

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am  
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

January 8, 2023

## Reflections

*Compassion costs. It is easy enough to argue, criticize and condemn, but redemption is costly, and comfort draws from the deep. Brains can argue, but it takes heart to comfort.*

~ Samuel Chadwick

*How many people spend their day plotting how to achieve limitless love for others?*

~ Jen Wilkin

*Determine right now that when the service ends, you will do your utmost to give the first two minutes to someone you don't know or to someone you don't know well. The temptation will be to turn straight to your friends, to immediately catch up with the people you know the best and love the most. There will be time for that. But first you can make a difference in someone's day and maybe even in someone's life if only you'll make the most of the moments following that final "amen."*

~ Tim Challies

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship — Isaiah 52:7-10 (responsive)

<sup>7</sup> How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of him who brings good news,  
who publishes peace,  
who brings good news of happiness,  
who publishes salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of your watchmen—  
they lift up their voice;  
together they sing for joy;  
for eye to eye they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.**

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<sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing,  
you waste places of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people;  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.**

## Prayer of Adoration

## Praise

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### Songs of Praise

#### 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

## **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)

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## **Renewal**

### **Confession of Sin — Luke 3:3-8**

<sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.*

<sup>5</sup>*Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall become straight,  
and the rough places shall become level ways,*

<sup>6</sup>*and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”*

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?”

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance.

## **Prayer of Confession**

*Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Adapted from John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543)

## **Song of Assurance of Pardon — Jesus, Thank You**

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, the agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect holy One crushed Your Son  
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin, Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied, Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table. Jesus, thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and kindness know no end.

Lover of my soul I want to live for you. (3X)

## **Reception of New Members\* — Jared, Rachel, Mercy & Jane Neahusan**

*\*New Member biography can be found on page 15*

**Offering\*** — **Proverbs 3:9** <sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;

*\*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 — Because We Believe**

We believe in God the Father (echo)  
We believe in Christ the Son. (echo)  
We believe in the Holy Spirit. (echo)  
We are the Church and we stand as one. (echo)

*Holy, holy, holy is our God.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.*

We believe in the Holy Bible. (echo)  
We believe in the virgin birth. (echo)  
We believe in the resurrection, (echo)  
That Christ one day, will return to earth. (echo)

We believe in the blood of Jesus. (echo)  
We believe in eternal life. (echo)  
We believe in the blood that frees us. (echo)  
To become the Bride of Christ. (echo)

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## **Commitment**

## **Congregational Prayer**

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

## Sermon Text — Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, “Cry!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

<sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;

say to the cities of Judah,  
“Behold your God!”

<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

## Sermon — God's Glory for Your Comfort

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden



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# Comfort from God's Glory Revealed

Isaiah 40:1-11

Theme: God will reveal his glory to comfort his people

1. A Surprising Word of Comfort (vs 1-2)
2. The Content of God's Comfort (vs 3-5)
3. The Certainty of God's Comfort (vs 6-8)
4. The Heralding of God's Comfort (vs 9-11)

## Closing Song — Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:  
4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind,  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.  
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Benediction

## Postlude

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Jeff & Kim Jernigan (early team)  
Laura Caruso, Marc Quist (late team)  
SS Nursery: Dennis Caruso, Betsy Lalley

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Katie Martin, Elisa & Lily Godoy  
Dawn Myers  
Infant Nursery: Susan Johnson, Jacob Mendez  
Children's Church: Mark Nichols  
Sound: Craig Lalley  
Live Stream: Valory Snyder  
Nursery On-call:

## **Serving Next Week**

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Calvin Wright, Valory Snyder (early team)  
Hannah Foster, Dustin Mixon (late team)  
SS Nursery: Dave Myers, Ron Socash

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Katie & Micah Poortenga, Karl Koops  
Joy Nichols  
Infant Nursery: Natalie Bohannon, Elaina Hake  
Children's Church: Kim Hanlin  
Sound: Jim Washburne  
Live Stream: Ann Burden  
Nursery On-call:

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

## **Tuesday**

**Men's Wing Night**, 6:15 at Buffalo Wild Wings

## **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, see announcement page for details for this week

**Christianity Explored Class**, 6-8 pm at the church

**Dinner & Bible study**, 6:00-7:30 pm, pizza dinner followed by study for all ages

**Youth Group**, 6-8 pm in C6

## **Thursday**

**Ladies' Zoom Bible study**, 7:00 pm, see announcement page for details

## **Saturday**

**Men's Saturday Morning Discussion Group**, 8-10am at the church. Discussing R.C. Sproul's video series, "Christian Worldview." Coffee is provided.

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for the Sunday school trimester that began today. Pray that the Lord would use the teaching of His word to grow His people in knowledge and faith. Give thanks for all who have volunteered to teach and give of their time and talents.
- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family that they will have endurance and rest in a busy season of life.
- Give thanks for the good health news for John and Muriel Hadidian. Pray that the Lord would continue to strengthen them both.
- Pray for those that have loved ones that don't know the Lord. Pray for peace in the midst of worry and trust in God and his goodness. Pray that those who don't have a saving faith will have hearts that are turned from stone to flesh and will love the Lord.
- Continue to pray for the Christianity Explored class in January. Pray that the Lord will bring many explorers to this class.
- Give thanks for God's continues provision and sustaining grace for New Hope Church.
- 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 would be fed richly in the Word each day and remain in the Vine, and honor Christ in all his thoughts, words, and actions. Pray, too, for wisdom to love unbelieving friends and point them to Christ even with limited language.
- 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

**Special Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study**, this Wednesday only, January 11th, the morning Wednesday Bible study that typically meets at 10:00 am will start at 10:30 am. Pastor Francis will join them as they prayerfully reflect on the life and death of their beloved friend and sister in Christ, Joan Johansen. Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish to stay for further fellowship after the meeting. All are welcome.

The official memorial service for Joan Johansen will be held on her May 11, 2023 (her birthday).

**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.

**New Members' Classes Scheduled**, in an effort to try to be accessible to more peoples' schedules, we are offering two different classes for New Members/Inquirers. If you are interested in taking either of the classes, please contact Pastor Francis (pastor@newhopeopc.org). Here are the offerings:

- Class #1: Friday, Feb 3 (6-8 pm, dinner & casual get to know each other) and Saturday, Feb 4 (8 am until noon, babysitting can be available if you need it, just let us know)
- Class #2: Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm beginning February 22nd and running for 3 weeks with the last class being March 8. (likely we will add one other date for a casual get together).

**Men's Wing Night**, The second week of the month is upon us and the men of New Hope will be gathering for our regular monthly Wing Night this Tuesday, January 10th at Buffalo Wild Wings in North Frederick. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of good conversation and tasty wing specials beginning at 6:15 PM.

**Ladies' Night Out** is Thursday, January 19! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at Mission BBQ (Pegasus Ct, Frederick) and/or dessert around 7:45pm at Monica Laird's home (4325 Dover Dr, Frederick). Your RSVP is appreciated, but not required: contact Elease Layman - 301.767.6848 or [elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com).

**Mailboxes are updated!**, all of the mailboxes have been updated! Please check to make sure you have one; if you don't please let Giny in the office know ([admin@newhopeopc.org](mailto:admin@newhopeopc.org)). Your mailbox also may have moved as we try to keep them in alphabetical order.

**Thursday Evening Zoom Bible study**, every Thursday (except for when La-

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dies' Night Out occurs) there is a Zoom Bible study that begins at 7:00 pm. Currently they are studying Mark but will beginning a new study in February. If you are interested, please contact Monica Laird at monlaird@gmail.com or 410.963.6522

**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. There is a box in the foyer of the church to collect the coats.

## **New Member Bio**

Jared and Rachel Neahusan grew up in Middletown and currently live in Jefferson with their two daughters, Mercy and Jane. Jared is a deputy sheriff in Loudoun County and Rachel is a counselor at a private practice in Virginia. As a family, the Neahusan's enjoy being in nature; usually hiking, gardening, or going for a bike ride. They are still waiting to use that inflatable Kayak Jared bought last year... Mercy and Jane love singing and dancing along to the Frozen soundtrack on repeat, and you are always welcome to join us.

Our family is grateful for God's provision shown this past year through the church here at New Hope. We are blessed by your example and fellowship in Christ.

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text — Isaiah 40:3-4** <sup>3</sup>A voice cries:  
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

**Westminster Larger Catechism 1:** What is the chief and highest end of man? *Man's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.*

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**Monday:** Is 40:1-2. Why is v 1 a surprising word? What does this tell you about God (Eph 2:4)? In what areas would Judah need comfort given the threatened exile? What are you things and areas you long to have, or did experience comfort in? How does God spell out this comfort in v 2? Do these things bring you solace/comfort?

**Tuesday:** Read Is 40:3-5 and Luke 3:3-8. According to Luke, who is the voice crying in the wilderness? What are at least 2 ways John the Baptist says we are to prepare for the coming King? What more is repentance than only turning from sin (1 Thess 1:9)? Spend some time working on a prayer of repentance.

**Wednesday:** Is 40:5. What is the heart of comfort found in v 5? Look up the following verses to determine what the Glory of God is: Ex 24:17, 34:7, 2 Chron 5:14, Ezek 1:28. How is God's glory revealed in Jesus (Jn 1:14)? How does a love for God's glory bring comfort and satisfaction to his people?

**Thursday:** Is 40:10-11. Arm here symbolizes personal strength in action. How had God's arm worked in Ex 15:6, 12-13? How does Jesus wield his arm in the NT? What about today? What does Isaiah add to Jesus' might in v 11? Meditate on v 11 unto your own comfort, rest, and joy (Mt 11:29, Jn 10:1-18).

**Friday:** Read Is 40:6-8 and 1 Pet 1:24-25. How does Isaiah underline the certainty of God's promise? How does Peter make specific what God is promising? How does the picture of grass challenge our trust in self, plans, and point us to live by God's promises? Why do you think v 9 is a fitting response to this whole section? Have you tasted afresh God's good news for you? How can you herald that to others?

**Saturday:** Read Isaiah 40:12-31. How do vv 12-26 support vv 27-31?