

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

September 26, 2021

Reflections

We don't become Christians to make our lives better, to give ourselves a guilt-free, peaceful, purposeful, and hope-filled life. We become Christians because God is Lord, because he gave his Son for our sake, and because he calls us into a life of service now and for all eternity. Christianity isn't designed to make us feel good. Jesus said the first and greatest commandment was to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37). Our lives – every goal of our lives – must be directed towards serving and honoring him.

~William D. Shiell

Love and discernment. Discernment and love. We may rarely see the two together in real life, and yet wisdom hides in the wedding of the two. God has joined them, perfectly in Christ and now increasingly in us, so that we might shine — patient, courageous, humble, peaceful, hopeful, faithful, different — in especially dark, divisive, and troubling days like ours.

~Marshall Segal

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 25:1-7 (responsive)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

**³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

**⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Hymn of Praise — Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise — Immortal Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man
That you change Your mind or change Your plan
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The Depths of Your majesty

Chorus:

*You're the God of forever and ever amen
The alpha, omega, beginning and end
We sing Hallelujah
We worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God*

Immortal, You are not bound by death
You're the living God, my very breath
Invisible You are not bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes Your glory is filling this place
(Chorus)

Immortal yet You once died for me,
To pay my debt to set me free
Invisible You will not always be
'Cause You're coming to reign as our king
And the saints will fall down at Your feet
(Chorus)

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Confession of Sin — 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends.

Assurance of Pardon— Deuteronomy 7:6-10, Luke 1:68, 78-79

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Song of Response — 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

Missions Moment — Luke Hake

Offering* — **1 Timothy 6:17** ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

**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 1:6-8

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. ⁶And 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹**And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,** ¹⁰**so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,** ¹¹**filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

Sermon — Let Your Love Abound

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — How Great is Your Love (page 8)

Let Your Love Abound

Philippians 1:9-11

1. Abounding Love (9)

2. Skillful Love (9-10)

3. Fruitful Love (10-11)

Closing Hymn — How Great is Your Love

No eye has seen and no ear has heard
And no mind has ever conceived
The glorious things that You have prepared
For every one who has believed.
You brought us near and You called us Your own
And made us joint heirs with Your Son.

*How high and how wide,
How deep and how long
How sweet and how strong is your love;
How lavish your grace, how faithful your ways
How great is your love, O Lord.*

Objects of mercy who should have known wrath
We're filled with unspeakable joy
Riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth,
And the wonder of knowing your voice.
You are our treasure and our great reward
Our hope and our glorious King.

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for the friends and family of John Hardison who are grieving in the wake of his death. Give thanks that John loved the Lord and is even now in His presence singing praises!
- Praise God for the healthy birth of Orion and Adaline Nichols, twin grandchildren of Mark and Joy Nichols born this past week.
- Pray for Ginny Lundregan as she recovers at home following surgery on her arm.
- Pray for the upcoming edification meeting next week. Give thanks for John Thorhauer as he heads up the edification committee and pray that the Lord would continue to give him wisdom and discernment.
- Pray that the love here at New Hope would abound more and more and that we would serve and care for each other well.
- Pray for our former interim pastor, Allen Curry, who recently lost his beloved wife, Marilyn. Pray for comfort during this difficult time.
- Give thanks for a good start for our Sunday school semester and continue to pray that it goes well.
- Pray for the men who are training to be deacons. Pray that the Lord would use this training to
- Pray for Scott Innes in his struggles with alcoholism. Pray for strength, wisdom, and perseverance in the fight.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Joan Johansen, John & Dana Bishoff, Barbara & Charles Ruch, Patti Deschamps, Jen Bridenbaugh, 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 Faith House, a ministry of the Frederick that serves women in the Frederick area who are dealing with abusive relationships.

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 Luke Hake as he moves toward mission work. Pray that the Lord would provide for all of his needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study**, 10:00 am in classroom 3 in the main building
- **Youth Group Meeting**, Wed., Sept 29th, 6-8 pm in unit C6
- **Edification Meeting**, Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 7:30 pm
- **Women's Brunch**, Sat., Oct. 2nd at 10:00 am at the church

Women's Brunch is coming up THIS SATURDAY (Oct 2nd) at 10:00am! Please let us know by today if 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): Amy Wright, Dennis Caruso
- Nursery (Worship service): Betsy Lalley, Monica Laird, Josh Cruzan
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Craig Lalley

Serving Next Week (10/3):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Mary Troxel, Giny Socash
- Nursery (Worship service): Katie Poortenga, Ronnie & Jack Socash
- Sound: Kim Hanlin
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:3 — ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Westminster Confession 16.2 Of Good Works — These good works, done in obedience to God’s commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the Gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life.

Monday: Phil 1:3-11. How does Paul highlight and respond to the Philippian church’s past record (v 4-5), and present security (6)? Why does he start with those things before calling them to change? What needs to change (9-11)? What has he been doing before nudging them to change (9)? Do you pray, give thanks, and focus on God before you nudge? Are you aware of where you need to change? Ask someone.

Tuesday: Phil 1:9. The context is division, disunity, joylessness, and hard circumstances. How does “love (for God and neighbor) abounding more” make any difference in such a context (cf Phil 2:1-8)? Look at 1 Cor 13:1-8 to define this agape love Paul prays for. Pray through 1 Cor 13:4-8, asking for a deeper love unto unity, joy.

Wednesday: Paul connects love and knowledge in Phil 1:9. Why must you know God more to love him more (Jn 17:3, 1 Jn 4:7-8)? Why must this be more than simply head knowledge? “Discernment” is tact, practical understanding, discretion. Why is love essential when considering how your words, actions, and disposition will affect/be received by the other person (Eccles 8:5, Prov 25:11, 20)?

Thursday: Phil 1:9-10. What is the goal in v 10 of this knowledgeable, discerning, abounding love? “Excellent” is superior, worthy, vital. How do you think distinguishing what was really important would help Euodia, Syntyche (4:2), and those in conflict? Pick out of Phil 1 and 2 things that are really important. What doesn’t make the list? Ponder what is excellent (and what’s not) and make those a bigger deal this week.

Friday: Phil 1:10-11. “Pure” is also sincere, without pretense. “Blameless” is not causing offense. How do love, knowledge, discernment, vital matters produce sincerity and less offensiveness? Pray for, and do specific things that you be a fruitful tree of love (Gal 5:22f). What is the chief purpose set out in v 11? What a wonderful, high call and motivation!

Saturday: Phil 1:12-14. What is Paul’s focus in his difficult circumstances?