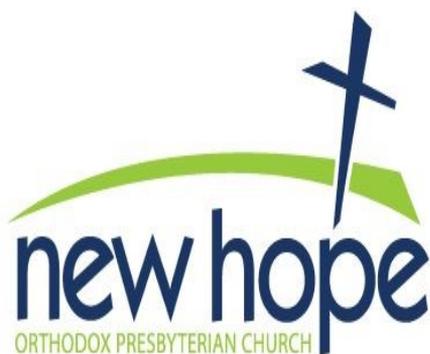


WELCOME!



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 15, 2023

## Reflections

*A friend once told me that when her children would tattle in the midst of a fight (a transparent battle for control), she would ask, "Who is being the kindest?" What an insightful question to ask of any relationship conflict. Preferential love of others requires crushing our desire to control them.*

*Do you allow moodiness to make others walk on eggshells around you? Do you expect others to be able to read your mind when your feelings are hurt? Is there subtext in your speech? Choose kindness over control, and watch your relationships gain health.*

~ Jen Wilkin, "None Like Him"

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

~ Jesus, Mark 10:45

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

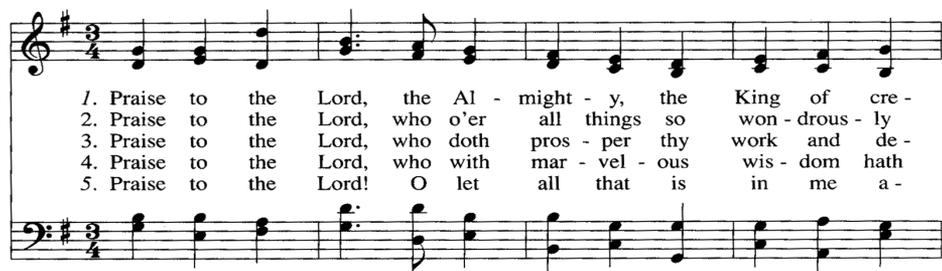
**Welcome** — Joel Poortenga, elder

**Call to Worship** — 1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (responsive)

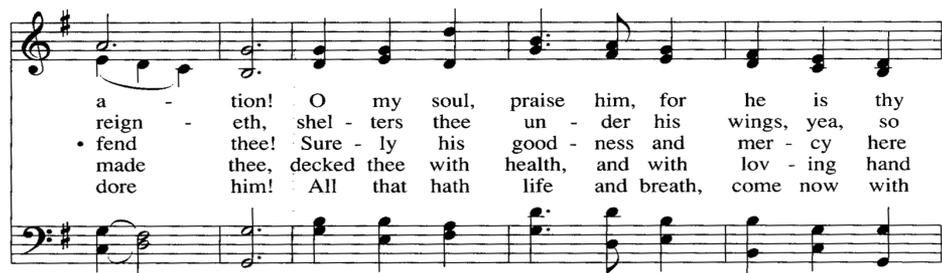
<sup>11</sup>Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup>**Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.**

# Praise

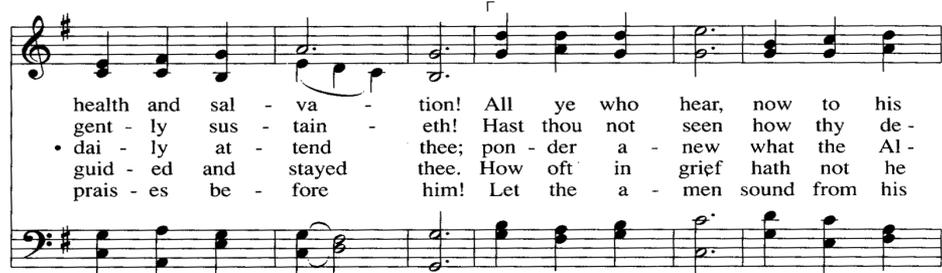
## Hymn of Praise — Praise to the Lord the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
• fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand  
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
• dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
• might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend - thee.  
brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

## **Prayer of Adoration** followed by the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## **Songs of Praise**

### **Living Waters**

Are you thirsty, Are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Tired and broken, Peace unspoken  
Rest beside these living waters

Christ is calling, Find refreshing  
At the cross of living waters  
Lay your life down, All the old gone  
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus:

*There's a river that flows,  
With mercy and love  
Bringing joy to the city of our God  
There our hope is secure,  
Do not fear anymore  
Praise the Lord of living waters*

Spirit moving, Mercy washing  
Healing in these living waters  
Lead your children,  
To the shore line  
Life is in these living waters  
(CHORUS)

Are you thirsty, Are you empty  
Come and drink these living waters  
Love, forgiveness,  
Vast and boundless  
Christ, He is our living waters  
(CHORUS)

### **As the Deer**

As the deer pants for the water,  
So my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength  
and shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend  
and you are my brother  
Even though you are my King.  
I want you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.

I want you more than gold or silver;  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver;  
And the source of my delight.

## Confession of Sin — James 4:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— <sup>14</sup>yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. <sup>15</sup>Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup>As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup>So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

## Assurance of Pardon — 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

<sup>7</sup>So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**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 — Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne,  
Come, let us adore Him  
Behold our King—nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him*

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Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (*Chorus*)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands?  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal, humbled to the grave  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign (*Chorus*)

*Tag:* You will reign forever Let Your glory fill the earth

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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 40:12-31

<sup>12</sup>Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand  
and marked off the heavens with a span,  
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure  
and weighed the mountains in scales  
and the hills in a balance?

<sup>13</sup>Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,  
or what man shows him his counsel?

<sup>14</sup>Whom did he consult, and who made him understand?  
Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge,  
and showed him the way of understanding?

<sup>15</sup>Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,  
and are accounted as the dust on the scales;  
behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.

<sup>16</sup>Lebanon would not suffice for fuel,  
nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

<sup>17</sup>All the nations are as nothing before him,  
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

<sup>18</sup>To whom then will you liken God,  
or what likeness compare with him?

<sup>19</sup>An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold  
and casts for it silver chains.

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<sup>20</sup> He who is too impoverished for an offering  
chooses wood that will not rot;  
he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

<sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might  
and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

## **Sermon — God Doesn't Grow Tired or Weary**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden



## **Closing Song — Isaiah 40**

(men) Do you not know?

(women) Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

The Creator of the ends of the earth. (repeat)

(men) He will not grow tired or weary,

(women) And His understanding no one can fathom.

(men) He gives strength to the weary,

(women) And increases the power of the weak.

(men) Even youths grow tired and weary,

(women) And young men stumble and fall;

But those who hope in the LORD

Will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

They will run and not grow weary,

They will walk and not be faint. (repeat)

(chorus after 2nd time)

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 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  
Infant Nursery: Joy Nichols  
Children's Church: Natalie Bohannon, Elaina Hake  
Sound: Kim Hanlin  
Live Stream: Jim Washburne  
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden

## Serving Next Week

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Sue Bridenbaugh (early team)  
Chris Boyles, Jackie Plowman (late team)  
SS Nursery: Kim Jernigan, Ronnie Socash

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Diana Neeriemer, Meg Quist, Samantha VanDelden  
Infant Nursery: Cath Howard  
Children's Church: Katrina Howard, Carol Bodmer  
Sound: Craig Lalley  
Live Stream: John Godoy  
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Today**      **Senior Growth Group**, meeting today following the worship service in the overflow room.
- Monday**      **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
  - **10:00 am class** — meeting in C8, study on Hebrews
- Christianity Explored Class**, 6-8 pm at the church
- Youth Group**, 6-8 pm in C6
- Thursday**      **Ladies' Night Out**, 6:00 pm at Mission BBQ. See announcement page for details about dessert.
- 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**

- Give thanks for Jared & Rachel Neahusan and their daughters who joined New Hope last week. Pray that they will use their gifts well for God's glory in the church and that the Lord will help them be ingrafted quickly.
- Pray for the edification committee that meets this week as they seek to serve the church by overseeing all the ministries that help to edify and educate the saints. Give thanks for Amy Wright and her skillful leading of this committee.
- Pray for the leaders in the church that the Lord would give wisdom, strength, and hearts of service.
- Pray for those who struggle with anxiety and/or depression. Pray for peace that is beyond understanding and trust in the Lord and His goodness. Pray, too, that those that need help will seek it.
- Continue to pray for the Christianity Explored class in January. Pray that the Lord will bring many explorers to this class.
- 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 the many Good News clubs in the area that are ministering to the children in Frederick county and pray that we are able to start our own club soon. Pray that the Lord would bless their work and that many will hear the gospel and come to a saving faith.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake who is serving in East Asia. Pray for his friend Ahmed, a Muslim immigrant from Nigeria, who speaks English and is very open to talking about his beliefs. Pray that Luke will have opportunity to share the gospel well with him and that the Lord would change Ahmed's heart.
- Pray for Benni Boyed as he visits Nepal to bring coats, books, and resources to the pastors there. Pray that the resources he bring will bring great encouragement to the pastors as they serve the Lord.
- 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 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

**Senior Growth Group**, meeting today after the worship service in the overflow room.

**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](mailto: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: 2 Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm beginning February 22nd and March 8. (likely we will add one other date for a casual get together).

**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 Ladies' 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](mailto:monlaird@gmail.com) or 410.963.6522

**Somerford House & Place Worship Service**, Each month, a group from New Hope goes to Somerford House and Place in Frederick to provide a church service for the residents. Somerford is an assisted living and memory care facility and many of the residents have few options when it comes to attending a church service, worshiping with a group, and hearing God's word preached. The service is fairly informal but always includes a time of singing and a short devotional message from scripture. Besides providing the worship time the residents are also encouraged simply by having the opportunity to worship and chat with friendly visitors/believers. They are especially fond of children who come!

We gather at Somerford on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10am, doing two short services, and concluding by Noon. If you're interested in attending regularly, or on occasion, simply contact Mark Nichols or Jared Neahusan ([markn.psalm37@gmail.com](mailto:markn.psalm37@gmail.com) or [jaredneahusan@gmail.com](mailto:jaredneahusan@gmail.com)) for more information.

THIS MONTH the date has been changed to Saturday, January 21st!



## Snow Policy

In the event that we have ANY snow this winter, we have a snow policy in place so that good decisions can be made and communicated well to the congregation. Please read through the policy below and contact Gingy at [admin@newhopeopc.org](mailto:admin@newhopeopc.org) if you have any questions.

### SNOW SUNDAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

**Who will decide snow cancellations:** The pastor, together with the music team leader, and the lead elder will make this decision. Communication of Snow Days: A Sunday cancellation or Snow Sunday (see below) will be put on the New Hope Web page by 8:00 am Sunday morning. It will also be sent out via email. Finally, the New Hope phone will record a message stating that services are cancelled as well. Other event cancellations will only be emailed out and put on the website.

#### Sunday Services:

1. **Cancelled Sunday Service:** If there is a snow or ice emergency, and police advise us to stay off the roads, all activities will be cancelled including the worship service.
2. **Limited Sunday Service:** If there is lousy weather (but not as dire as # 1) we will call for a "Snow Sunday" or limited Sunday service. There will be a bare bones church service, but no Sunday School, and likely no nursery or musicians. All those scheduled to serve that day will not be obliged to come (nursery, ushers, greeters, SS teachers, musicians, sound team, etc). Congregants are urged to use their own judgment.
3. **Wednesday Night Study** (and other such events): If school is cancelled, or if they dismiss early, then all events at the church will be cancelled.

# DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text — Isaiah 40:5** <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.”

**Westminster Larger Catechism 7** *God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.*

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**Monday:** Isaiah 40:27. Put Judah’s questions in your own words (see Job 27:2, Ps 31:22, 77:7-10). How might exile or hardship (sickness, failure, disappointment) produce such questions? When have you asked them? How might the promise of 40:5 and v 1 play into the questions? Consider how Jesus himself asked a very similar question in Mt 27:46. How does that help when it seems like God has forgotten or forsaken you?

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 40:12-20. How do you see God’s supreme power (v 12), wisdom (vv 13-14), immensity (v 15-17)? Try putting these comparisons into modern day terms (e.g. what nations do you think are powerful, what wisdom do you envy). How does this description of the glory of God answer Judah’s/our questions from v 27?

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:21-26. What is the picture in v 22? What does it communicate? Who are the top most powerful people in the world and/or your life? How can they make you feel (v 27)? According to vv 23-24 what are they compared to God’s power and rule? How does vv 25-26 cap off the proof of God’s supreme rule? How do these truths answer v 27’s questions (see Ps 118:6, Ps 56:4, Dan 2:34-37)?

**Thursday:** Isaiah 40:28-31 is the response of the faithful to God. Do you think this weariness and strength is primarily physical or spiritual? What does it mean to wait for the LORD (v 31, cf Ps 27:14, 37:34, 130:5)? Consider Heb 13:13-16 as an example of how trusting in/waiting for the Lord gave strength to persevere.

**Friday:** Isaiah 40:28-31. What truths in v 28 give you strength when you feel like life’s not fair, like you’re forgotten, forsaken, or mistreated (by God especially)? How does meditating on God’s character (vv 12-28) and God’s promises (v 5, 29) give you spiritual strength to continue walking in his pathways in trying times (2 Cor 12:9-10, Eph 3:16, Col 1:11)?

**Saturday:** Read Isaiah 41:14-16. From and to what does God transform Jacob? What does this tell you about God’s transforming power?