

WELCOME!



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

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We are pleased that you are coming to worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church. In order to serve you well, please:

- ***Visit our Welcome Table***
- ***ESV Bibles are available on the welcome table for use during the service***
- ***Turn off the ringer on your electronic devices***
- ***Nursery is available for children up to age 4***
- ***Children's Church is available during the sermon (suggested ages 4-6)***
- ***Large Print bulletins available upon request***
- ***Children's bulletins available at the Welcome Table***
- ***Please fill out a gray visitor card if you are visiting and place it in the offering box***

Vision of New Hope Presbyterian Church

New Hope Presbyterian Church
is a grace and gospel-centered fellowship
which exists to magnify Jesus Christ
in the areas of worship, fellowship and outreach.

Morning Worship

November 27, 2022

Reflections

Humility is the displacement of self and the enthronement of Christ. Humility means Christ is all and self is nothing. ~ T. A. Hegre

If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud . . . If you think you're not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed. ~ C. S. Lewis

The donkey awakened, his mind still savoring the afterglow of the most exciting day of his life. Never before had he felt such a rush of pleasure and pride. He walked into town and found a group of people by the well. "I'll show myself to them" he thought. But they didn't notice him. They went on drawing their water and paid him no mind. "Throw your garments down," he said crossly. "Don't you know who I am?" They just looked at him in amazement. Someone slapped him across the tail and ordered him to move. "Miserable heathens!" he muttered to himself. "I'll just go to the market where the good people are. They will remember me." But the same thing happened. No one paid any attention to the donkey as he strutted down the main street in front of the marketplace. "The palm branches! Where are the palm branches!" he shouted. "Yesterday, you threw palm branches!" Hurt and confused, the donkey returned home to his mother. "Foolish child," she said gently. "Don't you realize that without him, you are just an ordinary donkey?"

~ "Palm Monday Donkey," Wayne Rice

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Zechariah 9:9 (responsive)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Hymn of Praise — Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways; thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — Only a Holy God

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him, the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God (chorus x2)

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God (chorus x2)

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Jeremiah 17:9, Philippians 2:3-4, Romans 7:18-24

⁹The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on

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doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the*

dead;

*he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.*

From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;

*he communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

* 'he descended into hell': i.e. Christ suffered hellish agony on the cross

** by 'catholic': i.e. universal, worldwide

Offering* — 1 Chronicles 29:12 ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

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

Response in Song

He Who is Mighty

Oh, the mercy
our God has shown
To those who sit
in death's shadow
The sun on high
pierced the night
Born was the Cornerstone

PRE-CHORUS

*Unto us a Son is given,
unto us a Child is born*

CHORUS

*He Who is mighty
has done a great thing
Taken on flesh,
conquered death's sting
Shattered the darkness
and lifted our shame
Holy is His name*

Oh, the freedom our Savior won
The yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave, now by grace
No more condemnation

BRIDGE

Now my soul magnifies the Lord
I rejoice in the God Who saves
I will trust His unfailing love
I will sing His praises all my days

Cling to Christ

Father, I can come to You
And boast of deeds I've done
In my pride I strive to earn
The favor Christ has won
He alone pleads my acceptance
All my works aside
So I come with empty hands
And I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray
And battle needless fears
Voices tell me I'm condemned
And that I can't draw near
But Your Spirit calls me homeward
With Your words of life
Jesus bore my every sin
So, I cling to Christ

BRIDGE

*It's more than I can do
To keep my hold on You
But all my hope and peace
Is that You cling to me*

Father, all my earthly aims
In time will turn to dust
Let me learn that loss is gain
For those who know Your love
All the treasures of this world
Will never satisfy
You alone are endless joy
So, I cling to Christ

Congregational Prayer

Children's Church Dismissal — Children ages 4-5 may be dismissed to children's church at parents' discretion

Sermon Text — Isaiah 39

At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. ² And Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. And he showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory, all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them. ³ Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? And from where did they come to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon." ⁴ He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them."

⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: ⁶ Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD. ⁷ And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." ⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my days."

Sermon — The King Fails—God's Grace Prevails

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — Come People of the Risen King (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

—The King Fails—God's Grace Prevails —

Isaiah 39

1. The King Fails (vs 1-4)
2. The Exiles Travails (vs 5-8)
3. God's Grace Prevails

Closing Song — Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise,
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night,
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:
"Our God is all in all." (chorus)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Mary Troxel, Monte Festog (early team)
Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear (late team)
SS Nursery: Kim Jernigan, Steve Ochs

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Rachel Clifford, Katie Martin, Lilliam Williams
Infant Nursery: Joy Nichols
Children's Church: Michelle & Daniel Williams, Emma VanDelden
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Jim Washburne
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Cath & Katrina Howard, Calvin Wright
Toddler Nursery: Joel & Lorena Poortenga, Lauren Mendez
Infant Nursery: Ann Burden
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Sound: Ed Wright & Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today

Last Day of Sunday School, today is the last day of the Sunday school trimester. Thank a Sunday School teacher!

Wednesday

Ladies' Morning Bible Studies,

- 9:30-11:00 in sanctuary building, childcare provided, studying the book of Mark
- 10-11:30 in C8, studying 1-3 John

Dinner & Bible Study, meeting from 6-7:30 pm, pizza dinner at 6 followed by study for everyone at 6:30 pm

Youth Group, meeting from 6-8 pm in C6

Next Sunday

Sr. Growth Group, meeting after church in the overflow room

Children's Christmas Choir practice, see announcement page for details.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for the healthy birth of Rory Beck born to Hannah and Tyler Beck. Pray that she will grow to love the Lord early in her life and serve Him all her days..
- Pray that as we come to another resting month that we will be mindful of taking this time to be purposeful in our relationships and look for ways to minister to those around us.
- Give thanks for all of those who have served as Sunday school teachers this past trimester and the time, prayer, and energy they so willingly spent for the sake of the church body.
- Give thanks for Valory Snyder and her service as nursery coordinator. Pray that she will have joy in her work and will be blessed by the children under her car.
- Pray for Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Joan Johansen, Scott Innes, Joan Jernigan, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all struggling with health related difficulties either with themselves or with family members. Pray that God will give strength bear up under the strain.
- Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for peace and for the aggression to stop. Pray that the Lord would turn hearts toward Him so that true peace will reign.
- Pray for Jamie Lindsey who is expecting a new little one. Pray for continued health and safety of mom and baby.
- Continue to pray for those who are struggling: those who are suffering from the effects of abuse, are grieving the loss of loved ones, are suffering with dementia or other chronic illnesses, are fighting cancer, or any other difficult trial.

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 the upcoming Christmas Eve service and the outreach aspect of it. Pray that many will invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come hear the good news of Christ coming to earth to save His people.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our mission of the month, the OPC and its outward focused missions both domestically and abroad. Pray particularly for the generosity of God's people in the collection of the thank offering.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he serves in East Asia. Give thanks for a growing team of missionaries! Pray that they would have unity, humility, love, and wisdom as they work through how to meet together and function as a bigger group well and safely.
- Pray for Kristen Lalley as she serves the Lord in Europe and gives of her time and talents to bring the gospel to immigrants and unbelievers within her local community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Growth groups meeting this week and next:

- **Poortenga/Ochs group**, meeting after worship at the church.
- **VanDelden group**, meeting for a potluck at the VanDelden home at 5:30 pm
- **Shepherd's Watch group**, lead by Monte Festog at the Festog home will be meeting on Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm
- **Senior Growth Group**, meeting NEXT Sunday in the overflow room after the worship service.

Resting Month, December is a resting month which means that most typical weekly meeting, gatherings, Bible studies will not be meeting during this month. Congregants are encouraged to look for ways to renew and refresh their relationships with the Lord, their families, and other church members. See page 14 for some suggestions.

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve, Calling all New Hope children and youth who will be around on Christmas Eve! We are hoping to put together a children's choir to sing a song during the Christmas Eve service this year. Practices will be held after Sunday worship service in the sanctuary on December 4th, 11th, and 18th for about 20 minutes. If your child is interested, please let Hannah Graf know after service or text/email (240.506.6724 / hguerramusic@gmail.com).

Donations for Christmas Eve, we are planning to fill New Hope mugs with Christmas candy & an invitation to the Christmas Eve service to give out to neighbors, co-workers, etc. We are looking for donations of Christmas candy from the congregation. If you are able to donate pre-wrapped candy that could easily fit in a mug, please bring to church and place in the box that is in the foyer and labeled as such by NEXT Sunday, December 4th.

Training Children Room for during Worship, Dear Parents...If you need a room to help train your child during the worship service, there is a room with Livestream feed and chairs across from the Overflow Room. It's entitled "pastor's study." Feel free to use it!

Ladies' Christmas Party, December 9 at Kim Jernigan's home in Walkersville at 7:00 pm. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a wrapped gift worth \$10 if you want to participate in the gift exchange game.

High School Mission Trip, we are looking ahead to the summer of 2023 and the annual mission trip to the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. We need to put down a reservation deposit and need to have an idea of how many are interested in going. The week is July 8-15 and anyone in grade 8-12 is welcome to go. Please contact Ann Burden (annburd6656@gmail.com) or Gingy Socash (admin@newhopeopc.org) if you want more information or have any interest in going.

Outreach & Ideas for the Resting Month of December

From Pastor Francis: *Active rest takes planning. What follows are some ideas to prompt your thinking so that your resting month actually rebuilds you relationally, and refreshes you physically. **Do NOT do all these things** — that would be exhausting! Let me know what ideas and things you have done/plan to do!*

Rebuilding Relationally

With God

- find a way to utilize the Sunday school hour to grow closer to God
- plan to go through the daily devotions this month
- plan to memorize and meditate on 4 verses (one per week)
- prepare for worship each Saturday night with prayer and rest
- if you have children, spend time each week in the Word with them (you can go over the sermon using the daily devotions, explain a Psalm to them, or read through Westminster shorter catechism questions.
- commit to looking over your life for imbalances and disciplines you are weak in. write up a step by step plan to grow more faithful in it
- sing or listen to music Sunday morning
- read a book that will help you grow

With Church Members

- commit to staying in on Wednesday nights and have a family dinner, or have a few friends over for dinner
- plan to pray through the new church picture directory
- choose a book to discuss/work through with your spouse or a friend
- plan to meet someone in church you're not close to, or haven't talked to deeply for some time (maybe a walk in a park, or a simple dinner)
- plan to write/text someone to encourage/strengthen every week in April
- determine to be more truthful (in love) with those you were closest to
- ask someone to disciple you, or ask to disciple someone (you can go through a Bible book together, I'm happy to give you devotion questions of books I've preached through to guide you)

With Neighbors

- give that person who needs a nudge a nudge
- pray for your unbelieving neighbors
- make some kind of contact with your neighbors (invite over for a game?)
- find a creative way to serve or support a kingdom ministry
- go serve breakfast at the Rescue Mission

Refreshing Physically

- plan to surprise someone
- plan a fun outing
- plan to pay less attention to the news this month
- plan a fast from food in order to be prompted to prayer more
- plan a month of no social media, or TV
- think of someone who refreshes you and get together with them
- get outside for a walk, take pictures, bird watch, draw, or just enjoy the sunshine

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Isaiah 35:8

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

² it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart,
“Be strong; fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

**⁸ And a highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it.
It shall belong to those who walk on the way;
even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.**

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.