

WELCOME!



Worship ~ 10:30 am

Morning Worship

April 24, 2022

Reflections

“The Lord records as he registers the peoples, “This one was born there. Selah. Singers and dancers alike say, “All my springs are in you.””

~ Psalm 87:6–7

What is needed today for a recovery of evangelistic zeal in the church is the same apostolic conviction about the gospel. Once we are sure that the gospel is both truth from God and riches for mankind, nobody will be able to silence us.

~ John R.W. Stott

A right view of God as holy and merciful is the only foundation for genuine evangelical repentance. His holiness grounds its necessity; his grace and mercy ground its possibility.

~ Sinclair Ferguson

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 12:2, 5-6 (responsive)

² “Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”**

⁵ “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ **Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”**

Prayer of Adoration

Praise

Songs of Praise

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the LORD,
all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us
and we are his.
We are his people,
the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and praise,
Praise his name.
For the LORD is good
And his love endures forever;
His faithfulness
continues through all
Through all generations

Immortal Invisible

Immortal, You are not like a man
That you change Your mind
Or change Your plan
Invisible, our human eyes can't see
The depths of Your majesty

Chorus:

*You're the God of forever
and ever amen
The alpha, omega,
beginning and end
We sing Hallelujah
We worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God*

Immortal, You are not
bound by death
You're the living God,
my very breath
Invisible You are not
bound by space
But Your glory is filling this place
Yes Your glory is filling this place
(Chorus)

Immortal yet You once died for me,
To pay my debt to set me free
Invisible You will not always be
'Cause You're coming
to reign as our king
And the saints will fall down
at Your feet
(Chorus)

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We worship in awe
Immortal, invisible God
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Confession of Sin — Hebrews 3:12-15

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, *“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”*

Silent Prayer of Confession**Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 2 (responsive)**

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

**²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,**

**³“Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”**

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

**⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,**

**⁶“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

⁷I will tell of the decree:

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.**

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.**

**¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Responsive in Song

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King,
reigning over all
So I will not fear
for this truth remains:
That my God is
the Ancient of Days

Chorus

*None above Him,
none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall
remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is
the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure
and He knows my name
For my God is
the Ancient of Days (chorus)

Though I may not see
what the future brings
I will watch and wait
for the Savior King
Then my joy complete
standing face to face
In the presence
of the Ancient of Days (chorus)

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

Congregational Prayer

Offering* — Mark 10:23 ²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

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

Sermon Text — Acts 4:23-31

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

““Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Sermon — God is Big so Speak Boldly

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

God is Big so Speak Boldly

Acts 4:23-31

Closing Song — Jesus Shall Reign

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

Based on Psalm 72
 Isaac Watts, 1719

DUKE STREET L.M.
 John Hatton, 1793

Benediction

Postlude

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that we will continue to be a church that is committed to preaching and speaking the truths of the gospel knowing that our God is big and good!
- Pray for our session as they lead the church. Pray for wisdom, hearts of service, and love for the flock.
- Pray for the upcoming Sunday school trimester that begins May 1st. Pray for the Sunday school teachers and for all that is involved. Pray that there will be much gospel fruit from the teaching of God's word.
- Pray that we will be a people who are looking for ways to minister to our neighbors, co-workers, and family who do not know the Lord. Pray for opportunity to share the gospel and for wisdom for what to say.
- Praise God for Michelle Williams and her oversight of the children's church program. Pray that she will be blessed in her work and enjoy the fruit of her labors.
- Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for Heero Haquebord, OPC missionary in Ukraine, in particular. Pray that he and his family and church will care well for the people from all over the country who are coming to L'viv for refuge.
- Pray for Alanna Duvall, Liesl Boyed, and Ellen Kennedy 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: David Mills, Tim Wesolek, Phyllis Brinson, Barbara & Charles Ruch, the Wright family, Jen Bridenbaugh, Christopher Burden, the Vidal family, Bill Wright, 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 peace and unity in our communities as we struggle with many difficult things and division. Pray that the churches will be committed to the truths of the scripture and that hearts and minds will be changed.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake, as he begins his service to the Lord in East Asia. Pray for his continued safety, trust in the Lord, and joy in the work he has been called to. Pray that the Lord would provide for all of his needs in this new environment.
- Pray for Kristen and Claire Hall who are serving the Lord in Europe. Pray for their continued dedication to their calling, for strength to do all the day-to-day ministry that need to do, and for joy in their work. Pray that many will come to a saving knowledge of the Lord through their ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Email List and Mailboxes, if you would like to be included in the church's email list (Friday News) or need a mailbox, please contact Gingy at admin@newhopeopc.org. The Friday News comes out weekly and contains pertinent information, a digital copy of the bulletin, and a list of the songs that will be sung in the worship service.

Women's Bible Study, the last 3 weeks of April (April 13, 20, 27) the Women's Wednesday morning Bible study group will not be meeting for Bible study but will be using that time to visit folks in the congregation. Contact Jackie Plowman (plowjack72@gmail.com) for details.

Young Adults Food and Fellowship Night, Saturday, May 14th at 6:00 pm at the Chism home. Contact David (david.chism@hey.com) or Joli (jolichism@hey.com) for details.

End of Resting Month, this is the last week of April and the end of the resting month. We begin May 1st with Sunday school, children's church and all other regular church activities.

Upcoming Sunday School Trimester information, we will begin the next Sunday school trimester on May 1st. Here is the information about it!:

- PS-PK, room 105, Annie Kim & Liesl Boyed
- K-2nd grade, room 123, Laura VanDelden & Emily Jernigan
- 3rd-5th, room 102, Amy Wright & Dawn Myers
- Middle School, room 103, Benny Boyed & Joel Poortenga
- High School, C6, Pastor Francis
- Adult Classes:
 - "For the Body*" taught by Dave Myers: sanctuary
 - Video Series on the book of Deuteronomy* taught by John Jastrzembki: conference room

***Adult Sunday School descriptions**, as we begin Sunday school next week, here are the offerings for the adult classes:

- John Jastrzembki will lead a study through the book of Deuteronomy, based on Dr. Robert Godfrey's Deuteronomy video series. Many Christians are surprised to learn that Deuteronomy is one of the most frequently quoted books in the New Testament. Why did Jesus and the Apostles teach from it so often, and what can you gain from reading it today? Dr. W. Robert Godfrey connects the land, laws, and leaders of Deuteronomy to the Christian life. At first glance, this ancient book may seem irrelevant. But take a closer look, and you'll discover how it points to the Savior and helps prepare your heart for Him.

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- Dave Myers will lead the class through “For the Body.” The human body is an amazing gift, yet today, many people downplay its importance and fail to understand what Christianity teaches about our bodies and their God-given purposes. We misunderstand how the body was designed, its role in relating to others, and lack awareness of the dangers of objectifying the body, divorcing it from its intended purpose. In *For the Body*, author Timothy Tennent looks at what it means to be created in the image of God and how our bodies serve as icons that illuminate God’s purposes. Tennent examines topics like marriage, family, singleness, and friendship, and he looks at how the human body has been objectified in art and media today. He also offers a framework for discipling people today in a Christian theology of the body.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Laura VanDelden, Calvin Wright, Monte Festog
Toddler Nursery:	Johanna Homon, Diana Neeriemer, Jack Socash
Infant Nursery:	Mary Troxel
Children’s Church:	No Children’s Church
Sound:	Ed Wright
Live Stream:	Isaac Wright

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team:	Brian & Ann Burden (early team); Mark & Joy Nichols (late team)
Nursery:	Steve Ochs, Lauren Mendez

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery:	Annie Kim, David & Haley Chism
Infant Nursery:	Monica Laird
Children’s Church:	Katrina Howard, Dennis Caruso, Elsie Hake
Sound:	Lance Duvall
Live Stream:	John Godoy

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text— Psalm 2:11 ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Westminster Confession 3.1 “Of God’s Eternal Decree.” God from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of His own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures; nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

Monday: Acts 4:23. Why were Peter and John imprisoned (Acts 4:1-22)? What had they said to Peter and John? What sorts of temptations would you face in that situation? What might you be thinking about God? What does the church do (v 24)? How should trials, troubles, and struggle turn us to God? Is that your habit? Do so now.

Tuesday: Acts 4:24. Compare the beginning of this prayer with Is 37:16-20 and Neh 9:6. How does the fact that God is sovereign help when we’re persecuted or perplexed, weak or scared? What does the church’s focus on God as Creator in v 24 help them in this situation? What is the practical application of God as Creator for you?

Wednesday: Acts 4:25-27. What are some of the many sources of fear, abuse of power and might around you? Is God thrown off, or undone by any of these power-houses raging? How does the fact that he prophesied it in Ps 2 make any difference? Read Ps 2:4-9. How does this hearted you, and strengthen you? How might it have freed the early church to keep speaking the gospel boldly?

Thursday: Acts 4:27-28. What were the results of Herod et al’s ragings (Acts 2:13-15)? According to v 28 did this surprise God? How does God’s decree, and his predestining all things actually serve to comfort and fortify you in troubled times (Acts 2:22-24/Eph 1:11; Gen 50:20, Rom 8:28, 35-39)? Actively trust this/Him.

Friday: Acts 4:29-30-31. For what three things does the church actually ask? How does God answer them? Why should we ask God for more of the Spirit (Lk 11:13, Gal 5:22-23)? The result of the prayer was Spirit-empowered boldness to keep speaking God’s Word. Pray for that same thing for yourself and New Hope. Look for and take the opportunities as they come.

Saturday: Read Isaiah 1:1-10. Why was God displeased with Israel?