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

## **Morning Worship**

January 16, 2022

## Reflections

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built ~ Thomas Kelly from hymn Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

You will win. You will fight, and you will see your flesh crumble. It is God's pleasure not only to rescue you from hell, but to glorify you with Christ by making you like him. You will see through your flesh's most deadly deception. You will turn your eyes away from its most appealing idols. And you will grow in self-discipline and courage. But this is no time to puff out your chest. It's Christ's blood, tenderness, and mercy on you. It's his Spirit's power filling you every step of the way. In every victory lift your hands to heaven and give thanks—rejoice with a grateful heart in your Deliverer. He is faithful. ~ Kris Lundgaard

It is unbought love. . . . You have no cause to boast. He loved you, because he loved you—for nothing. O what a black soul wast thou, when Christ set his love upon thee! ~Robert Murray M'Cheyne

**Approach to God** 

### Prelude

### Welcome

#### **Call to Worship** — Isaiah 25:1, 6-9 (responsive)

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## **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**

#### Songs of Praise Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (echo) From the depths of the sea (echo) From the heights of the heavens (echo) Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak *(echo)* From the shouts of the strong *(echo)* From the lips of all people *(echo)* This song we raise Lord...

Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises, Lord most high... Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation, Lord most high, we magnify.

#### Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks You paint the evening sky with wonders The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea All nature testifies Your splendor

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord Sing His greatness, all creation, Praise the Lord Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths From furthest east to west Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed You formed us in Your very likeness To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds To join the everlasting chorus (chorus)

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out All heaven hear the sound of worship Let every nation bring its honors to the King A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord Sing His greatness, all creation Praise the Lord Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths From furthest east to west, you distant burning stars All creatures near and far from sky to sea to shore, Sing out forevermore, let everything that has breath, praise the Lord

## Confession of Sin — Galatians 5:1-6

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup>Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup>I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

#### Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:1-6

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

## Songs of Response — 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.

## **Congregational Prayer**

**Offering**<sup>\*</sup> — Ecclesiastes 5:10<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.

\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.

Children ages 4-6 may be dismissed to Children's Church at this time.

#### **Sermon Text** — Philippians 3:1-3

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

<sup>2</sup>Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

**Sermon** — The Real Circumcision

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

**Closing Song** — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

# **The Real Circumcision**

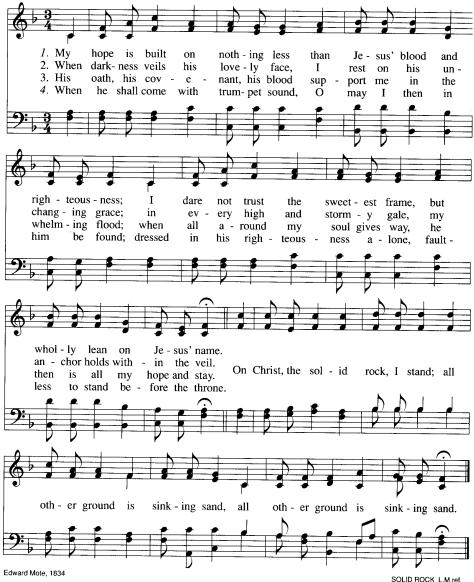
Philippians 3:1-3

1. Joy in Jesus (vs 1)

2. Cutting off Joy (vs 2)

3. Confident Joy (vs 3)

## Closing Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



SOLID ROCK L.M.ref. William B. Bradbury, 1863

#### **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks for the men who serve as leaders in our church. Pray that the Lord would continue to give them wisdom, strength, humility, and servant hearts.
- Pray for Kim Hanlin's daughter, Nicole, who undergoes heart surgery at the end of the month. Pray for skillfulness for the surgeon, a quick recovery, and that her children would not be anxious during this time.
- Give thanks that we are God's children, bought and paid for with a price. Pray that we will not put any confidence in our own flesh but rest secure knowing that the blood of Jesus gives us His righteousness alone.
- Pray for the Sunday school trimester that began today. Pray for the teachers who are giving of their time and talents to serve the church. Pray for good health, for joy in their time teaching, and that they will be able to convey well the truths of the scripture.
- Pray for Jyl Mixon and Alanna Duvall who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the continued health and safety of both moms and babies.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: Kyle Graf, Joan Johansen, Tim Wesolek, Karl Koops, 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 the gospel with those we come into contact with and for a boldness to act upon the opportunities!

#### Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month reformed Chaplains in the US military. Pray that these men would represent the faith, the Chaplaincy, and the military well and be faithful in prayer and service. Pray, too, for their wives and children, that God would fill them with His peace as they serve through all the difficulties of Chaplain ministry while growing ever closer to their Lord and Savior.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he looks ahead to his service in east Asia. Pray that the Lord would quickly provide for all of his needs and will make a way for him to leave sometime soon.
- Pray for Claire Hall in Merkinch, Scotland. Pray that the Lord would continue to uphold her during difficult times and that, in the Lord's strength, see the Church as He sees it: His beloved bride.
- Pray for Kristen who is ministering faithfully in Europe. Pray particularly for wisdom and love in conversations she has with those who need pastoral care.

#### Important Dates to Know:

- Wednesday Women's Bible study, every Wednesday morning, 10:00-11:30 am, in room C8 (office area). All women are invited.
- Wednesday Night Youth group, meeting in C6, 6:00-8:00 pm
- Men's Ministry, viewing and discussion of "Dust to Glory," every Saturday from 8-10 am.
- Ladies' Night Out, Thursday, Jan. 20th at Silver Diner, 6:00pm (ish)
- **Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, January 30th, at 3:00 pm via zoom. Stay tuned for details!
- Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, January 20! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pmish at Silver Diner (Buckeystown Pike, Frederick). RSVP for dinner to Elease Layman at <u>elease.layman@gmail.com</u> or 301.767.6848 by Wednesday, January 19. There is no scheduled dessert this month, but we may linger longer at the restaurant and get dessert there if you want to join us later!
- Sunday School begins TODAY! Sunday school for all ages begins today, January 9th, with a great group of teachers and class options. Please take a look at what classes are open for you and your child(ren) and where they are:
  - Pre-school/Pre-K (Room 105): Lauren Mendez, Katie Martin, Katrina Howard
  - K-2nd Grade (Room 123): Gail Millison, Elisa Godoy
  - 3rd-5th Grade (Room 102): Amy Wright, Dawn Myers
  - Middle school (6th-8th) (Room 103): Joel Poortenga, Kyle Graf
  - High School (sanctuary): Joining with adults for New Members class
  - Adult Classes
    - New Members/Inquirer's Class, taught by Pastor Francis in the sanctuary
    - "A Lifestyle of Outreach\*," taught by Steve Hake & Ann Burden in the overflow room
- **Children's Church begins TODAY!** After the congregational prayer, kids will be dismissed to Children's Church (Room 102). At the end of the service, please pick you your children from their classroom.
- \*Lifestyle of Outreach, this Sunday school class will be offered to adult for the winter trimester. Here is a description of the class from elder Steve Hake: This class will NOT be a lecture class in which Ann and I teach you how to do evangelism. Nor will we be reading and discussing a book about evangelism. This class is designed for two types of people:
  - $\Rightarrow$  New Hopers who enjoy evangelism and are good at it. We would all like to hear from you and learn as much as we can from you.

⇒ New Hopers who want to reach out, but are NOT good at it, or don't have a clue what it might even look like.

This class will give us an opportunity to learn from each other, to encourage each other, and to pray for each other and our unbelieving friends.

#### Serving Today (01/16):

- Welcome Team: Sue Bridenbaugh, Dustin Mixon (early team), Dan Bull, Jackie Plowman (late team)
- Sunday School Nursery: Kim Hanlin, Gingy Socash
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Steve Hake, Man and Cora Kim, Dawn Myers (infant)
- Children's Church: Annie Kim, Megan Quist, Liesl Boyed
- Sound: Ed Wright
- Livestream: Lance Duvall

#### Serving Next Week (01/23):

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Cath & Katrina Howard, (Late Team) Brian & Ann Burden
- Sunday School Nursery: Mary Troxel, Dave Myers
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Jim Auldridge, Karl Koops, Jessie VanDelden, Lauren Mendez (infant)
- Children's Church: Gingy Socash, Dennis Caruso, Chalice Chism
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Jim Washburne

#### Outreach Opportunities!

**Table Ministry**, From the rescue mission: "We need volunteers who have a heart for Jesus and would share the Gospel and pray with our guests who come in to eat breakfast and lunch. Volunteers introduce themselves to the guests, sit with them, listen to them, get to know them, offer prayer and share Jesus with them." Anyone interested can contact: Carolyn Chandler, Volunteer Coordinator 301-695-6633 ext. 221 <u>cchandler@therescuemission.org</u>

**Memory Text**— **Philippians 2:14-15** <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

**Westminster Confession 18.2** — This certainty [of salvation] is not a bare conjectural and probable persuasion grounded upon a fallible hope; but an infallible assurance of faith founded upon the divine truth of the promises of salvation, the inward evidence of those graces unto which these promises are made, the testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God, which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance, whereby we are sealed to the day of redemption.

**Monday:** Phil 3:1. What is the difference between happiness and Christian joy? What is the source, and the foundation of our joy (e.g. Phil 3:9, Rom 8:32f, 39, 15-17)? To what do you typically attach your joy? How can you better obey this imperative to "rejoice in the Lord"?

**Tuesday**: Phil 3:1-2. How is the warning in v 2 a call to protect your joy? What did these false teachers teach (Acts 15:1, Gal 2:12, 14)? How does this cut off Jesus' complete penalty paying on the cross, and his perfect obedience (see Gal 5:2)? What happens to our confidence and our assurance if we make (or add) anything other than Jesus the ground for our salvation? Stand today on Christ alone and rejoice in him!

**Wednesday:** Phil 3:2. "The dogs" were those outside of God's people. "The evil-doers" were those who did the law but to earn God's favor. "The mutilators" were those who made circumcision and rites a "must" for salvation. What other religions have performance as a must to be right with God? What Christian groups/churches teach something more than faith alone to be right with God? What ads have you heard that promote a self-salvation? Where in your heart to you see the seeds of this performance or merit? Pray for all the above.

**Thursday:** Phil 3:3. According to the following verses, to what did circumcision point: Gen 17:10-14, Deut 30:6, Rom 4:11, Gal 3:29, Rom 2:27-29? How does Jesus' finished work, and faith in Jesus fulfill all those texts? Do you believe in Jesus? Do you believe he has fully paid for all your sins? Do you believe he has granted you his righteous life? How will you respond with praise, and with obedience?

**Friday:** Phil 3:3. To be "the real circumcision" is to worship by the Spirit, or, to be indwelt by the Spirit and a partaker of the "new creation" (2 Cor 5:17, Jn 6:63). To whom does the Spirit point you (Jn 14:26)? Of what does he convince you (Jn 16:8, Gal 4:6, Rom 12:1)? Pray that the Spirit convinces you more deeply of Jesus' beauty and work and provoke you to a greater obedience.

**Saturday:** Phil 3:3. How does "put no confidence in the flesh" explain "glory in Christ Jesus" by way of contrast? What confidence in your standing, accomplishments, or abilities to you need to let go of? How does confidence in Jesus alone promote joy?