WELCOME!



Worship 10:30 am

Morning Worship

September 5, 2021

Reflections

We are joint heirs with Christ. Yes, we are sons of the King and daughters of the King. There is this nobility about our future and an inheritance that is laid up for us in heaven. But right now, as were here on the earth and as we serve the Lord, we are principally His slaves. That may sound demeaning because of the culture and the past history in our country, but there is nothing demeaning about being a slave if your master is Jesus Christ. And He provides everything that you need. And He uses your life to the fullest. And He gives to you what even this world cannot provide.

~ Steven Lawson

God does not merely initiate the work and then leave it, he continues with it; he leads us on, directing and manipulating our circumstances, restraining us at one time and urging us on at another. Paul's whole conception of the Church is that it is a place where God is working in the hearts of men and women.

~D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — 48:9-14 (responsive)

⁹We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

 ¹⁰ As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

¹² Walk about Zion, go around her,

number her towers,

¹³ consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation

that this is God, our God forever and ever.He will guide us forever.

Hymn of Praise — Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but it's own Awake my soul and sing Of Him who died for me And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity

Majesty, Lord of all Let every throne, before Him fall The King of Kings, Oh come adore Our God who reigns forevermore

Crown Him the Lord of life Who triumphed o'er the grave and rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die (chorus)

Bridge: All hail Redeemer hail For He has died for me His praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — Sing to the Lord a New Song (Psalm 149) Sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of saints. Israel, rejoice in your Maker; People of Zion be glad in your King. Praise His name with dancing And make music to Him With tambourine and harp.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise our God! Hallelujah! Praise his name!

For the Lord delights in his people; He crowns the humble with salvation. Let the saints rejoice in this honor And sing for joy on their beds.

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon— Philippians 2:1-13

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 **Offering*** — 1 Chronicles 16:34 — ³⁴ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*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 1:1-2

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon — Saints and Servants

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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.

Closing Song — Oh How Good it Is (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

Saints and Servants

Philippians 1:1-2

1. Servants of Christ (v 1)

2. Saints in Christ (v 2)

3. Strengthened by God (v 3)

Closing Song — Oh How Good it Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God Dwells together in spirit, In faith and unity. Where the bonds of peace, Of acceptance and love Are the fruit of His presence Here among us.

CHORUS: So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord And with one heart we'll live out His word Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is to embrace His command To prefer one another forgive as He forgives. When we live as one we all share in the love Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

Our Church Family

- Pray that through the study of God's Word and through prayer we will be a people who are set apart, sanctified, and ready for service for the king-dom.
- Pray for the ministries at New Hope that needs volunteers and coordinators. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom to our leaders that they will know best how to spur ministry forward.
- Pray for the Christians who are in Afghanistan and possibly faced with persecution or even death. Pray for peace, strength, protection, and boldness as they live their lives for Christ.
- Pray for safety for our military and those who serve as protectors both nationally and around the globe. Pray particularly for the military chaplains of the reformed tradition as they minister to their troops.
- Give thanks for Amy Wright and her willingness to serve as interim Nursery Coordinator. Pray that she will find joy in the work she is doing and that the Lord will lead the trustees and edification committee to a suitable replacement for her soon.
- Pray for the upcoming lay-deacon training that will begin in September. Pray for much fruit to be borne through it.
- 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 wisdom and strength for them as they carry out the calling the Lord has put upon them.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: 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 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 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 them as they minister to Afghan refugees and look for ways to share the gospel with them.
- 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.

Important Dates to Know:

- Wednesday Bible study for youth and adult prayer meeting, 6:00-8:00 pm, September 8th
- 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 <u>elease.layman@gmail.com</u> or 301.767.6848 by Wednesday, September 15.
- New Members/Inquirers Class, are you interested in joining the church or just learning more about New Hope or the OPC? Mark your calendars for September 24-25 for the next class. Have questions about it? Contact Gingy in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) or Pastor Francis (pastor@newhopeopc.org)!
- Ladies Bible Study group, will be meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays during the summer months. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. for devotions, prayer and fellowship in the lower building, Sunday School classroom # 3.
- 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. 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.
- **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, an a nursery. See what will be offered and who is teaching:
 - Adult Classes
 - \Rightarrow The Parables of Jesus, taught by Jim Auldridge
 - \Rightarrow 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

- **Sunday School Orientation**, please mark your calendars for September 12th as we will be holding Sunday school orientation before the new semester starts. If you are a teacher or have children that will be participating in Sunday school, it's really important that you attend! Why??
 - ⇒ Teachers, we will give you your curriculum and explain all the policies and procedures that come with teaching Sunday school.
 - ⇒ Parents, we will go over the child protection policy, the bathroom policy, show you how to use the paging system, as well as how to use the KidCheck system (we will be using this for Sunday school as well as for nursery).
 - \Rightarrow There will be donuts.

Serving Today (9/5):

- Nursery: Claudia Rigg, Cynthia Wintermyer, Kaylee Auldridge
- Sound: Jim Washburne
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

Serving Next Week (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

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Verse: Philippians 1:3-5: ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Westminster of Faith 26.1 All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

Monday: Read Acts 16:6-40 for the beginning of the church in Philippi. Read Phil 4:10-18 for the relationship they later had with Paul. Read Phil 2:20 -24 to see Timothy's concern for them. What can you learn about God's providence, God's promise to build his church from them? Pray for unreached peoples, and for church plants.

Tuesday: Phil 1:1-2. What kinds of problems were going on in the Philippian church (1:15, 3:2ff, 4:2)? The division of 4:2 seems to be Paul's main concern in this letter. When you encounter divisions, conflict, etc, how do you typically view or think of those in conflict? According to Phil 1:1, how does Paul view them? How does he view himself? How would that help in such division? How does his view challenge you?

Wednesday: Phil 1:1. Paul usually refers to himself with the authoritative title "apostle." Here it's "servant." Who is Paul's Master? Who is his model (Phil 2:4-8)? Whose agenda then is he bringing to the Philippians? Are you a servant of Christ Jesus? How does/will that manifest itself in your morality, work, schooling, parenting, marriage, relationships?

Thursday: Phil 1:1. Why might it shock you that Paul calls "all" the Philippians saints? What two aspects of being a saint (holy, set apart, sanctified) are mentioned in 1 Cor 1:2? How are we set apart, holy in Jesus? How are we still to become further holy? How does viewing your fellow church members as saints change your attitude, words, and actions when they disagree with you about Covid, politics, how to raise children, etc? Do you functionally first identity your fellow believers as "saints" or by some other distinction?

Friday: Phil 1:2. If we are called to be Christ's obedient servants, and actually serve people who differ from us, and if we are called to view one another as saints, how does Phil 1:2 help? What blessings does God promise to you to help? How would grace and peace in particular help Euodia and Syntyche (4:2) and the whole church in their trouble?

Saturday: Phil 1:3-5. What does it mean for the Philippians to be partners in the gospel? Do you view yourself as a partner in the gospel at New Hope? How does that description call you to act and think?