

WELCOME!



Worship ~ 10:30 am

# Morning Worship

December 19, 2021

## Reflections

*God's goal for his people, in every generation, is that having rescued them, they might serve him without fear in holiness and in justice.*

*~ Alistair Begg*

*If the goal of God's redemption is to be achieved—the gathering of a people who are fearless and righteous—then he must conquer fear and conquer unrighteousness. And the good news of Zechariah's song—the good news of Christmas—is that God has raised up a horn of salvation. Jesus is the great ox-horn of salvation for all those who call upon him and trust him. Satan may be a roaring lion seeking someone to devour, but none of those who take refuge in Christ, the horn of our salvation, can he destroy.*

*~ John Piper*

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome/ Mission Moment

#### Call to Worship — Isaiah 54:1-11 (responsive)

<sup>1</sup>“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor!

**For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD.**

<sup>2</sup>“**Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords  
and strengthen your stakes.**

<sup>3</sup>For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,  
and your offspring will possess the nations  
and will people the desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup>“**Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your  
widowhood you will remember no more.**

<sup>5</sup>For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name;  
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD has called you  
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,  
like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.**

<sup>7</sup>For a brief moment I deserted you,

but with great compassion I will gather you.

<sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you,  
**but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,"**  
**says the LORD, your Redeemer.**


<sup>9</sup> "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth,  
so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

<sup>10</sup> **For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,**  
**but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,**  
**and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"**  
**says the LORD, who has compassion on you.**


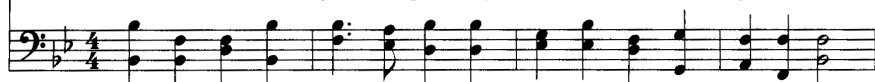
<sup>11</sup> "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted,  
behold, I will set your stones in antimony,  
and lay your foundations with sapphires.

## Prayer of Adoration



### Hymn of Praise — Angels from the Realms of Glory




1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend- ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais- ing God the Fa - ther, Spir- it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



## **Song of Praise — Hope of the Ages**

The prophets had glimpsed and the angels had watched with awe  
The unfolding plans of our faithful, redeeming God  
What they longed for we have seen  
What was promised we believe

Chorus

*Hope of the Ages, Isaiah's great light*  
*Abraham's offspring*  
*Blessing of Jacob, Judah's might*  
*Hope of the Ages, David's true Son*  
*Desire of nations, promised salvation*  
*God with us*

The vision once clouded has now to our hearts appeared  
Once shrouded in myst'ry, redemption has been made clear  
Our Messiah now has come  
Word made Flesh, the saving One

Bridge

All hail the One now revealed to the world  
In Bethlehem born to a young virgin girl  
Lamb without blemish yet cruelly betrayed  
Who cried, "It is finished!" and rose from the grave  
The Father's great gift and the proof of His love  
Hope of the Ages, our God here with us

## **Confession of Sin — Isaiah 1:18**

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

## **Assurance of Pardon — Malachi 4:2**

<sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

# Songs of Response

## O Come, All You, Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful,  
Come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone  
O come, barren and waiting ones,  
Weary of praying, come  
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken,  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love  
O come, guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run,  
see what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you*

He's the Lamb who was given, Slain  
for our pardon  
His promise is peace,  
for those who believe  
He's the Lamb who was given, Slain  
for our pardon.  
His promise is peace, for those who  
believe

So come, though you have nothing.  
Come, He is the offering.  
Come, see what your  
God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you  
Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you*

## His Mercy More

What love could remember no  
wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing,  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more

### CHORUS

*Praise the Lord,  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness,  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more*

What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender,  
is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest,  
the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more (chorus)

What riches of kindness  
he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment,  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford  
Our sins they are many,  
His mercy is more (chorus)

**Offering\*** — Deuteronomy 8:18 <sup>18</sup>You shall remember the LORD your God,  
for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant  
that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

*\*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 — Luke 1:57-80

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup> but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” <sup>61</sup> And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup> And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup> And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup> And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup> And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup> and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

## Sermon — Powerful to Deliver

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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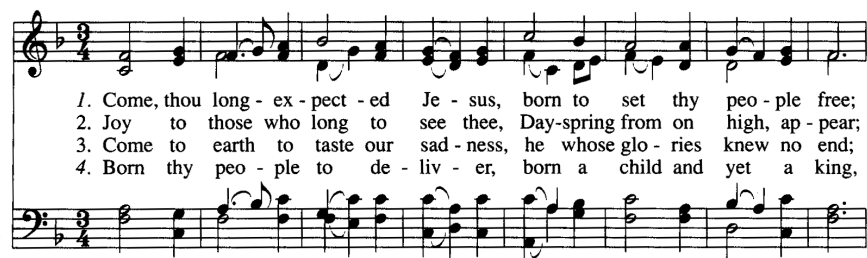
# **Powerful to Deliver**

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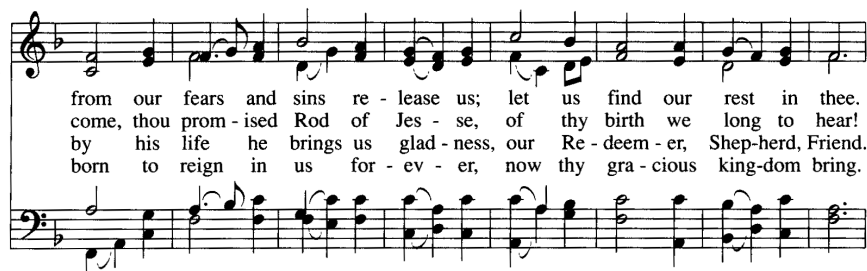
Luke 1:57-80

1. The Powerful King Born (vs 69-70)
2. The Powerful Enemies Broken (vs 71, 74)
3. The Powerful Freedom Birthed (vs 74, 75)

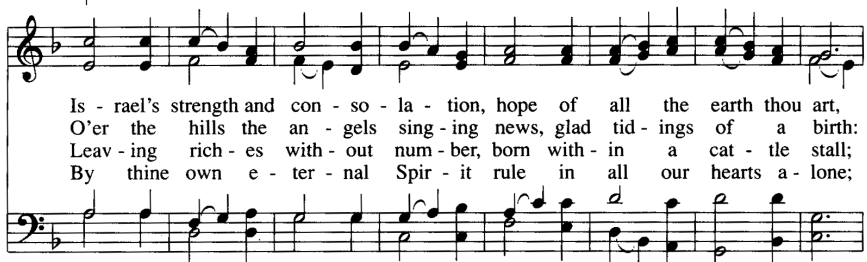
# Closing Song — Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## Benediction

## Postlude



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December is a Resting Month!** December is our first resting month -a month where we pause most of our ministries to recharge physically, rebuild relationally (neighbors, and the Lord), and relational outreach to those in our circles. We encourage you to find creative ways to do this, and commend Isaiah 9 as a great passage to meditate on Immanuel this month.

## **Important Dates to Know:**

- **Christmas Eve Service**, Friday, Dec 24th at 7:00 pm at New Hope.
- **Sunday School Resumes**, Sunday, January 9th, 2022
- **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, January 30th, 2022, immediately following the worship service (details will be forthcoming)
- **Children's Church begins**, Sunday, January 9th, 2022 (details will be forthcoming)

**2021 Donation Deadline** - Please note the following deadlines for donations to New Hope to be counted toward the 2021 tax year:

*Cash* must be received in the offering bucket on any Sunday through 12/26/2021 and must be in an envelope with your name and contact information marked in order to be recorded on your donor contribution statement. Mailing cash is not advised.

*Checks* must be properly dated (no later than 12/31/2021). They can be put in the offering basket on any Sunday through 12/26/2021 or mailed to the church with a postmark of no later than 12/31/2021 *and* received by 1/7/2022. Mailed checks received after 1/7/2022 will be recorded for tax year 2022, regardless of check date, unless there is a clear postmark of 12/31/2021 or earlier.

*PayPal Donations* must be processed no later than 11:59pm ET on 12/31/2021.

Contribution statements for 2021 will be provided no later than 1/31/2022. If you have any questions, please contact Elise Layman at [treasurer@newhopeopc.org](mailto:treasurer@newhopeopc.org).

**Frederick Rescue Mission, Cold Weather Needs drive**, in addition to filling stockings for the residents, they are in need of cold weather items. What items are needed? Gloves (adult sized), hand warmers, chap stick. There will be a box by the large stocking through Christmas for any donations that are given.

**Young Couples & Singles Ministry**, meeting monthly on the first Saturday of the month at the home of David & Joli Chism at 5:30 pm. Text David (301.401.7890) or Joli (301.712.8222) for directions or to RSVP. Feel

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free to bring a friend. This is for young adults (singles) and young married couples (no kids).

### **Serving Today (12/219):**

- Welcome Team: Cath & Katrina Howard, Wayne Greenfield
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Kim Hanlin, Jacob Mendez, Talia Poortenga, Kathy Koops
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Jim Washburne

### **Serving Next Week (12/26):**

- Welcome Team: Jim Washburne, Ron Oakes, Valory Snyder, Moses Vidal
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Monica Laird, Lauren Burden, Jack Socash, Annie Kim
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

### ***Outreach Opportunities!***

As we look to being more mindful of grabbing opportunities to share the gospel with friends, family, neighbors, and the community, the outreach committee wants to make known opportunities available to you. Check them out when they're published and consider ways that YOU can use your gifts to share the good news!

### **Ideas from Folks in the Congregation**

- Make Christmas cookies and take them to your neighbors to greet them and foster relationship with them.
- Christmas carol to neighbors with friends.

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family that they would have hearts of rest and peace.
- Give thanks for the men who serve as elders at New Hope. Pray that God will continue to sustain them and strengthen them for the work He has given them.
- Praise God that He has given us His son, Jesus, who is our horn of salvation and in whom we can call upon and trust. Praise Him that we can serve Him without fear and in holiness knowing that Satan, although a roaring lion, has already been defeated.
- Pray for those who serve in our military and for reformed chaplains, in particular. Pray for protection and for strengthening of their faith as they serve our country.
- Pray for those who struggle with loneliness or sadness during the holiday season. Pray that we will be mindful of those around us and look for ways to care for those who are struggling.
- Pray for Jyl Mixon who is expecting a new little one. Pray for the continued health and safety of both mom and baby.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: the Nichols family, Tyler Beck, Phyllis Brinson, Scott Innes, 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 opportunities to share our faith with people we come into contact with and for the boldness and humbleness to take advantage of what God puts in our way. Pray that we will have a heart for evangelism and a desire to share the gospel with their neighbors.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month — the Frederick Rescue Mission who serves the Frederick area by providing warm meals, clothing, food and other basics to those who are in need while offering hope by sharing the love of Christ. Pray for those who have no where to go for Christmas and the holiday season. Pray that the volunteers at the Rescue Mission will be able to share Christ's love with them and true hope.
- Pray for the missionaries that we support from our midst: Kristen Lalley in Europe, Claire Hall in Scotland, and Luke Hake heading to east Asia. Give thanks that the Lord has called these folks to serve Him overseas by sharing the gospel with those who don't know Him.

## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — Isaiah 9:6 <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Monday:** Lk 1:68-71. What does the horn in v 69 communicate (Deut 33:17)? Consider what “horn of salvation” means based on 2 Sam 22:1-3. How is Jesus powerful? How did he display that power in his life (Mt 4:4ff, Mk 5:9, 15, Jn 11:43, Mt 26:27)? Do you think of Jesus as powerful, the ox’s horns, at Christmas? How would this perspective affect your prayers?

**Tuesday:** Lk 1:69-71, 74. What were some of Israel’s enemies in the OT? What was at least part of their expectation of a Messiah (Acts 1:6, John 17:33-36)? How do vv 75-79 show that Zechariah is thinking of spiritual deliverance/enemies? How has Jesus powerfully defeated Satan (Heb 2:14, Gen 3:15, Rom 8:1, 1 Cor 15:54-57)? Live out of this truth today.

**Wednesday:** Lk 1:69-71, 74. How has Jesus delivered you from the dominion of sin? Take a specific sin of yours and trace it condemning and enslaving power. How has Jesus freed you from that, and granted you fuller life? Consider Rom 6:11, 17, 22. What confidence and fighting-faith does this give you? By the Holy Spirit’s power you can say no to sin, and resist temptation (1 Cor 10:13). Pray for this, and fight for it today.

**Thursday:** Read Luke 1:68-74 and Acts 4:24-30. How has Christ already saved and delivered us from our enemies (see also Col 1:13). How does that give confidence in the battle against sin? How has he not yet delivered us from our enemies? How does that give courage and comfort when sinned against or in trial? Why can we serve God fearlessly now (v 74)? Where do you need to remember that?

**Friday:** Read Luke 1:68-75. What is the purpose for which God kept his covenant? Write down the three biggest areas you need to grow in holiness and righteousness. Read Eph 4:20-24 and note the “put off” and “put on” contrast. Write down the three biggest areas you need to be holier/more righteous. What are you to put off, and what are you put on? How does Luke 1:68-79 motivate you to do this?

**Saturday:** Read Luke 2:8-20. Pray that your heart resonates with the angels’ song and the shepherds’ response.