

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

January 22, 2023

Reflections

God uses chronic pain and weakness, along with other afflictions, as his chisel for sculpting our lives. Felt weakness deepens dependence on Christ for strength each day. The weaker we feel, the harder we lean. And the harder we lean, the stronger we grow spiritually, even while our bodies waste away. To live with your 'thorn' uncomplainingly—that is, sweet, patient, and free in heart to love and help others, even though every day you feel weak—is true sanctification. It is true healing for the spirit. It is a supreme victory of grace.

~ J.I. Packer

When we feel like everything is uncertain, when the mountains might as well crash into the sea, the first thing we do is remember that our protection is not in better circumstances, or in avoiding the problems, or in anything on this earth. Instead, our protection is the very present Holy Spirit and the rock-solid work of Jesus on our behalf, which has guaranteed our help and promised that we will make it safely home to glory.

~ John Piper

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 124 (responsive)

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side— let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side

when people rose up against us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,

when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,

the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us

as prey to their teeth!

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;

the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

Praise

Songs of Praise

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging
Mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing
In grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices
day and night
In praise to You alone

Hallelujah!

Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sovereign God
(chorus)

Let every creature in the sea
And every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field
And valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word
(chorus 2x)

How Long, O Lord, How Long (Psalm 13)

O Lord, our God, to You we come
Will You still hide Your face?
We cry before You
and on our knees we pray
How long, O Lord, how long?
Our sorrows leave us weak
and worn
Surrounded by our fears
We look to heaven
through feeble faith and tears
How long, O Lord, how long?

CHORUS

*Till Your glory fills our eyes
And our faith is turned to sight
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied
How long, O Lord, how long?*

Our foes and enemies rejoice
Injustice seems to reign
Lord, we are shaken
and we are losing strength
How long, O Lord, how long?
(chorus)

But we will trust Your steadfast love
Your grace will be our song
You bring new mercies
with ev'ry rising sun
How long, O Lord, how long?
(chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin (responsive)

Leader: Hear, O people of God, the law which the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

People: Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

Leader: The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

People: We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

Leader: You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

People: Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

People: We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

Leader: You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

People: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The first part of the law is this great commandment:

People: That we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

Leader: The second part of the Law is similar to the first: you shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

People: As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

Leader: You shall not murder.

People: We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

People: We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.

Leader: You shall not steal.

People: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

People: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

***People:* We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.**

Leader: Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

***People:* For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Psalm 79:8-9, Romans 8:1

⁸ Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.

⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins,
for your name's sake!

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Offering* — **Hebrews 13:5** ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

**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 — I Have a Shelter

I have a shelter in the storm when troubles pour upon me
Though fears are rising like a flood, My soul can rest securely
O Jesus, I will hide in You. My place of peace and solace
No trial is deeper than Your love, that comforts all my sorrows

I have a shelter in the storm when all my sins accuse me
Though justice charges me with guilt, Your grace will not refuse me
O Jesus, I will hide in You, who bore my condemnation
I find my refuge in Your wounds for there I find salvation

I have a shelter in the storm when constant winds would break me
For in my weakness, I have learned Your strength will not forsake me
O Jesus, I will hide in You, the One who bears my burdens
With faithful hands that cannot fail You'll bring me home to heaven
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With faithful hands that cannot fail, You'll bring me home to heaven.

Response in Song — Blessed Assurance

Come, Holy Spirit, my soul assure, relieve my fears that I no more
May doubt the love of Christ for me
That my debt is paid, that I've been made free
O Comforter, in me reside
When the tempter speaks be my faithful Guide
Show Your promise is for me secured
For the battle be my heavenly sword

CHORUS

*Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood*

Illumine me with the Savior's light
To dispel my thoughts in the blackest night
In darkest hour to my soul reveal the wounds which all my sorrows heal
Impress that seal, His image leave
And by Your pow'r to His grace I'll cleave
Until faith be sight and prayer be praise
When beholding Jesus face to face (chorus)

BRIDGE

This my story, this my song. Born of Spirit, washed in Blood
This my story, this my song, in my Savior I belong

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Isaiah 41:1-20

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength;
let them approach, then let them speak;
let us together draw near for judgment.

²Who stirred up one from the east whom victory meets at every step?
He gives up nations before him, so that he tramples kings underfoot;
he makes them like dust with his sword,
like driven stubble with his bow.

³He pursues them and passes on safely, by paths his feet have not trod.

⁴Who has performed and done this,
calling the generations from the beginning?
I, the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

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⁵ The coastlands have seen and are afraid;
 the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come.
⁶ Everyone helps his neighbor and says to his brother, "Be strong!"
⁷ The craftsman strengthens the goldsmith,
 and he who smooths with the hammer him who strikes the anvil,
 saying of the soldering, "It is good";
 and they strengthen it with nails so that it cannot be moved.
⁸ But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
 the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
⁹ you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
 and called from its farthest corners,
 saying to you, "You are my servant,
 I have chosen you and not cast you off";
¹⁰ fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
 I will strengthen you, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
¹¹ Behold, all who are incensed against you
 shall be put to shame and confounded; those who strive against you
 shall be as nothing and shall perish.
¹² You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them;
 those who war against you shall be as nothing at all.
¹³ For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand;
 it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."
¹⁴ Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel!
 I am the one who helps you, declares the LORD;
 your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
¹⁵ Behold, I make of you a threshing sledge,
 new, sharp, and having teeth;
 you shall thresh the mountains and crush them,
 and you shall make the hills like chaff;
¹⁶ you shall winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away,
 and the tempest shall scatter them.
 And you shall rejoice in the LORD;
 in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.
¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,
 and their tongue is parched with thirst,
 I the LORD will answer them; I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
¹⁸ I will open rivers on the bare heights,
 and fountains in the midst of the valleys.
 I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
 and the dry land springs of water.
¹⁹ I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
 the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive.
 I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together,
²⁰ that they may see and know, may consider and understand together,
 that the hand of the LORD has done this,
 the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Sermon — Fear Not, for I am With You

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Fear Not, for I Am With You

Isaiah 41:1-20

Theme: Don't fear because God Almighty is your Helper: He upholds, strengthens, and refreshes you.

1. God Over All (vs 1-7)
2. God Upholds You (vs 8-13)
3. God Strengthens You (vs 14-16)
4. God Refreshes You (vs 17-20)

Closing Song — How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

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faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Benediction

Postlude

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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, Lauren Mendez
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: John Godoy
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian & Ann Burden (early team)
Wayne Greenfield & Chris Lear (late team)
SS Nursery: Emily Jernigan, Katie Poortenga

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Steve & Elaina Hake, Emma VanDelden
Infant Nursery: Rachel Kobe
Children's Church: Annie Kim, Rayann McGlamary
Sound: Jim Washburne
Live Stream: Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Monday Outreach Committee Mtg., 8:00 pm via Zoom

Tuesday Trustee Meeting, 7:15 pm

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

Dinner & Bible Study, 6-8 pm in sanctuary building

Youth Group, 6-8 pm in C6

Thursday Ladies' Zoom Bible study, 7:00 pm.

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 that Pastor Francis will have skill in leadership and delegation.
- Pray for the Outreach Committee meeting and the Trustee meeting that are happening this week. Pray for unity, clarity, and wisdom for all who attend. Give thanks for the leadership of Steve Hake who heads the Outreach committee and Connor Freeman who chairs the board of trustees.
- Pray for the women's Bible studies that are happening this week and that those who attend will grow in their knowledge and faith. Give thanks for Jackie Plowman, Amy Wright, and Monica Laird who lead and facilitate these studies and pray that they will be blessed for their efforts.
- Give thanks that Jeff Jernigan's sister, Joan, came through her brain surgery well this past week.
- Continue to pray for the Sunday school trimester and give thanks for all who are teaching. Pray that the Lord would provide a new Sunday school superintendent who feels called to do this ministry.
- Pray for those who serve in the military and the police force and give so much of themselves for the protection of our country.
- 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 him as he continues his language studies during these cold winter months. Pray for the Lord to give him wisdom and the ability he needs to thrive where he has been planted.
- 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

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: 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).

New Directory, we have a new directory in the works. Stay tuned for emails asking for updated information and pictures from you all! The hope is to have it done in March!

Help Wanted! The Christianity Explored class will be having an extended meeting on February 11th and we are looking for someone to organize lunch for it (at noon). If you would be willing to do this, please contact Giny in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) or Pastor Francis (pastor@newhopeopc.org)

Thank Offering Info, at the end of 2022, New Hope sent \$2,260 to the OPC for the Thank Offering. Thanks to all of those who gave to support the gospel work of our denomination!

The OPC sent us the following report: *It is a joy to report that giving for the 2022 Thank Offering has exceeded the stated goal of \$1,200,000. Gifts to the Thank Offering have totaled \$1,566,579 so far. We praise the triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit, for such graciousness as expressed by the members and friends of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The strong Thank Offering has also resulted in a total of \$5,084,204 for Worldwide Outreach in 2022. The distribution among the program committees is as follows:*

*Foreign Missions: \$2,273,765 (+10.6%)
Home Missions: \$1,641,554 (+14.0%)
Christian Education \$608,885 (+17.1%)*

The Committee on Coordination and New Horizons also received their combined budget request of \$560,000.

Your 2022 Giving Statement is in your church mailbox! If you do not have a church mailbox, it will likely be mailed, emailed, or possibly handed to you, so keep an eye out. You might also leave your windows open for carrier pigeons. If you did not give in 2022, there's no time like the present to start! If you haven't received your 2022 giving statement in some form or another by the end of the month, please contact Elease Layman at treasurer@newhopeopc.org.

Growth Groups meeting this week:

- Pilgrim's Table growth group, lead by Dave Myers, will be meeting after worship today in the overflow room.
- The VanDelden group will be having a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm at the VanDelden home (6917 Palace Court) followed by study and prayer.
- The Shepherd's Watch, lead by Monte Festog, that meets every Wednesday is meeting this week from 6:30-8:30 pm continuing the series, "Willing to Believe" by RC Sproul.
- The Poortenga/Ochs group will be meeting today around 1:00 pm at the Poortenga home.

Help Wanted!

The Edification Committee is seeking someone who values Sunday school to volunteer to be the new **Sunday school superintendent**. The position of Sunday school superintendent is a volunteer position that has been created to keep the elementary and middle school Sunday school program organized, staffed, and moving forward. Please see the description of the job below and prayerfully consider if you might have the ability to fill this position. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Amy Wright (amy.r.dewitt@gmail.com) or Gingy Socash (admin@newhopeopc.org).

- Sunday School Curriculum Responsibilities
 - Update the 3-year long-range plan for curriculum as needed in conjunction with the Edification committee.
 - Order curriculum for upcoming trimester in a timely manner and in accordance with what is needed for each classroom.
 - Keep curriculum organized and up to date
- Sunday School Teacher Responsibilities
 - Recruit Sunday school teachers for preschool through 8th grade classrooms in conjunction with the edification committee and using the prescribed teacher criteria.
 - Confirm each Sunday school teacher is background checked before they begin teaching.
 - Organize teacher training meetings as needed. Make sure each teacher is aware of their responsibilities, the Child Protection Policy, and what the expectations for the trimester will be.
 - Meet with and communicate with teachers before and throughout the trimester as needed.
- Order Sunday school supplies as needed.
- Give input into budgetary requirements for Sunday school.
- Attend Edification meetings when required.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Isaiah 40:6 ⁶ 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.

Heidelberg Catechism # 26. What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?” *That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them; who likewise upholds and governs the same by his eternal counsel and providence) is for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father; on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt, but he will provide me with all things necessary for soul and body and further, that he will make whatever evils he sends upon me, in this valley of tears turn out to my advantage; for he is able to do it, being Almighty God, and willing, being a faithful Father.*

Monday: Isaiah 41:1-4. Fear is the “problem” in this chapter (v 5, 10, 15). How does what will/won’t happen in the future cause you fear (try be specific)? How does the world deal with the future? In these verses, how does God comfort his people/you in light of the fear of the future (esp v 4, 46:10, Rev 22:13)?

Tuesday: Isaiah 41:1-10. To what is v 1 an invitation (cf 40:31)? To whom is it made? In vv 5-7 how do the nations respond to the reality of God’s control over all history? How does this contrast with v 8-10? Why do you not need to fear the future (vv 8-10)? Find God’s election, justification, perseverance, and care (8-10)? How does this strengthen you against fear of the future?

Wednesday: Isaiah 41:11-13. The heart of vv 8-13 is this bit about enemies. What will happen to God’s/God’s peoples’ enemies? “In the coming realization of God’s kingdom, the kingdom of evil will be subdued.” See Rom 8:1, Mt 6:13, and Rev 20:10, 14, 21:1-4. How does this give hope and strength in trials, injustices, and attacks?

Thursday: Isaiah 41:14-16. What do you think of when you think of a worm? Why does Isaiah call God’s people worms? Contrast that with what God calls them in v 15. How is what comes between those two descriptions the key to the transformation? Is God able to use the weak? What about your weaknesses? How does God strengthen you to have victory over your 3 enemies (Eph 2:1, 2, 3)?

Friday: Isaiah 41:17-20. How do vv 17-20 portray God? Who do they describe God’s life-giving and his sustenance? How does God do this for our physical needs (Mt 6:11)? How does he do this for our spiritual needs (Is 55:1-3, Jn 7:37)? How does he do this ultimately (Rev 22:1-5)?

Saturday: Read Isaiah 42 and look for how God gives comforts to the nations (v 4, 6).