

WELCOME!



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

# Morning Worship

September 19, 2021

## Reflections

*It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn our eyes away from self to Jesus; but Satan's work is just the opposite of this, for he is constantly trying to make us regard ourselves instead of Christ. He insinuates, "your sins are too great for pardon; you have no faith; you do not repent enough; you will never be able to continue to the end; you have not the joy of His children; you have such a wavering hold of Jesus." All these are thoughts about self and we shall never find comfort or assurance by looking within. But the Holy Spirit turns our eyes entirely away from self. He tells us that we are nothing, but that "Christ is all in all."*

*Remember, therefore, it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee--it is Christ; it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee--it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument--it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith.*

*We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings; it is what Jesus is, not what we are, that gives rest to the soul. If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by "looking unto Jesus." Keep thine eye simply on Him; let His death, His sufferings, His merits, His glories, His intercession, be fresh upon thy mind; when thou wakest in the morning look to Him; when thou liest down at night look to Him. Oh! let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus; follow hard after Him, and He will never fail thee.* ~ C.H. Spurgeon

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship — Psalm 57:1-3 (responsive)

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

**<sup>2</sup>I cry out to God Most High,**

**to God who fulfills his purpose for me.**

**<sup>3</sup>He will send from heaven and save me;**

**he will put to shame him who tramples on me.**

**God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!**

## **Song of Praise — Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation  
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky:  
"You have washed us with your blood;  
You are worthy, Lamb of God."

## **Prayer of Adoration**

## **Song of Praise — How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you he has said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not; I am with you. O, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply.  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

## **Confession of Sin — Matthew 25:1-13**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bride-

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groom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon— Ephesians 1:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

### **Song of Response — 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

**Offering\*** — **Philippians 4:16-18:** <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

*\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

## **Congregational Prayer**

### **Sermon Text — Philippians 1:6-8**

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.** <sup>7</sup>**It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.** <sup>8</sup>**For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.**

### **Sermon — Assurance**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

### **Closing Hymn — Blessed Assurance (page 8)**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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# Assurance

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Philippians 1:6-8

1. Christian Assurance: God's Work (vs 6)

2. Christian Assurance: Man's Response (vs 7-8)

# Closing Hymn — Blessed Assurance

D G D A

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

E A D G D

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove  
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

G Em A7 D Γ REFRAIN

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

G D G D A E A A7

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

D G D G Em A7 D 7

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for the upcoming Sunday school semester and that begins today. Give thanks for all who have volunteered and pray that the Lord would use this to edify all that attend.
- Pray for John Hardison who is currently in the ICU at Frederick Memorial Hospital after being found unresponsive.
- Pray for Dave & Dawn Myers as they grieve the loss of Dawn's father last week. Pray for peace and trust in God through this difficult time.
- Pray for the Brinson family as they grieve the recent loss of Bob. Pray that they will rest in the goodness of the Lord through this difficult time.
- Pray for the leaders in our government that they would be servants of the people first, wise in their leadership, and honest in their communication.
- Praise God that He is the one that turns hearts of stone to hearts of flesh, the one who begins the sanctification process within us, and the one who will bring it about to completion.
- Give thanks for Elease Layman and her tireless work as the church treasurer. Pray that the Lord would continue to give her joy in her service and bless her for the work she is doing.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: John & Dana Bishoff, 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 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 Frederick Rescue Mission and their recovery program for men. Pray that through this program, men will find continued sobriety and will come to know Jesus as their Savior.

## **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 DC area Iranians that number about 40,000. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict this community of their sin and their need for a Savior. Pray that the few Iranian believers would not hoard the truth of the gospel, but share it freely with other Iranians.
- Pray for the outreach committee that helps to oversee and structure missions and outreach for New Hope. Pray that God will bring new members to their committee!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Important Dates to Know:

- **Sunday School Begins**, Sept. 19th, 9:30 am
- **Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Study**, Sept. 22nd, 10:00 am until 11:30 am
- **Lay-Deacon Training**, Wed., Sept. 22nd, 6:30-7:30 pm. Come early at 6:00 pm and have pizza!

**Wednesday Night Lay-Deacon Training**, Dear congregation, do you enjoy serving and caring for others, displaying Jesus' mercy and compassion to others? Then come to our Lay-Deacon training classes, every other Wednesday night starting September 22nd, 2021. Come at 6:00 for pizza, if you'd like to, and then stay for the training that will run from 6:30-7:30 pm. We'll discuss topics to further equip you to come alongside deacons, champion mercy and care to the congregation, and thoughtfully serve others. If you're interested, please talk to Pastor Francis. This will run about 7-8 weeks through the fall.

**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 [Elise at elise.layman@gmail.com](mailto:Elise@layman@gmail.com). There will be brunch, worship, fellowship, speakers, and discussion. All women aged 18 and up are invited. Sign up today!

**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 (9/19):**

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

**Serving Next Week (9/26):**

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Amy Wright, Giny Socash
- Nursery (Worship service): Betsy Lalley, Monica Laird, Josh Cruzan
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Craig Lalley

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Verse:** Philippians 2:1-2 — So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

**Westminster Shorter Catechism 31:** What is effectual calling? *Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

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**Monday:** Phil 1:3-6. What is Paul especially thankful for in v 6? What does it mean that God “began a good work in you” (Deut 7:7ff, Rom 8:28-30, 2 Thess 2:13-14)? How do you see this played out in Acts 16:14? How does it comfort you to know that *God* starts this good work in you, it doesn't depend on your initiative, record, feelings? Can anything thwart God's work?

**Tuesday:** What does Phil 1:6 say God does in addition to beginning this good work? How does all of our incompleteness change our view of fellow sinners? How does it cast us on the grace of God and his faithfulness, even our need for the church? What hope does this verse offer? Consider that God is in the process of completing you, and your fellow saints. How do trials fit into that (e.g. James 2-4)? When will this end (1 Jn 3:2-3)?

**Wednesday:** Phil 1:6-7. If Paul's certainty about the Philippians is grounded in God's work in v 6, what is it grounded in in v 7? Why does their commitment to him when he was in prison, and when he was defending the gospel demonstrate God's work in them? Look at believers around you—do you see a pattern of godly living (and repenting)? Do you see evidence of God's work in them? What about in you? Give thanks for this!

**Thursday:** Phil 1:7. How does “you are all partakers of grace” humble the Philippians (Eph 2:10)? What is grace (1 Tim 1:15)? How does this level the playing field when others are more or less gifted? How does the gift of grace remind us of our unity, and of the motivation and strength to serve? Give thanks for God's grace to you and the church.

**Friday:** Phil 1:8. Consider the glory of “the affection of Christ Jesus.” How has Jesus demonstrated that affection (John 15:13)? Do you believe Jesus has affection for you? How is Jesus' love felt by the Philippians through Paul? What are three ways you can/will demonstrate the affection of Christ for your fellow saints?

**Saturday:** Phil 1:9-11. What does Paul pray for in these verses? Pray the same for yourself and your fellow saints.