September 12, 2021

Reflections

“When Christians, with frank recognition of their differences of standpoint and conviction, learn to pull together in all common interests against Satan, we shall see the beginning of the end of his dominion among men.”

~ A.T. Robertson

The fact that God is our refuge and strength does not mean that we are immune from troubles and problems. The abundant life is not a trouble free life. We need to be clear on this because many false teachers today claim that it is God’s will for every person to enjoy prosperity and perfect health. But the Bible teaches no such thing. It teaches that God is our help in trouble, not that He will exempt us from trouble.... As our refuge, we can flee to God and find relief and comfort. As our strength, we discover that His strength is made perfect in our weakness as we trust in Him (2 Cor. 12:9). And, God’s protection and strength are immediately available (“a very present help”) the instant we turn to Him. While He may delay delivering us to show us our absolute need for Him or for reasons we can’t understand, we can always have immediate comfort and calm when we flee to God for refuge and strength.

~ Pastor Steven J. Cole

Ministers of the Lord who care for His people must be driven by an indomitable joy. This joy cannot be subdued or defeated. When God calls pastors to do His work, they must fight — daily! — for the unconquerable joy that is found in Christ.

~ Geoffrey R. Kirkland

Approach to God

Prelude

Ministry Moment — Diaconal Ministries

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 20:1-6 (responsive)

¹May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

²May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!

- ³ May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!**
- ⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!**
- ⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!
May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!
- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with the saving might of his right hand.**

Song of Praise — Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God, Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit, Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

CHORUS

*Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

BRIDGE

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — Greater than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name
And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell
On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate
And of Your awesome power we will tell
We'll speak of Your salvation
and Your abundant goodness

CHORUS

*Because You are greater than we can imagine
You are too beautiful for us to fathom
Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised*

Every generation shall sing Your worth
And magnify Your mercy and Your grace
We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth
To bear the sins of those He came to save
You fill our hearts with wonder
We'll worship You forever

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until 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, ¹⁴so 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. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from 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— Mark 10:43-45

⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Response in Prayer — Ephesians 3:14-21 (adapted and responsive)

For this reason we bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, **that according to the riches of his glory he may grant us to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith**—that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.** Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Reception of New Members — Dan & Elisa Godoy*, John, James, Lily & Jeremiah (see bio on page 6)

Song of Response — Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father. (echo)
We believe in Christ the Son. (echo)
We believe in the Holy Spirit. (echo)
We are the Church and we stand as one. (echo)

*Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are His to receive;
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.*

We believe in the Holy Bible. (echo)
We believe in the virgin birth. (echo)
We believe in the resurrection, (echo)
That Christ one day, will return to earth. (echo)

We believe in the blood of Jesus. (echo)
We believe in eternal life. (echo)
We believe in the blood that frees us. (echo)
To become the Bride of Christ. (echo)

Offering* — **1 Chronicles 29:9** — ⁹Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

**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 — **Philippians 1:3-5**

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Sermon — **You’re A Gospel Partner**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — **We Are God’s People** (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

***New Member Bio**

*After marrying in 2003, **Dan & Elisa Godoy** spent the past 17 years living life in Montgomery County, where their family grew to include four delightful kids and a rambunctious white lab. While Dan keeps busy at work, Elisa has been home-schooling John (14), James (11), Lily (9), and Jeremiah (4). The Godoy’s were members of Knox OPC in Silver Spring, MD and bring greetings and love from your brothers and sisters in that congregation. The Godoy’s enjoy being active outdoors as well as opening up their home to friends old and new.*

You're A Gospel Partner

Philippians 1:3-5

1. Thankful Remembrance (v 3)

2. Joyful Prayer (v 4)

3. Gospel Partnership (v 5)

Closing Song — We Are God's People

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for strength and encouragement for Joan Johansen as she is struggling with weakness and lack of energy. Pray that the doctors will be able to help her regain her strength.
- Pray for the upcoming Sunday school semester and those who will be teaching. Give thanks for all who have volunteered and pray that the Lord would use this to edify all that attend.
- Pray for deep and abiding love for the people at New Hope as we partner in the gospel and serve one another.
- Pray for our session as they shepherd the flock of God. Pray that they will be faithful servants, diligent disciples of Jesus, and lovers and protectors of the flock. Pray, too, for them as they attend the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic meeting next Saturday.
- Pray for Ellen Socash & Garrett Kennedy as they prepare for their wedding next Sunday. Pray that they will draw closer to Christ and each other as they work through the details and plans for the wedding.
- Give thanks that the Lord continues to provide for all of our needs.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Bob Brinson, John & Dana Bishoff, John Hardison, Barbara & Charles Ruch, Patti Deschamps, Jen Bridenbaugh, Jen William's brother, Mike, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, 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 ministries 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 the churches in Frederick that they will be committed to preaching the truth of the gospel through God's word.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month — Global Gates, a ministry that seeks to make a global impact through reaching immigrants and internationals in urban gateway cities. Pray for the probable 2500 Afghan refugees that will be coming to the DC area in the coming months. Pray that those who come will be greeted warmly by those who know Jesus and that God would use the horrible tragedy in Afghanistan to bring many Afghans to know and share Jesus.
- Pray for the faithful servants who share the gospel in Nepal. Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen the Nepali pastors in sound doctrine and wisdom.
- Pray for Kristen who is serving in Europe and is currently recovering from long-covid. Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen her, that she would have patience as she heals, and that the Lord would provide for all of her needs during this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Sunday School Orientation**, 9:30 am in the sanctuary, Sept. 12th
- **Wednesday Bible study for youth** , 6:00-8:00 pm, Sept 15th
- **Sunday School Begins**, Sept. 19th, 9:30 am
- **New Members Class**, Sept 24-25 at the church
- **Youth Retreat**, October 22-24, see announcement for details.

Women's Brunch is coming up on Saturday, October 2 at 10:00am! Please let us know you're attending so that we can adequately plan for refreshments and seating. You can sign up on the sheet in the lobby on the usher's table or email Elease at elease.layman@gmail.com. There will be brunch, worship, fellowship, speakers, and discussion. All women aged 18 and up are invited. Sign up today!

Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, September 16! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at Modern Asia (W Patrick St, Frederick) and/or dessert around 7:45pm at Karen Ochs's home (908 Chestnut St, Frederick). RSVP for dinner to Elease at elease.layman@gmail.com or 301.767.6848 by Wednesday, September 15.

Directory, we are in the process of publishing a NEW DIRECTORY! Please look for an email that will be coming requesting info from you. We are also in the process of updating the MAILBOXES as well. Please let us know if you would like your own mailbox!

Sunday School to begin! We are pleased to let you know that we will begin the fall Sunday school semester September 19th! We will be offering 2 adult classes, classes for all school aged children, and a nursery. See what will be offered and who is teaching:

- Adult Classes
 - ⇒ The Parables of Jesus, taught by Jim Auldridge
 - ⇒ Spiritual Disciplines, taught by Steve Hake
- High School, Pastor Francis VanDelden
- Middle School, Ann Burden & Joli Chism
- 3rd-5th grade, Steve & Karen Ochs
- K-2nd grade, Hannah Graf & Emily Jernigan
- PS-PK, Annie Kim, Josie O'Shea

Youth Retreat! Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers, mark your calendar for our Youth Retreat on Oct 22-24 (Friday to Sunday). We plan to go to White Sulphur Springs in Manns Choice, PA. If you can, plan to leave early Friday (2pm) to maximize the time there, although rides will be possible later too. Luke Hake will be our speaker, and we may even get him to speak while doing the high ropes course. :) The Edification Committee has been generous with budgeted youth funds for 2021, and the cost will be greatly discounted this year. We do not want any

youth at New Hope to not go because of cost so please talk to us if money is a concern at all. We are anticipating a great weekend, but need to know how many are going. Please talk to Bruce Johnson so he has a good idea of how many reservations to make if you plan to go, his number 574-780-6842. We'll get registration forms out later in September.

Serving Today (9/12):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Ron Socash, Kim Hanlin
- Nursery (Worship service): Diana Bartlett, Meg Quist, Micah Poortenga
- Sound: Craig Lalley
- Livestream: Belle Wetzel

Serving Next Week (9/18):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Katie Poortenga
- Nursery (Worship service): Claudia Rigg, Colleen Forsee, Talia Poortenga
- Sound: Belle Wetzel
- Livestream: Jim Washburne

Treasurer's Update

Prepared by Eleese Layman

Bad news/good news/best news time: The bad news is that I must report a deficit in our budgeted giving. We've been in the red on giving based on our \$531,073 budget since the end of June. The good news is that we're significantly underspending our budget, primarily because there is nary an Associate Pastor in sight (a position budgeted for 6 months), so our actual General Fund is in the black. The best news is that "my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19), so New Hope must only need \$322,971.68 at this point. God is good all the time!

Numbers for January 1 through August 31, 2021

General Fund Giving

- Actual: \$322,971.68
- Budget: \$331,389.56
- Variance: -\$8,417.88

Actual General Fund Spending: \$305,599.99

General Fund Balance as of 08/31/2021: \$17,371.69 (Giving - Spending)

Facility Fund Giving: \$34,641.96

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Verse: Philippians 1:21 ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Westminster Confession 26.2 Of the Communion of Saints —Saints by profession are bound to maintain an holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

Monday: Phil 1:3. How thankful is Paul to God for the church? Why (e.g. Eph 2:17-22)? How significant is church to you? Give thanks for specifics that happen in church, and the faith and service of the saints? Were all Paul's "remembrances" happy (Acts 16:22-24, Phil 4:2)? How do you give thanks when there are painful memories (Phil 1:18, 20, 3:8)?

Tuesday: Phil 1:4. In light of Phil 1:3-4, how often to you think Paul prayed? What was his focus? How does this challenge you? Paul's prayers were emotional —joy-filled. Does his joy come from circumstances (e.g. 1:14, 4:2)? What is the source of his joy (1:21, 23, 4:4)? Consider your joy, or lack thereof -how much is it tied to your circumstances, versus joy in Jesus?

Wednesday: How does Phil 1:5 explain Paul's thankfulness and joy? How does "partnership in the gospel" signal God's glory, character, and mission? Do you see yourself as a "partner in the gospel"? How does that identity give you a higher purpose, and a joint purpose (Phil 1:27)? Consider New Hope -you are gospel partners with the rest of the saints!

Thursday: Phil 1:5: Paul's thanks and joy stem from the Philippians being gospel partners with him. How did the Philippians partner in the gospel with Paul (1:7, 19, 27, 29, 2:12, 4:3, 4:15)? They displayed their faith in the gospel in action -are you? What specific things can you point to that display your gospel partnership? This can include praying, discipling your kids, giving, serving, showing hospitality, discipling, etc.

Friday: Phil 1:3-5. Consider different aspects of service in the church like Growth Groups, Sunday School, nursery, ushering, etc. How are these part of "gospel partnership"? How does that move them from being simply a "duty" to something you can give thanks for, and take joy in? Although it's costly to serve, it has eternal significance (Mt 25:34f, 1 Pet 4:11)!

Saturday: Phil 1:6-8. Where does Paul ground Christian assurance?