

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

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

January 1, 2023

Reflections

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

~ "God Knows", Minnie Louise Haskings

Hope turns on the fulcrum of truth. If we would hold on to hope as we look into the darkness of the coming year, then our own purposes for our lives will do us little good. Jesus came into the world to transform us by leading us out of the darkness of self-serving falsehood and into the light of God's true purpose. Jesus' death on the cross has made forgiveness possible. By nature, we think we do not need Him. But today, if it's as if the Spirit is speaking to you, saying, "You know what? It's dark in here. Come and walk in the light of Christ," do not ignore that invitation. "Put your hand into the Hand of God." He will prove Himself to be better than the best this world has to offer. ~Alistair Begg

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Lamentations 3:21-23 (responsive)

- ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Praise

Hymn of Praise — To God be the Glory



Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful, Come, weak and unstable Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones, Weary of praying, come See what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken, Come with fears unspoken Come, taste of His perfect love O come, guilty and hiding ones There is no need to run, see what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born Christ is born for you

He's the Lamb who was given, Slain for our pardon His promise is peace, for those who believe He's the Lamb who was given, Slain for our pardon. His promise is peace, for those who believe

So come, though you have nothing.
Come, He is the offering.
Come, see what your
God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you

Afflicted Saint to Christ Draw Near

Afflicted saint,
to Christ draw near,
Your Savior's gracious
promise hear;
His faithful Word you can believe:
That as your days
your strength shall be.

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, And if the conflict should be long, The Lord will make the tempter flee That as your days your strength shall be.

CHORUS

So, sing with joy, afflicted one; The battle's fierce, but the victory's won! God shall supply all that you need; Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

Should persecution rage and flame, Still trust in your Redeemer's name. In fiery trials you shall see That as your days your strength shall be.

When called to bear your weighty cross Or sore affliction, pain, or loss, Or deep distress or poverty, Still as your days your strength shall be.

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Romans 12:9-18

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — 2 Corinthians 2:17

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Offering* — *Psalm 116:12-14* ¹² What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴ 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 and click on the green "give" button in the corner.

Response in Song — Christ Our Hope in Life & Death

What is our hope in life and death, Christ alone, Christ alone What is our only confidence, that our souls to Him belong Who holds our days within His hand What comes, apart from His command And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal O sing hallelujah, Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul, God is good, God is good Where is His grace and goodness known in our great Redeemer's blood Who holds our faith when fears arise, who stands above the stormy trial Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the rock of Christ (chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him There we will rise to meet the Lord then sin and death will be destroyed And we will feast in endless joy when Christ is ours forevermore (chorus)

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — John 10:22-30

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

Sermon — The Shepherd's Voice

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

You will be dismissed to come to the front to be served the communion elements. There are gluten free and pre-packaged elements available in separate containers in the front. If you need assistance or cannot come to the front of the sanctuary, please raise your hand and an elder will help you.

Closing Song — Angels from the Realms of Glory (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

The Shepherd's Voice

John 10:22-30

Theme: Those who are called by Christ find security in the saving work of the Father and the Son.

1. Believe the Shepherd (vv.22-2	27)
----------------------------------	----	---

2. Trust the Shepherd (v.28)

3. Glorify the Shepherd (vv.29-30)

Closing Hymn — Angels We Have Heard on High



James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Henry Smart, 1867

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Lora Washburne, Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear

Toddler Nursery: Rachel Clifford, Joel & Caelyn Poortenga

Infant Nursery: Ann Burden

Children's Church: No Children's Church

Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Jeff & Kim Jernigan

SS Nursery: Dennis Caruso, Betsy Lalley

<u>10:30 am</u>

Toddler Nursery: Katie Martin, Elisa & Lily Godoy

Infant Nursery: Dawn Myers

Children's Church: Annie Kim, Jacob Mendez

Sound: Mark Nichols Live Stream: Craig Lalley Nursery On-call: Valory Snyder

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Tuesday Session Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church

Wednesday Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Studies

 9:30 am class — meeting in the sanctuary building and includes childcare. Doing a study on Acts

• 10:30 am class — meeting in C8, studying 3 John

Christianity Explored Class, 6:00-8:00 pm at the

church

Saturday Men's Ministry Meeting, 8:00-10:00 am at the church

to view RC Sproul's video

Next Sunday Sunday School Begins & Children's Church Re-

sumes, Sunday school at 9:30 am followed by Wor-

ship at 10:30 am.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that we will be a people who listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and find our security in Him alone. Pray that we will commit to prayer and scripture reading so that we can get to know the Lord Jesus better each day.
- Pray for the Christianity Explored class in January. Pray that the Lord will bring many explorers to this class.
- Pray for the elders as they meet this week. Pray for a fruitful meeting, for unity, and for servant's hearts as they lead the church.
- Pray for the upcoming Sunday school semester and the teachers who are so willingly giving of their time. Pray that through the Sunday school class God's word will be made clear and gospel seeds will be sown.
- Pray for New Hope as we resume regular activities after the resting month. Pray that those who do not feel "plugged in" will find groups and ministries where they can use their gifts, flourish, and find friendships.
- Give thanks for the musicians and sound techs who serve tirelessly each week to help us worship more fully. Pray that the Lord would bless them in the use of their gifts.
- 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.
- 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 opportunities to share the gospel with those around us and for hearts that are willing to reach out with the good news.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake who is serving 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.
- 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. Pray that she will find joy in the work she is doing, will be encouraged in the relationships she is forming, and follow the Lord's leading in all that she does.
- Pray for the work of the OPC missionaries all over the world. Pray for their safety and well-being as they give of their time and talents in foreign lands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

- 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.

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.

Sunday Day School Classes for 2023, beginning January 8:

- Adult Sunday School, Jan 8-Feb 12, John Clifford will focus on missions. Our goal will be to worship the living God, who sent the seed of the woman, the descendent of Abraham, the offspring of David, who overcomes the seed of the serpent, who blesses the nations of the world, who subdues all peoples to Himself, and calls us to be a holy nation and a royal priesthood, proclaiming the praises of His name. This 6-week class will cover a biblical theology of missions, a brief history of inspiring missionary biographies, and a practical guide to pray, send, and pursue missions.
- Adult & High School Sunday school class, January 8th will begin the next Sunday school trimester. Pastor Francis will be teaching a class for both adults and high school entitled, "Scripture Overview." Can you really know what's going on in each passage before you even read it? Really? Yes! You can understand the whole Bible. This class will teach you the whole Bible story (redemptive history) in a memorable way. This is a great class if the Bible is new to you, if large parts are foreign to you, or if you want to increase your understanding of the whole story of the Bible. Bring your Bibles!
- Middle School, this class will be taught by Steve & Karen Ochs
- 3rd-5th Grade, this class will be taught by Amy Wright and Rachel Neuhusan
- K-2nd Grade, this class will be taught by Laura VanDelden, Michelle Williams, and Elaina Hake
- Preschool-PreK, this class will be taught by Lauren Mendez, Talia Poortenga, Johanna Homon

Financial Update:

• General Fund, 7/1/22 - 11/30/22

Budgeted giving: \$177,237.58

Actual giving: \$184,346.85

Difference (surplus): \$7,109.27

• Facility Fund giving, 7/1/22 - 11/30/22: \$17,200.00

2023 Information!

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

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