

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

October 17, 2021

Reflections

“‘This,’ said Reepicheep, ‘is where I go on alone.’ They helped him to lower his little coracle. Then he took off his sword (‘I shall need it no more,’ he said) and flung it far across the lilled sea. Where it fell it too upright with the hilt above the surface. *Then he bade them good-bye, trying to be sad for their sakes; but he was quivering with happiness.* ...My belief is that he came safe to Aslan’s country and is alive there to this day.”
~ C.S. Lewis, Voyage of the Dawn Treader

*The Bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom’s face;
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.
Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel’s land.*

~ The Sands of Time are Sinking

“Westerners in general, and Americans in particular, have learned to live life without any real reference to God. Because of our relative wealth, we tend not to lean on God for material provisions. Because of modern medicine, we rely on doctors and surgeons when our health is fragile, and don’t see God as the ultimate healer. Because of modern therapy, we tend to ignore the role he should play in the right ordering of our hearts and minds...”
~ Bruce Ashford

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Ephesians 1:3-10 (responsive)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.** ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹**making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has
in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless
in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted
through His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy
and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made
known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be
the head of all
His purpose to fulfill (chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith
we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One
(chorus)

Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans
in His hands?
Who has numbered
every grain of sand?
Kings and nations
tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God
seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King—
nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him*

Who has given
counsel to the Lord?
Who can question
any of His words?
Who can teach the
One who knows all things?
Who can fathom
all His wondrous deeds?
(Chorus)

Who has felt the nails
upon His hands?
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal,
humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign
(Chorus)

Tag
You will reign forever
Let Your glory fill the earth

Scripture Reading — Revelation 21:1-4, 22:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Song of Response — Christ the Sure & Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor, in the fury of the storm;
When the winds of doubt blow through me,
And my sails have all been torn.
In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on;
When temptation claims the battle, and it seems the night has won.
Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor, it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, through the floods of unbelief;
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now, lift your eyes to Calvary.
This my ballast of assurance, see his love forever proved.
I will hold fast to the anchor, it will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, as we face the wave of death;
When these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath.
We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secure;
And the calm will be the better, for the storms that we endure.

Reception of New Members* — Dan & Michelle, Lillian, Keegan Williams

Song of Response — 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

Offering* — 2 Cor. 9:8 ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

**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 1:18-26

¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹**For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.** ²²**If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.** ²³**I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.** ²⁴**But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.** ²⁵**Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,** ²⁶**so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.**

Sermon — To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

**New Member bio on page 7*

Acclamation — Revelation 5:12-14 (in unison)

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the
earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell
down and worshiped.

Closing Hymn — And Can it Be?

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
• in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
• love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me?
 • quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 found out me.
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Benediction

Postlude

Daniel and Michelle Williams live in Woodsboro, but are originally from Jacksonville, Florida. They graduated from high school together, but didn't start dating until Daniel was nearing the end of his time in the Navy and Michelle was about to finish college with her teaching degree. They got married in 2008 and have two children, Lillian (9 years old) and Keegan (7 years old). Daniel is a police officer in Montgomery County, and is an avid road cyclist. Michelle homeschools their children and tutors for their co-op. Lillian enjoys playing soccer, reading and working on 1000-piece puzzles. Keegan enjoys building with LEGO, drawing and reading Calvin and Hobbes comics. They are grateful for the relationships they have already made at New Hope and are looking forward to developing more.

—— **To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain** ——

Philippians 1:18-26

1. To Live is Christ

2. To Die is Gain

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Dawn & Dave Myers as they grieve the loss of Dawn's mother. Pray particularly for them as this death comes so quickly on the heels of her father's death. Pray that they will find comfort trusting in God's goodness and His care and love from them.
- Pray for Tyler and Hannah Beck as they grieve the loss of Tyler's father. Pray that the Lord will bring them comfort in the midst of this difficult time.
- Continue to be praying for Orion Nichols as he recovers from surgery. Pray that he will be able to mouth feed soon so that he can go home.
- Pray for the board of trustees as they meet this coming week. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom and guidance to them as they serve the church and work on the 2022 budget.
- Give thanks that God has continued to provide for all of our needs in so many ways.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up folks to help do all the ministry at New Hope that needs to be done. Pray that He will give wisdom to the leadership to know best how to prioritize ministry.
- Pray for the men who are training to be deacons. Pray that the Lord would use this training to equip them and that God would confirm their calling.
- Pray for the leaders in our country at the federal, state, and local levels. Pray that those who lead will be servants first, leading with all humility, making decisions for the greater and godly good of those they oversee.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Dawn Myers, Phyllis Brinson, Scott Innes, 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.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month — Child Evangelism Fellowship. Pray for this mission who seeks to bring the gospel into the public schools to give hope to those who may not know the Lord. Give thanks for schools that welcome the Good News Clubs into their midst.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he moves toward mission work in East Asia. Pray that the Lord would provide for all of his needs and give him wisdom and guidance in his plans. Pray for his fundraising efforts as he hopes to leave in February.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates to Know:

- **Missions Presentation**, Sunday, October 17th, 6:30 pm, Luke Hake presenting more information about missions work he will be doing in East Asia.
- **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study**, 10:00 am in classroom 3 in the main building.
- **Wednesday Night Dinner, Bible Study, & Youth Group**
 - 6:00 pm, pizza dinner
 - 6:30-7:30, adult study
 - 6:30-7:30, lay deacon training
 - 6:30-8:00, youth group
- **Youth Retreat**, October 22-24 for middle and high school students. We will leave this coming Friday at 2pm and 4:30pm from the New Hope building, and come back prior to Sunday morning worship service. Please pray for God's blessing on this weekend! Bruce's number was listed incorrectly, but his correct number is 574.780.6482

Nominations for Elder & Deacon, if you know of someone whom you would like to nominate for Elder or Deacon, please fill out a nomination form that can be found on the welcome table. Please make sure to talk to the person you want to nominate first before officially doing so.

Luke Hake Missions Presentation, join us for an hour on TONIGHT, October 17th, at 6:30 pm as Luke Hake presents the missions work he will be doing in East Asia while enjoying some dessert! You are invited to bring a dessert to share.

Nursery Coordinator Position, we are currently looking to hire a nursery coordinator for our nursery here at New Hope. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact Giny in the office for a job description THIS WEEK. This is the last week it will be advertised. This is a paid position.

Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, October 21! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm-ish at Truth & Beauty (Carroll Creek Way, Frederick). RSVP for dinner to Elease Layman at elease.layman@gmail.com or 301.767.6848 by Wednesday, October 20. There is no scheduled dessert this month, but feel free to text Elease that evening to see if we've migrated somewhere post-dinner if you want to join us later!

Letter from the Edification Team, The edification committee and volunteer teachers of New Hope are working as quickly and safely as possible to reestablish various ministries and programs that were thriving before COVID. This approach requires some time and phases as we identify safe measures, and organize a largely new group of volunteers. To that

end, we intend to start Children's Church again in January, 2022. We know that delay has been tough for some, and we'd like to offer you encouragement. To those with small children, we hope you feel the love our church body has for your family, including your bouncy little ones. Please don't be afraid to bring them to the service during this time, and perhaps use this opportunity to teach your children a little more about the corporate worship of the church family. To those without small children, we encourage you to show your love for families and the children by sitting nearby, helping parents wherever you can, and exhibiting loving patience when needed. We are a family, and we love each member and want them to worship our Risen Savior with us. Children's Church is an important ministry and we can't wait to have it running again, but in the meantime we hope everyone can worship our Lord together by loving each other well.

Welcoming Team, we are in the process of reorganizing our usher and greeter teams and need some more individuals to join in! If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Gingy at admin@newhopeopc.org.

Church E-mail List, every week New Hope sends out informational emails to the congregation; one on Wednesday and one on Friday. If you are not on this list and would like to be contact the administrative assistant, Gingy, in the office at admin@newhopeopc.org

Annual Reports, due to the church office by November 30th!

Serving Today (10/17):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Dave Myers, Mary Troxel
- Nursery (Worship service): Joli Chism, Hannah Vidal, Samantha VanDelden
- Sound: Jim Washburne
- Livestream: Craig Lalley

Serving Next Week (10/24):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Betsy Lalley, Amy Wright
- Nursery (Worship service): Karl Koops, Dawn Myers, Jessie VanDelden
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Moses Vidal

DAILY DEVOTION

Philippians 2:5-8 — ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, 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.** ⁸**And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Westminster Confession 32.1. The bodies of men, after death, return to dust, and see corruption: but their souls, which neither die nor sleep, having an immortal subsistence, immediately return to God who gave them: the souls of the righteous, being then made perfect in holiness, are received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God, in light and glory, waiting for the full redemption of their bodies. And the souls of the wicked are cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness, reserved to the judgment of the great day. Beside these two places, for souls separated from their bodies, the Scripture acknowledges none.

Monday: Phil 1:21. Consider how others you know would answer “to live is...” What does the evidence of your own life answer? Paul says the reason for his existence is Christ. How does Gal 2:20 help understand that? How have you seen Paul live this in 1:13, 14, 20, 3:8-9? How can you grow more consistently in this resolution?

Tuesday: Phil 1:21. How does American culture view death? How do you view your death? What if it was tomorrow? How can Paul view death as gain (e.g. v 23, 1 Cor 15:53-55, Lk 23:43, Rev 21:1-3, 1 Jn 3:2)? How does this challenge, comfort, and embolden you?

Wednesday: Phil 1:21-23. The resurrection can be seen as a nice consolation after losing life. We might say “death is a reality, but life is better by far!” Paul is the opposite: “to die is gain, I am hard pressed between the two, to depart is better by far.” How does v 23’s “to be with Christ” explain that (3:8, 10, 14, 20-21, 4:19, Col 3:1-4, Eph 3:16-19)? Using these texts, ask the Spirit to draw your affections to Christ.

Thursday: Phil 1:21-24. Since our death is to be left in God’s hands, Paul too expects to remain longer. What does that mean for Paul (v 22)? How does this explain part of v 20’s “honor Christ in my body”? Do you view your time here as a time for fruitful labor? How can you be fruitful in the place God has put you, whether it is a major or minor role (e.g. 1:27f, 2:12f, 14, 4:8-9, Col 3:12-17)?

Friday: According to Phil 1:24-25, what three things does Paul aim to produce in the church? How has the church’s ministry increased each of these in your own life? What has been most effective in producing progress, joy, and Christ-exaltation for you -revitalize those things. How can you work to advance these things in others?

Saturday: Phil 1:27-30. How is our manner of life to be a response to the gospel of Christ?