

WELCOME!



Worship ~ 10:30 am

# WELCOME!

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***

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## ***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

December 18, 2022

## Reflections

*Jesus is the son of Abraham. He is the fulfillment of all the promises of God to Abraham. He is the fulfillment of the substitution on Mount Moriah when that ram was caught in the thicket bush and substituted for Isaac. He is the ultimate one who would be substituted for the house of Israel.*

~J. Ligon Duncan

*Jesus Christ's story is told as a retelling of Israel's history and by extension the centuries long fulfillment of God's covenant to Abraham. The use of Jewish terminology and particularly "Kingdom of Heaven" directly convey that Jesus is the heir to David's throne whose kingdom which shall last forever (2 Samuel 7:16). Ultimately, Matthew's genealogy serves as the perfect transition between the narrow Jewish stream of salvation through one man, nation, people to the now overflowing river of salvation that will wash over the whole Gentile world through its culmination in Jesus Christ and His victorious work on the cross.*

~ Brett Yardley

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship — Jeremiah 33:14-16 (responsive)

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>**In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’**”

# Praise

## Hymn of Praise — While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid-ings brought an  
2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth-le-hem a  
3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall re-  
4. This gift of God we'll cher-ish well, that ev-er joy our

*f* REFRAIN *p* echo  
an-gel bright.  
child to-day. How great our joy! Great our joy!  
deem us all.  
hearts shall fill.

*f* *p* echo *f*  
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

*echo* *p*  
heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

## Prayer of Adoration

## Songs of Praise

### Prepare Him Room

O behold,  
the mystery now unfolds  
See the star shine  
on the virgin foretold  
Angels sing and light up the sky  
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry  
Swing wide, you ancient gates  
for Christ is born today!

### **CHORUS**

*Prepare Him room  
Prepare Him room  
Let the King of glory enter in*

God with us,  
the promise has come to be  
This, the one the prophets  
were longing to see  
In the darkness a blazing light  
To the hungry the words of life  
His kingdom now is near for those  
with ears to hear (chorus)

Oh, our hearts,  
as busy as Bethlehem  
Hear Him knock, don't say  
there's no room in the inn  
Through the cradle,  
cross, and grave  
See the love of God displayed  
Now He's risen and He reigns.  
Praise the Name above all names!

### Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

Reaches of heaven, starry heights  
Lights of the evening  
dancing in silent skies  
Brilliance of morning, breaking day  
O let them praise Him,  
praise His name

### **CHORUS**

*O praise His name,  
O praise His name  
Let all His wondrous works  
declare His praise*

Mightiest mountains,  
peaceful plains  
Snowfall and fire,  
thundering ocean waves  
Kings and their kingdoms,  
age to age  
O let them praise Him,  
praise His name (chorus)

### **BRIDGE**

King enthroned in majesty,  
all things made by His decree  
Hear creation's melody,  
"Praise Him! Praise Him!"  
Everything with life and breath,  
everywhere from east to west  
Every heart raised from the dead,  
praise Him, praise Him  
Angels echo the refrain,  
"Jesus, Lamb for sinners slain!"  
Name above all other names,  
praise Him

## **Confession of Sin — Romans 3:19-20**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## **Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon — Romans 4:1-3, 13-16, 23-25**

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,...

<sup>23</sup>But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

### **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:

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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;  
the 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\*** — **Psalm 116:12-14** <sup>12</sup> *What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?* <sup>13</sup> *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,* <sup>14</sup> *I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.*

*\*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.*

## **Response in Song — How Deep is Your Love**

You were broken that I might be healed.  
You were cast off that I might draw near.  
You were thirsty that I might come drink,  
Cried out in anguish  
That I might sing.

*How deep is Your love,  
How high and how wide is your mercy.  
How deep is your grace,  
Our hearts overflow with praise to You.*

You knew darkness that I might know light,  
Wept great tears that mine might be dried,  
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,  
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

## Congregational Prayer

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

## Sermon Text — Matthew 1:1-2, Genesis 12:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers...

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

## Sermon — Christmas in Genesis: Son of Abraham

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

**Closing Song** — Angels We Have Heard on High (page 10)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



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# **Christmas in Genesis:**

## **Son of Abraham**

Matthew 1:1-2, Genesis 12:1-4

# Closing Hymn — Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

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Traditional French carol

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 Traditional French melody  
 Arr. by Edward S. Barnes, 1937

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Lora Washburne, Sue Bridenbaugh, Dustin Mixon
Toddler Nursery:	Annie & Cora Kim, Rachel Kobe
Infant Nursery:	Katie Poortenga
Children's Church:	No Children's Church
Sound:	Jim Washburne
Live Stream:	John Godoy
Nursery On-call:	Mary Troxel

## Serving Next Week

## 10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Jackie Plowman, Brian Burden, Laura VanDelden
Toddler Nursery:	Elisa & Lily Godoy, Meg Quist
Infant Nursery:	Jim Aldridge
Children's Church:	No Children's Church
Sound:	Lance Duvall
Live Stream:	Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call:	Amy Wright

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

## Today

**Hunter Combs Missionary Visit**, immediately following the worship service in the overflow room.

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

## Saturday

**Christmas Eve Service**, 7:00 pm, it will be livestreamed.

## Next Sunday

*Merry Christmas!*

**Worship begins at 10:30 am, there will be a children's message.**

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family 0**

- Pray for the family of Joan Johansen who has been taken to her eternal home where she now delights in the Lord and His full glorious presence. As we grieve her passing, we know to whom we can turn for comfort. Give thanks that she did not linger in her earthly body and that we knew her love and benefitted from her from her wisdom and example of faith. Please continue to pray for Joan's family and friends as they taste the sorrow and grief of death.
- 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.
- Pray for Pastor Francis as he prepares to teach the Christianity Explored class in January. Pray that the Lord will bring many unbelievers to this class and pray that He will also provide a suitable helper to help teach and facilitate the class.
- Pray for those who find the holiday season a difficult time due to loneliness, strained family relationships, or financial stress. Pray that the Lord will meet these folks in their need and give them joy and contentment.
- 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.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month, the Frederick Rescue Mission. Pray for them particularly as they serve the community on Christmas Day that many will hear the good news of the gospel and will come to a saving faith in Jesus.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he serves in East Asia. Pray that he will be encouraged in his studies, will persevere in doing the hard work of language learning, and will well cared for during the Christmas season. Pray for the whole team of missionaries that are serving in that area: for protection, for strength and for joy.
- Pray for Heero Hacquebord who is serving as a missionary in L'viv, Ukraine. Pray for him and all who are working tirelessly to minister to the battle-weary region.
- Continue to pray for Kristen as she serves the Lord in Europe and looks for ways to share the gospel with those in her community.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Eve Children's Choir**, Rehearsals for our Christmas Eve Children's Choir will continue today, 12/18. We plan to rehearse for about 20 minutes or so after the worship service ends. This group is open to all our New Hope children & youth in Pre-K - 12th grade. If your child is interested in joining, please text Hannah Graf at (240) 506-6724 or email [hguerramusic@gmail.com](mailto:hguerramusic@gmail.com).

**Please join us after church TODAY to listen to an inspiring missionary.** Hunter Combs, missionary to Muslims in Cape Town, South Africa, has pioneered door-to-door evangelism, friendship evangelism, and Bible studies with unbelievers. He has also received invitations to teach Muslims about the Christian faith in their own academic institutions. His ministry was built from the ground up, with no prior relationships, no prior ministry, no prior contacts, simply going into a community, sharing the gospel, and loving the people.

Hunter and Andrea, personal friends of John and Rachel Clifford, are seeking to make more prayer partners for their important ministry. Hunter's ministry presentation demonstrates the power of prayer, depicts zeal for the Great Commission, incorporates strategies for reaching unbelievers, exposes Christians to religions and cultures outside of their normal experiences and comfort zones, and importantly teaches people how they might pray for the work of the gospel in other parts of the world.

**Visitor & Prayer Cards**, in the pockets in the sanctuary seats are small, gray care cards. We would love to have any visitor fill out one of these cards. Also, if you have a prayer request, please fill one out, too. You can place filled out cards in the offering basket when it is passed.

**Flyers for Christmas Eve**, take a moment to grab a flyer that is an invitation to our Christmas Eve service that is on the welcome table and post it on public bulletin boards as you are able.

**Mugs and Invites**, in the foyer is a cart full of New Hope mugs that are filled with candy and include a invitation to our Christmas Eve service. Our intention is for you to take a mug and give it to a friend, neighbor, co-worker as a way to invite them to church and the Christmas Eve service. Please take one (or 2) and plan to invite someone to come!

**Christianity Explored**, Pastor Francis plans to offer an informal and relaxed 7-week class for anyone who wants to think about the meaning of life, and learn who Jesus is. Those coming don't need to know anything about the Bible and won't be asked to pray or sing. The class is called Christianity Explored and will be on Wednesdays beginning January 4 from 6-8 pm starting with pizza. Pastor Francis would love to have someone else join him to help with this class and would particularly appreciate having a woman help (to befriend female participants).

- Invite friends who don't know Jesus yet to this class
- This is a great follow-up class for visitors to our Christmas Eve Service.

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**Mailboxes & Email Loop**, if you would like a church mailbox (you can find them in the foyer) or if you would like to be included in the church email loop (which includes the Friday News and Wednesday Reminders) please email Gingy at [admin@newhopeopc.org](mailto:admin@newhopeopc.org)

**Collecting Coats for Children!** (from Benny & Liesl Boyed), Dear New Hope Family, It is Benny's plan, Lord willing, to travel to Nepal for two weeks this January. He hopes to visit a number of the saints (both missionaries and local Nepali believers) to encourage them in their respective ministries and also to help practically with any needs that are made known. Pastor Pramod in rural Western Nepal, who hosted Benny and me during our longer visit back in 2021, requested that Benny bring warm clothing for some of the young children in the village. If you have a warm winter jacket in good condition that your kids (2-8 yo) have outgrown and would like to send it along with Benny, let us know! More than anything, we do covet your prayers for Benny as these plans unfold.

**2022 Donation Deadline** - Please note the following deadlines for donations to New Hope to be counted toward the 2022 tax year:

*Cash* must be received in the offering basket on any Sunday through 12/25/2022 and must be in an envelope with your name and contact information marked in order to be recorded on your donor contribution statement. Mailing cash is not advised.

*Checks* must be properly dated (no later than 12/31/2022). They can be put in the offering basket on any Sunday through 12/25/2021 or mailed to the church with a postmark of no later than 12/31/2022 *and* received by 1/7/2023. Mailed checks received after 1/7/2023 will be recorded for tax year 2023, regardless of check date, unless there is a clear postmark of 12/31/2022 or earlier.

*PayPal Donations* must be processed no later than 11:59pm ET on 12/31/2022.

Contribution statements for 2022 will be provided no later than 1/31/2023. If you have any questions, please contact Elise Layman at [treasurer@newhopeopc.org](mailto:treasurer@newhopeopc.org).

### **2023 Information!**

- Sunday School begins January 8th
- Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study begins January 11th
- Christianity Explored class begins January 4th
- Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Studies begin January 4th



# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — **Isaiah 40:1** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

**Heidelberg Catechism 21:** True faith is not only a certain knowledge, by which I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in his word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Spirit works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

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**Monday:** Gen 12:1-4. Mt 1:1-2 emphasizes an Abraham-Jesus connection: "The covenant-keeper has come!" How old, and where was Abraham when God called him (v 4, 11:27ff)? Who takes the initiative in saving Abraham (Gen 15:17)? Who takes the initiative in the New Testament (Lk 19:10, Rom 9:16)? How should that embolden your prayers and witnessing (Rom 10:1, 14-17), and comfort you (Phil 1:6)?

**Tuesday:** Gen 12:1-4, Mt 1:1-2. What offspring promises does God make to Abraham? How old are Abraham and Sarah? How does he respond (Gen 15:6)? Who does Gal 3:16 say these promises were made to? How does Jesus fulfill the offspring-promise given to Abraham (Rom 3:21-24, 4:1-5, 11, 16)? Consider how God's gift of love/relationship ministers joy, peace, and hope to you in times of regret, failure, lackluster living.

**Wednesday:** Gen 12:1-4. What nation-promises does Abraham receive? How much of that did he realize (Gen 25:12, 19)? How does the child-King in Mt 1:1 blow open the doors on that promise (Gal 3:29, Rev 7:9-10)? What blessings does Jesus give to this "nation" (Eph 1:3ff)? Thank his for this. Consider the blessing of church family in terms of inclusion, acceptance, friendship, service, love (how can you develop this?).

**Thursday:** Gen 12:1-4. What land-promise does Abraham receive? How much of this did he realize (Gen 23:19-20)? How does the baby in Bethlehem (Mt 1:1-2) deliver on this promise (Mt 5:5, Heb 11:13-16)? How does this minister to you when you feel like a stranger or exile on earth, when you experience loss, disappointment? How can this truth give you joy, happiness, and contentment in life's trials and losses (Rev 21:3)?

**Friday:** Gen 12:1-4. How was Abraham to be a blessing to the families of the earth? How was Israel to do that (Ex 19:5-6)? How is this "blessing to the nations" fulfilled in Christ (Gal 3:14)? Consider the ministry of the Spirit (Gal 3:2-6, 5:17, 18, 22-25). As those blessed in all ways in Christ, how can you be a blessing to the nations?

**Saturday:** Meditate on Matthew 1:21.