

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

October 31, 2021

Reflections

Humility embraces the reality that I am not God.

~John Piper

Within the body of Christ we seek greatness by serving others. Our direction must be fundamentally other-centered. We must consider the needs and interests of others with the utmost attention, with an eye to denying our own desires if it means benefitting another.

~Ligonier Ministries

If we assume the best of other people in the church, we will find ourselves more readily surrendering our own rights in order to serve them. If we assume the worst, we will find it nearly impossible to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

~ R. C. Spoul

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 34:1-3 (in unison)

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

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.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — 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)

Confession of Sin — 1 Peter 3:8-12

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit...

Song of Response — A Mighty Fortress

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Offering* — John 3:16: ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**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 2:1-4

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do 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.

Sermon — Unity, Humility, Charity

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — I Will Boast in the Cross (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

Unity, Humility, Charity

Philippians 2:1-4

1. Every Encouragement (vs 1)

2. Blossoming Church (vs 2-4)

Unity (vs 2)

Humility (vs 3)

Charity (vs 4)

Closing Song — I Will Boast in the Cross

God did not call us because we were wise,
Or gifted with riches and might.
His chosen ones are the weak in this world,
Who hope in his all saving name,
That he might receive all the praise.

*So I will boast in the cross of Christ
And I will glory in Jesus and his sacrifice.
I will boast in the cross of Christ.
It is the power, it is the wisdom of God
And my great ransom, the cross of Christ.*

Great is the myst'ry of God's sovereign ways
That flow from the depths of his grace.
That he would give up his one precious Son
To bear all the cost of my sin,
Is a wonder I can't comprehend.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Muriel & John Hadidian as they grieve the loss of their daughter in law, Cindy. Pray that the Lord would bring comfort to John and Muriel, their son John, and John & Cindy's children during this very difficult time.
- Pray for Kim Hanlin as she grieves the loss of her father this past week. Pray that she will find comfort in trusting God's goodness and His love for her.
- Pray that we will be a congregation of people who consider one another more significant than our self, doing nothing from selfish ambition or conceit. Pray that we will be marked by our humility as we care for each other.
- Pray that our elders will be men who are servant leaders, who love and protect the flock, and are committed to prayer and the study of God's word. Pray that they will be strengthened to carry out their calling.
- 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.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Tyler Beck, Dawn Myers, Phyllis Brinson, Scott Innes, Joan Johansen, John & Dana Bishoff, Barbara & Charles Ruch, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Jen Bridenbaugh, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, 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 honorable political leaders in upcoming Frederick County, Frederick City and Maryland State election; godly men and women of good will, to model upright moral conviction, honor and respect; for corruption to be exposed and truth, justice and righteousness to be exalted.
- Pray for CareNet Pregnancy Center as they serve those in Frederick with unplanned pregnancies. Pray that their clients will be open to the gospel and receive the abundant life God offers.

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. Pray particularly for Phill and Susie Michael as they lead this ministry in the Frederick area.
- 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:

- **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study**, 10:00 am in classroom 3 in the main building.
- **Wednesday Youth Group**, 6:00-8:00 pm in C6, Oct. 27th
- **Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study**, Oct 27th, 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Work Day**, Saturday, Nov. 6th, 9:00 am until noon.

Welcome and Get to Know You Lunch, Are you new to New Hope? Did you begin attending New Hope close to the start of the pandemic or within the last year and a half? Are you a long-time attender but have a desire to meet new people and make them feel welcome? If so, then this lunch is for you!

- Sun 11/7 after church
- RSVPs required as it will be fully catered and we need an accurate headcount to plan.
- RSVP by 11/1/21 to Monica Laird via phone/text to 410 963-6522 or email monlaird@gmail.com.

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.

Women's Christmas Party, Ladies, mark your calendars for the New Hope Ladies' Restful Christmas party on Friday, December 17 at 7PM at Joli Chism's house. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (bake one if that's restful for you; buy one if that's restful for you) and a gift for the white elephant exchange if it's restful for you to participate.

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

Lost and Found, please take a moment to check the lost and found table and the **Book Table** to see if there is anything that is yours (lost and found) or something you'd like to take home for your library (book table). **After this week, these items will be going to new homes.**

Work Day, please set aside Saturday, November 6th from 9:00 am until noon for a work day at the church. We will take down the tent and do general maintenance during this time. Please let Gingy know if you plan to attend.

Nursery Volunteers/ Children's Church Volunteers, as we settle into (somewhat) normalcy and our Sunday ministries are settling in, we need to ask for some volunteers to help staff the nursery during the worship service. Also, we will be restarting the children's church ministry in January and need volunteers to teach and assist for those classes. If you are able to volunteer for either of these, please contact Amy Wright (amy.r.dewit@gmail.com) or Michelle Williams

(michelleadshade@gmail.com) or Gingy in the office
(admin@newhopeopc.org)

Prayer Chain, we are thankful for Kathy Koops' willingness to serve as the new coordinator of the Prayer Chain for New Hope. If you would like to be included in the Prayer Chain email list, please email Kathy at koopskj@gmail.com.

Serving Today (10/31):

- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Katie Poortenga, Laura Vandelden
- Nursery (Worship service): Ann Burden, Dawn Myers, Aria Chism
- Sound: Ed Wright
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

Serving Next Week (11/7):

- Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Lora & Amy Washburne,
- Nursery (Sunday school hour): Gingy Socash, Dennis Caruso
- Nursery (Worship service): Kathy Koops, David & Chalice Chism
- Sound: Kim Hanlin
- Livestream: Jim Washburne

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:9-10 — ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Heidelberg Catechism 55: What do you understand by “the communion of saints”? *First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members.*

Monday: Phil 2:1. What encouragement or strengthening do you (and the church) have due to union with Christ (e.g. Eph 1:3-8)? How does God’s love affect you (Rom 8:39, Jn 13:1)? How have you experienced and seen the Spirit’s work in you and the saints around you? What effect does “any” have? How does all this shared stuff shape your view of your fellow believers/church members?

Tuesday: Phil 2:1-2. What is the main command in v 2? How does it flow out of v 1? How does the church’s unity reflect the Triune God’s unity (Jn 17:11)? What “one mind” or joint purpose is to squash rivalry and conceit (1:20, 21, 27)? In Christ we *are* united -how can you express that even while disagreeing strongly with someone?

Wednesday: Phil 2:1-3. What is the main command in v 3? How does v 1, together with a deep sense of our unworthiness of v 1, produce such humility? You are not the standard of Christian living -who is (2:6-7)? Pray for a deeper concern for others, both in attitude and action.

Thursday: Meditate on how Rom 15:1-6 explains Phil 2:4. How does God’s grace to you (Phil 2:1) set a pattern for you to follow with others? How would such an attitude change how and what you say today? If the whole church adopted this attitude, what do you think would be different, especially in our fractured times? Where can you make one small change that would demonstrate Christian charity to another member?

Friday: Phil 2:1-4. Paul charges the Philippians to “fill up/complete his joy.” How would a united, humble, charitable church bring great joy to any leader? What brings Paul most joy (1:4-5, 18, 3:8f, 4:4)? Meditate on v 1 so that your joy in Jesus deepens. Seek ways to help others, and yourself to think and act more humbly, charitably, and unitedly.

Saturday: Phil 2:5-11. How does seeing Jesus in these verses move you to love your fellow saints better?