

WELCOME!



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

# Morning Worship

February 27, 2022

## Reflections

*"Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings.  
It is the Lord Who rises with healing in His wings:  
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain."*

~ William Cowper

*"The Heavenly City outshines Rome beyond comparison. There, instead of victory, is truth; instead of high rank, holiness; instead of peace, felicity; instead of life, eternity,"*  
~ Augustine, City of God

*The gospel of peace is the pair of sandals with studs that enables the Christian to put his feet down and stand firm in battle. Like Luther, the Christian says, "Here I stand", or like Paul, he says, "Stand fast in the faith" (1 Corinthians 16:13).*

*The best way to stand up to the devil is to have the clearest possible understanding of the gospel and to experience gospel peace that passes all understanding through the blood of Christ. Our identity, comfort, and stability depend on knowing the gospel intellectually and experientially. Then you can look Satan in the eye, and say, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" You can say with assurance that "the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly" (Romans 16:20).*

~Joel Beeke

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome — Ministry Moment from Session

### Call to Worship — Psalm 24:3-10 (responsive)

<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.**

<sup>5</sup>He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

that the King of glory may come in.  
<sup>10</sup> **Who is this King of glory?**  
**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

## Prayer of Adoration

### Songs of Praise

#### Glorious and Mighty

Majesty, Your glory is shining  
Brighter than the moon  
and the stars.  
Marveling, we honor and fear You  
Above all gods.

*Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty  
Joyful songs we raise.  
Glorious and mighty,  
You're awesome in beauty  
Greatly to be praised*

Majesty, You fashioned  
the heavens,  
Your decrees can never be  
changed.  
Over all the plans of the nations  
Your judgments reign. (CHORUS)

Majesty, we'll sing with creation  
When You come again  
in the clouds.  
Every knee will bow down  
and worship  
The one true God. (CHORUS)

#### Isaiah 53

No majesty or beauty,  
He came to dwell with the lowly  
Man of sorrows, despised, rejected;  
as one from whom men  
hide their faces  
Despised and we  
esteemed Him not

#### CHORUS 1:

*Oh, He has come,  
look upon the One  
Jesus, Son of God, lifted up for us*

He bore our griefs and afflictions,  
pierced for our transgressions  
We like sheep have gone astray,  
each of us to his own way  
His punishment has brought  
us peace

#### CHORUS 2:

*Oh, He has come, look upon the  
One. Jesus, Son of God,  
lifted up for us  
Oh, see His love, Jesus,  
heaven's light  
No longer to be despised  
Glorious in our eyes*

Unto death He was stricken as-  
signed a grave with the wicked  
Raised to life and seated glorious  
Savior King, our God victorious  
Never more to die, He lives  
(chorus 2)

TAG: Oh, He has come.  
Oh, see His love

## **Assurance of Pardon — Titus 3:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

## **Confession of Sin — 2 Peter 1:3-8**

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Restoration to the Table: Scott Innes**

## Songs of Response

### Have Your Way With Me, O God

Have Your way with me, O God  
In the temple of my heart  
Let reverent love and holy awe  
Be lifted unto You  
The truth my inmost being claim  
Til sin and shadows flee away  
Teach my feet to love Your ways  
And run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord  
Sin's pleasures I cannot afford  
They left me destitute and poor  
Now all I want is Christ  
A passion for the gospel burns  
To love Your bride, the holy church  
Wash me with  
Your blood and Word  
Til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way  
I look to You for strength and faith  
I need Your presence  
and Your grace  
To persevere this hour  
Complete in me  
what You've begun  
Keep me by Your sovereign love  
In my weakness, Spirit, come  
And fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me  
You bled for all who would believe  
Let my life become a seed  
And give me grace to die  
Display through my  
surrendered life  
Your selfless love and sacrifice  
Until Your glory fills the sky  
Be praised and glorified

### Blessed Assurance

Come, Holy Spirit, my soul assure  
Relieve my fears that I no more  
May doubt the love of Christ for me  
That my debt is paid,  
that I've been made free  
O Comforter, in me reside  
When the tempter speaks  
be my faithful Guide  
Show Your promise is  
for me secured  
For the battle be  
my heavenly sword

#### CHORUS

*Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste  
of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit,  
washed in His blood*

Illumine me with the Savior's light  
To dispel my thoughts  
in the blackest night  
In darkest hour to my soul reveal  
The wounds which all  
my sorrows heal  
Impress that seal, His image leave  
And by Your pow'r to  
His grace I'll cleave  
Until faith be sight  
and prayer be praise  
When beholding Jesus face to face  
(chorus)

#### BRIDGE

This my story, this my song  
Born of Spirit, washed in Blood  
This my story, this my song  
In my Savior I belong

# Congregational Prayer

**Offering\*** — Acts 20:35 <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

*\*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.*

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

## **Sermon Text — Philippians 4:8-9**

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

<sup>8</sup>**Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

## **Sermon — Think the Good**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## **Closing Hymn — Trust and Obey**

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# Think the Good

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Philippians 4:8-9

1. The Good

2. Thinking the Good

3. Practicing the Good

# Closing Hymn — Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word,  
 2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
 3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
 4. But we never can prove the delights of his love  
 5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,

what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will,  
 but his smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt or a fear,  
 • but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief nor a loss,  
 un - til all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows,  
 or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do,

he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and o - bey.  
 • not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey.  
 and the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
 where he sends we will go, nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way

to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.



# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Praise God for His pursuit of faithfulness to Scott Innes.
- Pray for an end to the conflict that is happening in Ukraine.
- Give thanks that New Hope has an opportunity to have an intern this summer. Pray for the Lord's wisdom as this is pursued.
- Praise God for His continued provision for us. Pray for generous and joyful giving from the congregation as we obey the Lord through our tithes and offerings.
- Pray that the Lord would give us hearts and minds that, as we are being changed and renewed each day, are always dwelling on and practicing the good!
- Pray for the men that are training to be deacons. Pray that the Lord will make their calling sure and that He will give them wisdom, clarity, and a heart of service.
- Pray for those we serve in the military — particularly the reformed chaplains and soldiers. Pray for protection as they serve both the country and the Lord.
- 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: David Mills, Tim Wesolek, Kyle Graf, Phyllis Brinson, Barbara & Charles Ruch, 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 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 that his finances would come to total fruition soon to enable him to begin his ministry.
- Pray for the work of Global Gates as they care for the refugees from Afghanistan.
- Pray for the missionaries of the OPC as many minister in dangerous areas. Pray that the Lord would protect and keep them well.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Important Dates to Know:**

- **Session Meeting**, 7:00 pm at the church
- **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 & Pizza**, Meet at 6:00 pm for pizza in C6, followed by Bible study and concluding at 8:00 pm
- **Men's Ministry**, viewing and discussion of "Dust to Glory," every Saturday from 8-10 am.

## **Serving Today (02/27):**

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Mary Troxel, Dan Bull, (Late Team) Laura Caruso, Sue Bridenbaugh
- Sunday School Nursery: Gingly Socash, Betsy Lalley
- 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: Craig Lalley
- Livestream: Lance Duvall, Isaac Wright

## **Serving Next Week (03/06):**

- Welcome Team: (Early Team) Ron & Gingly Socash, (Late Team) Valory Snyder, Moses Vidal, Calvin Wright
- Sunday School Nursery: Mary Troxel, Steve Hake
- Toddler & Infant Nursery (Worship service): Ronnie Socash, Man & Cora Kim, Ann Burden (infant)
- Children's Church: Annie Kim, Gingly Socash, Dennis Caruso
- Sound: Lance Duvall
- Livestream: Joel Chism

## ***Outreach Opportunities!***

- 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 Gingly (admin@newhopeopc.org) or Colleen Homan (chomon315@gmail.com)

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text — Philippians 4:6** <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**Westminster Confession 20.1** The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the Gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, and condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and... their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. But, under the New Testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in... greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

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**Monday:** Phil 4:8-9. What command is found in v 8? Why does it come before the “practice” of v 9? Consider the priority God gives to thinking (Eph 4:23, Luke 10:27, Rom 12:2, 1 Pet 1:13). How does right thinking lead to right living? Apply that to Phil 1:27. How are you feeding your mind, growing in right thinking? Who can you partner with in that?

**Tuesday:** Phil 4:8. You are to set your mind on whatever is true. Where do you find objective truth? What does this say about your relationship with the Word? Where do you tend to hide, shade, or ignore the truth (about yourself, your sin, the Word)? What are the results of that? How do we take part in what God is doing when we deal in truth (e.g. change, Eph 4:15; freedom, Jn 8:32)?

**Wednesday:** Phil 4:8. Honorable: that which has inherent weight, value, significance. Pure: that which is untainted, clean, chaste. You might say “see people and things from God’s perspective and purposes.” How do these two “think highers” challenge you? Christ has purified you, cleansed you, even as he is pure. So practice thinking these thoughts today. Actively call them to mind.

**Thursday:** Phil 4:8. Dwell on the lovely. Do you slow down to notice beauty? In the beautiful we are to see the beauty of its Designer/Giver. How does seeing God’s design and gift of beauty move you from taking and using beauty to sacrificing for and protecting it? We ultimately see each of these “whatevers” in the Word, and in Christ. Ponder how Christ is each of the whatevers, and praise him for it.

**Friday:** Phil 4:9. Think The Good to live for God. How does v 9 make that case? Which of these whatevers do you ‘example’ well? Which do you need most growth in? Pray for change. Determine to practice “New thinking leading to renewed action.” Who can help you with it, and whom can you help?

**Saturday:** Read Philippians 4:10-13. What do you think Paul means by “all things” in v 13? Pray for the service tomorrow.

Dear New Hope Family,

A few weeks ago John Clifford contacted us and asked if he could do an internship this summer at New Hope. You may remember him because he preached for us twice when Francis had Covid. Although an internship was not on our radar (or in our budget), we thought it might be in God's plans. So we read his bio (see abbreviated version below, full one was attached to Friday News) and resume, and met with John last Sunday to get to know him better and see if it was wise to move forward. We are all enthused about this opportunity, and so we wanted to bring it to you. We think this internship is a great way to train John, bless him and his wife Rachel (and four young ones), and build the broader church. We also think New Hope will be well served by his gifts, and encouraged by the internship.

We would like to move ahead with this, but want to hear from you on it. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply think it's a great idea, we'd love to hear from you. You can talk to or email any elder, or email the session ([clerk@newhopeopc.org](mailto:clerk@newhopeopc.org)). If we move forward with this, we could really use your help in finding a place for him (family of 6) to live from June through August.

For the Session,  
Pastor Francis



*John Clifford, a native of South Africa, has over 10 years of experience in international missions, educational leadership and operations administration. He served as Field Coordinator and Missionary within Frontline Fellowship and the first Dean of the William Carey Bible Institute. In addition, he led missions throughout Africa, ran worldview boot camps, oversaw all communications with African contacts, planned and executed all events, and served as administrator of the organization. John holds a Bachelor of Theology from the South African School of Theology and is currently pursuing his Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) in the DC area. He is married to Rachel (a western Loudoun native), and they currently live in Hamilton with their four children.*

*p.s. a full bio was attached in the Friday News*