

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

Morning Worship

February 6, 2022

Reflections

A right understanding of the gospel always leads to a changed life. We might cringe at this, from either a pious humility or an honest assessment of the poverty of our example." ~The Trellis and the Vine

Is there any meaning in my life that the inevitable death awaiting me does not destroy?
~ C.S. Lewis

"I have learned many lessons over the years. I have listened to countless tragedies. Of one thing I am certain: unless we are gripped by the truths of the Cross of Christ in our own hearts and lives, the hope and power of the Cross will not pass from us to others. We cannot give what we do not have. May love and obedience to the Son of Man so govern our personal lives that he can through us bring his life to this ruined planet.

~ Dr. Diane Langberg

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

The Heavenly Citizen's Cry — Revelation 7:9-12

(responsive)

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Hymn of Praise — Holy, Holy, Holy



Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Come Thou Fount

Come Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy Grace Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some
melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope,
By thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor; Daily I'm constrained to be Let Thy goodness like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above

His Mercy is 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)

Heavenly Citizen's Identity — Exodus 19:2-6

There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you

shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

The Heavenly Citizen's Walk — The 10 Commandments (responsive reading from the Law & the words of Jesus)

Leader: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Leader: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

People: God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

People: "Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool. . . . Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes', and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

Leader: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

People: The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Leader: Honor your father and your mother.

People: For God said, "Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death."

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery ... theft These are what make a man "unclean."

Leader: You shall not give false testimony.

People: For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. . . . For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Leader: You shall not covet.

People: Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Song of Response — Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Whoever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I Am The King of glory and of grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

Congregational Prayer

Offering* — Proverbs 19:17: ¹⁷Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

*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 3:17-21

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Sermon — Walk Like Heaven's Citizens

~ 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 — Jesus, Thank You (page 9)

Benediction

Postlude

Walk like Heaven's Citizens -

Philippians 3:17-21
1. Exemplary Walking (17)
2. Earthly Walking (18)
3. A Devastating End (19)

4. A Glorious end (20-21)

Closing Song — Jesus, Thank You

The mystr'y of the cross I cannot comprehend The agonies of Calvary You the perfect holy One crushed Your Son Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus thank You The Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus thank You Once Your enemy now seated at Your table Jesus thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near Your enemy You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace Your mercy and kindness know no end.

Lover of my soul I want to live for you. (3X)

Serving Today (02/06):

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Mary Troxel, Monte Festog, (Late Team) Jim & Lora Washburne
- Sunday School Nursery: Laura VanDelden, Katie Poortenga
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Meg Quist, David & Chalice Chism, Joy Nichols (infant)
- Children's Church: Amy Wright, Natalie Bohannon, Jack Socash
- Sound: Kim Hanlin
- Livestream: Moses Vidal

Serving Next Week (02/13):

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Mary Troxel, Ron Oakes, (Late Team) Jeff & Kim Jernigan
- Sunday School Nursery: Ron Socash, Emily Jernigan
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Amy Wright, Kim Hanlin, Jack Socash, Meg Quist (infant)
- Children's Church: Annie Kim, John & Josie O'Shea
- Sound: Jim Washburne
- Livestream: Lance Duvall, John Godov

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that New Hope would be a healthy and loving church where people can come and hear the gospel through the preaching of God's word.
 Pray that we live as citizens of heaven, striving toward the goal. Pray that the Lord would protect the body from the arrows of the evil one.
- Pray for the men that serve as elders here at New Hope. Pray for continued wisdom, strength to carry out their calling, and hearts of service for the flock. Give thanks for their diligent work and their humble spirit as they give of their time for New Hope.
- Pray for the men that are training to be deacons. Pray that the Lord would make their calling clear during the training process and that He would give them wisdom and understanding.
- Give thanks for those who serve the church on Sundays so that we can all worship well.
- Pray for Alanna Duvall 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: Kyle Graf, Joan Johansen, Phyllis Brinson, Scott Innes, Barbara & Charles Ruch, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Jen Bridenbaugh, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, the Wright family, Bill Wright, Ron Oakes, 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.
- Give thanks for the opportunities to love folks in the community through serving breakfast at the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray that the care and service of the people who made breakfast this week will help to water gospel seeds in the lives of those who attended.
- 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 missionary of the month, Luke Hake, who will be serving in east Asia with Global Serve. Pray that God begins to soften the hearts of the people Luke's team will be working among — that God would begin to show them the emptiness of their current worldview and beliefs (Islam).
- Pray for Claire Hall and Kristen Lalley as they serve the Lord in their respective areas of Europe. Pray for God's sustaining grace in their lives as they live and work among the people and work to build relationships so that they can share the Good News.
- Pray for the OPC missionaries that are in harm's way in foreign countries. Pray that the Lord would protect them, give wisdom and guidance, and help them to be bold in their witness and love for the unbeliever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Dinner & Bible study, beginning at 6:00 pm with pizza, followed by study for all ages, and ending at 7:30 pm.
 - Youth group meeting in C6, 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Lay Deacons training, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Men's Ministry, viewing and discussion of "Dust to Glory," every Saturday from 8-10 am.
- Men's Ministry, This Tuesday, February 8, will be the monthly Men's Wing Night at Buffalo Wild Wings in North Frederick. Come out and join us and bring a friend or neighbor. We'll begin around 6:15 PM for a time of fellowship and special-priced wings with other men from the church. Call David Porter at (301) 461-4195 with any questions.'
- Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, February 17! We're doing something a little different this month and will have both dinner and dessert at the home of our hostess, Gingy Socash (591 Over Ridge Dr., Frederick). The fun starts at 6:30pm, and you are welcome to BYOB! If you can join us, RSVP to Elease Layman at elease.layman@gmail.com or 301.767.6848 by Wednesday, February 16.
- Note from Session, Dear Congregation, We are thankful that all of the judicial matters at Presbytery are now finished, and we are eager to be able to focus more fully on the normal ministry and life of the church! After the judicial questions were decided, our Presbytery voted to proceed with some efforts to help all parties move forward. One of these motions was to have the Presbytery Visitation Committee speak to those who have been hurt or distressed by the conflict we have been through. Here is their invitation:

The Visitation Committee of the PMA would like to make ourselves available to the members of New Hope church. We know the past year has been a challenging time for you with charges, an appeal, and the losses, distrust, and perplexity that so often attend such a situation. If you would like to meet with us, we would be happy to talk to you and help you process this struggle, and we could pray with and encourage you as you seek to continue growing in your walk with the Lord. If you would like this, please contact Pastor Tom Martin [knoxpastor@verizon.net] and/or Peter Lee [vossian1@hotmail.com]. May the Lord bless you all as you find comfort in His abundant grace.

....that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection..." Phil. 3:10

~ Peter Lee, and Tom Martin

The elders of New Hope are grateful for this committee, and we pray it will be a blessing to those who would benefit from it.

Sincerely,

The New Hope Session

Outreach Opportunities!

 Consider volunteering with one of the ministries that we support financially — the Frederick Rescue Mission, CareNet Pregnancy Center, or Child Evangelism. Contact Gingy in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) and she will give you contact information for each ministry.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — **Philippians 3:12** ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

Heidelberg Catechism 52 What comfort is it to you that "Christ shall come again to judge the living and the dead?" That in all my sorrows and persecutions, with uplifted head I look for the very same person, who before offered himself for my sake, to the tribunal of God, and has removed all curse from me, to come as judge from heaven: who shall cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but shall translate me with all his chosen ones to himself, into heavenly joys and glory.

Monday: Phil 3:17. Paul calls the church to imitate him. In what things do you think we are to imitate him (3:8, 10, 12-14, 1:27)? Pinpoint areas where you need to grow in following his attitude/action. In what way should you be able to say "follow my example" (1 Cor 11:1, 1 Tim 4:12)? In what places could you justifiably say "follow me in this"?

Tuesday: Phil 3:17-18. What two "walks" does Paul contrast in 3:17-18? What does he mean by "walk as enemies of the cross of Christ" (v 19, Jude 4, 7, Rom 1:24-32)? Consider Paul's crying out/grief over them in relation to the Philippian's temptation, their own spiritual danger, and the glory of God. Which "walk" are you on? Flee from sin to Christ, and watch out for such influence/temptation.

Wednesday: Phil 3:19. Paul reveals the result of the path of the enemies of the cross (see Rom 6:20-23, 2 Pet 2:14-18). Spell out what each of the four elements mean. Where do you see these things lived out in culture? Pray for the lost. Where do you see them reflected in your own life? Repent of this. Go to Christ, who is the complete opposite of each of these four elements (e.g. Phil 2:5-11, Heb 12:1-3, Mt 4:4).

Thursday: Phil 3:20. How does v 20 contrast with v 19? If your citizenship is not American, but "Heaven," how does that shape your attitudes, goals, priorities, words, and actions? "Awaiting a Savior from there" is one of the most significant markers of such a citizenship. Do you love him? Are you growing to know him, and be found in him? He strengthens you unto that so pray for the Spirit's help (Phil 3:8-9, 12-13).

Friday: Phil 3:21. What evidence do you see that our bodies are "lowly" or "humble"? What will Christ make them at the resurrection (1 Cor 15:25ff)? How do these truths keep us from worshipping our bodies, but also cause us to treat them with dignity and honor? Are you these things? Paul means for this glorious body to be a motivation unto holiness. How (cf Rom 8:23-25, 6:13-14)?

Saturday: Phil 4:1-3. Drawing from Philippians, what counsel would you give Euodia and Syntyche?