

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

February 20, 2022

Reflections

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
~ Isaiah 26:3

“The fellowship of being near unto God must become reality, in the full and vigorous prosecution of our life. It must permeate and give color to our feeling, our perceptions, our sensations, our thinking, our imagining, our willing, our acting, our speaking. It must not stand as a foreign factor in our life, but it must be the passion that breathes throughout our whole existence.”

~ Abraham Kuyper

*These inward trials I design, from sin and self to set thee free
To break thy schemes for earthly joy, that thou may'st find thy all in Me.*

~ John Newton

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 34:1-8, 15-18 (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!**

⁴ **I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

- 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 17 **When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.**
- 18 **The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Hymn of Praise — Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
• e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

Prayer of Adoration

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.

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

Songs of Praise

Confession of Sin — Psalm 32:1-4

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 32:5-11 (responsive)

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.

⁷ **You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

¹¹ **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Songs of Response — Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached, And we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, To freedom from our sin.

Chorus: *Oh sing my soul, And tell all He's done,
 Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!*

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Lord.
His power in us is greater than, Is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
That all who see Him shine through us
Might bring the Father praise. (chorus)

Lift high the name of Jesus, Of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, Can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see, the harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace, as He leads sinners home. (chorus)

Congregational Prayer

Offering* — Hebrews 13:5 — ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**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 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon — God’s Nearness Brightens and Lightens

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Philippians 4:4-7

1. God's Nearness (vs 5)
2. The Brightened Believer (vs 4-5)
3. The Lightened Believer (vs6-7)

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

F B \flat F 7 B \flat Gm B \flat F C F

1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he passed, and we
3. His Word shall not fail you— he prom - ised; be - lieve him and

Am C 7 F B \flat F

dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the
fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no more hath do -
all will be well: then go to a world that is

G 7 C F G 7 B 7 C G 7 C

Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!
min - ion— for more than con - qu'rors we are!
dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Closing Hymn — Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus, look full in his
 won - der - ful face; and the things of earth will grow
 strange - ly dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for His many gifts to us, for His continual provision, for His love, and for His presence with us.
- Pray that we fight anxiety when it comes, and turn to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving. Give thanks for the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.
- Pray that Pastor Francis will grow in his leadership and that his family will have opportunity to reach out well to their neighbors.
- Pray for the upcoming board of trustees meeting. Give thanks for the new trustees who are serving. Pray that God will prosper the work that they do.
- Give thanks that Orion Nichols is doing well and is at home.
- 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.
- 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.
- Pray particularly for CareNet Pregnancy center as they minister to those in the community who are dealing with unplanned pregnancies. Pray that the Lord would provide all that they need and that they would have many volunteers help with this important ministry.
- 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 would help Luke to be faithful in big and small decisions: that he would keep his eyes fixed on Christ, throw off sin, and run the race with perseverance.
- Pray for the work Claire Hall is doing in Merkinch, Scotland. Pray particularly for the folks that she spends time with: pray that she will be able to share the gospel well them. Pray for continued strength for her, too.
- Pray for Kristen in Europe as she looks for ways to minister to people in her community. Pray for the church that she is involved with that they will build good connections with local businesses and the many refugees who live in the area.

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**, for all ages. Meet at 6:00 pm for pizza followed by the study from 6:30-7:30
 - 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.

Serving Today (02/13):

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Mary Troxel, Marc Quist, (Late Team) Mark & Joy Nichols
- Sunday School Nursery: Laura VanDelden, Steve Ochs
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Jacob Mendez, Diana Neeriemer, Kaylee Auldrige, Kathy Koops (infant)
- Children's Church: Brian Burden, Hannah Vidal, Samantha VanDelden
- Sound: Craig Lalley
- Livestream: Jim Washburne

Serving Next Week (02/27):

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Mary Troxel, Dan Bull, (Late Team) Laura Caruso, Sue Bridenbaugh
- Sunday School Nursery: Giny Socash, Lauren Mendez
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Josie O'Shea, Cath Howard, Audrey Kim, Annie Kim (infant)
- Children's Church: Steve Ochs, Ann Burden, Jessie VanDelden
- Sound: Ed Wright
- Livestream: Lance Duvall, Isaac Wright

Outreach Opportunities!

- The Literacy Council of Frederick County is seeking volunteers who are interested in being trained as tutors for our one-to-one/small group tutoring program, and for those with teaching experience or experience working with English Language Learners to lead our English as a Second Language classes. This would be a great opportunity to be in the community and meet folks that don't know the Lord. Contact Giny (admin@newhopeopc.org) for more information.
- CareNet Pregnancy Center is in need of baby room donations, client advocates, and class mentors. If you have questions about how to maybe meet these needs, you can contact Giny (admin@newhopeopc.org) or Colleen Homan (chomon315@gmail.com)

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Philippians 4:5 ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵**Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand...**

Westminster Confession 21.3 Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one special part of religious worship, is by God required of all men: and, that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of His Spirit, according to His will, with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love and perseverance; and, if vocal, in a known tongue.

Monday: Phil 4:4-5. In what two senses can “The Lord is near” be taken (Mt 28:20, James 5:8)? How do both of these give reason for joy even in conflict, or difficult circumstances? Bend these truths to you own circumstances and pray that God will spring open joy in your heart despite difficulties. Pray this for others too.

Tuesday: Phil 4:5. Reasonableness is forbearing spirit, courtesy, gentleness. What frame of mind does conflict or difficulty usually leave you in? How does Christ’s example (2:2-8), his nearness by the Spirit (Gal 5:22-24), and his imminent return (1 Pet 4:7) help you think and respond with more reasonableness and courtesy? Where can you apply this this week?

Wednesday: Phil 4:6. What sorts of things give you anxiety, over-concern, and fretting? How does God’s nearness help lighten your load (Ps 34:1-2, 18, Mt 6:32)? What does God charge us to do with these burdens? Why does it say about God when we pray with thanksgiving and with requests? How important does Paul think prayer is? How important do you think it is? How can you align your practice with your belief? Pray about these verses.

Thursday: Phil 4:7. Why do our hearts and minds need a garrison (guard) to protect them? How does difficulty challenge and tempt your heart and mind? How strong and powerful is this peace of God (Jn 20:19, 21, Rom 16:20)? What can this peace-making God do with sinners (Rom 5:1)? In Euodia and Syntyche? In anxious times? Rehearse a time when God gave you peace when circumstances argued for freaking out. Share that story with someone.

Friday: Read the following passages. As you read them, reflect on them before God in prayer -with thanks, and with requests. Phil 4:4-7, Col 3:15-17, James 5:8-9, Titus 3:2-5, Ps 55:22, Is 26:3.

Saturday: Read Phil 4:8-9. Contrast the God of peace with the peace of God in 4:8. Pray for tomorrow’s worship service.