

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

February 19, 2023

Reflections

He called out with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" that we might never be forsaken by him.

~Lord's Supper form, CRC

There are times when I feel that he has withdrawn from me, and I have often given him cause, but Easter is always the answer to "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me!"

~ Madeline L'Engle, *The Irrational Season*

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Here shall my stand be taken; Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken. My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall: And so to Him I leave it all.

~Samuel Rodigast

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Psalm 27:7-10 (responsive)

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **You have said, "Seek my face."**

**My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ **For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.**

Praise

Hymn of Praise — Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

1. Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!
2. When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
3. When doubts and fears a - rise, teach me thy way!
4. Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!

Thy guid - ing grace af - ford; teach me thy way!
When earth - ly joys de - part, teach me thy way!
When storms o'er - spread the skies, teach me thy way!
Wher - e'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!

Help me to walk a - right, more by faith, less by sight;
In hours of lone - li - ness, in times of dire dis - tress,
Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sor - row, toil, and pain;
Un - til the race is run, un - til the jour - ney's done,

lead me with heav'n - ly light; teach me thy way!
in fail - ure or suc - cess, teach me thy way!
make thou my path - way plain; teach me thy way!
un - til the crown is won, teach me thy way!

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment,
you are forever
Lord of the ages,
God before time;
We are a vapor,
you are eternal,
Love everlasting,
reigning on high.

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain;
Highest praises,
honor and glory
Be unto your name,
Be unto your name*

We are the broken,
you are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer,
mighty to save;
You are the love song
we'll sing forever,
Bowing before you,
blessing your name.
(Chorus)

God, You are My God

Hear my cry O God
Listen to my prayer, as I call to you
My heart grows faint
Let me find my refuge in You
Let me dwell with You

Pre-Chorus
Because Your love
is better than life
My soul is satisfied (CHORUS)

Chorus
*God, You are my God
Let me seek you, and thirst for You
Let my lips praise your name
For I have seen You, in your Glory
Lord let my soul find rest, in You*

You uphold me O God
You have heard my prayer
You have been my help
In the Shadow of your wings
I will sing to you
and I will lift up my hands
(pre-chorus)

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Hebrews 13:5

⁵ Keep 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."

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Mark 15:33-39

³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ³⁵And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” ³⁶And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” ³⁷And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

Apostles’ Creed (responsive)

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.**

***"catholic" here refers to the church universal*

** 'he descended into hell': i.e. Christ suffered hellish agony on the cross*

Offering* — 2 Corinthians 9:11 ¹¹You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

**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 — My Soul Will Sing (Psalm 103)

My soul will sing with all the strength I have in me
I will rejoice with every day He gives
I will recall the wonders He has shown to me
His power to heal, His mercy to forgive
We join with angels to sing His praises;
He does not treat us as our sins deserve

*High as the heavens reach above the earth
Is Your unfailing love, is Your unfailing love
Far as the east is banished from the west
You took our sins from us,
Removed our sins from us
How wide how high is Your unfailing love.*

Our King delights to show compassion to the weak
Their deepest needs He loves to satisfy
Throughout the earth His justice and His mercy speak
And He will run to meet the victim’s cry
From everlasting to everlasting
Our youth renewed with every step we take (chorus)

Though we are dust a moment in eternity
As flowers bloom today and then are gone
He crowns our lives with beauty and with dignity
His patience smiles on all who turn to Him
From generation to generation
We’ll tell the story of His faithfulness (chorus)

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

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Sermon Text — Isaiah 49:13-21

¹³ Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

For the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

¹⁴ But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

¹⁶ Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

¹⁷ Your builders make haste;
your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you.

¹⁸ Lift up your eyes around and see;
they all gather, they come to you.

As I live, declares the LORD,
you shall put them all on as an ornament;
you shall bind them on as a bride does.

¹⁹ "Surely your waste and your desolate places
and your devastated land—
surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants,
and those who swallowed you up will be far away.

²⁰ The children of your bereavement
will yet say in your ears:

'The place is too narrow for me;
make room for me to dwell in.'

²¹ Then you will say in your heart:
'Who has borne me these?

I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away,
but who has brought up these?

Behold, I was left alone;
from where have these come?'"

Sermon — You are Engraved on My Palms

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — Whate'er My God Ordains is Right
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Benediction

Postlude

You Are Engraved on My Palms

Isaiah 49:13-21

1. God's Comfort for You (v 13)

2. He's Forgotten me! (v 14)

3. He's Engraved me (vv 15-16)

Application: Preach to yourself that God has not, can not, and will not forget you because you are engraved in the palm of his hands.

Closing Hymn — Whate'er My God Ordains is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He doth;
And follow where He guideth.
He is my God: though dark my road.
He holds me that I shall not fall.
And so to Him I leave it all,
He holds me that I shall not fall.

Whate'er my God ordains is right:
He never will deceive me.
He leads me by the proper path;
I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent.
His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day,
His hand can turn my griefs away.

Whate'er my God ordains is right,
Though now this cup I'm drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart,
I take it all, unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew.
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart,
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right.
Here shall my stand be taken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there.
He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all,
He holds me that I shall not fall.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Mary Troxel, Chris Boyles (early team)
Jackie Plowman, Calvin Wright (late team)
SS Nursery: Steve & Elaina Hake

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Karen Ochs, Sue Bridenbaugh, Jessie Van Delden
Infant Nursery: Dawn Myers
Children's Church: Dennis Caruso, Megan Quist
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Mary Troxel, Katrina Howard (early team)
Monte Festog, Marc Quist (late team)
SS Nursery: Kim Hanlin, Emily Jernigan

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Annie & Cora Kim, Cath Howard
Infant Nursery: Joy Nichols
Children's Church: Gingy Socash, Carol Bodmer
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: John Godoy
Nursery On-call: Valory Snyder

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today **Directory Pictures**, taken at the front of the sanctuary after the worship service!

Tuesday **Session Meeting**, 7:00 pm at the church

Wednesday **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Studies**

- **9:30 am class** — sanctuary building, includes childcare.
- **10:00 am class** — meeting in C8, study on Hebrews

Dinner & Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm at the church for all ages
Youth Group, 6-8 pm in C6

Thursday **Women's Zoom Bible study meeting**, 7:00 pm

Saturday **Men's Group**, 8-10am at the church. Discussing R.C. Sproul's video series, "Christian Worldview." Coffee is provided.
Bridal Shower for Kristen Festog, 10 am at the church
Somerford Service, 10:30 am, see announcement page for details

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis _____
- Pray for wisdom, clarity, unity, and hearts of service for the men on the session of New Hope as they meet this week.
- Pray for the service that we have a group from New Hope lead at Somerford House in Frederick. Pray that through this service, there would be people who would come to faith, would be encouraged in their faith, and be blessed as they praise the Lord.
- Pray for the people in Turkey and Syria in light of the tremendous loss they have experienced after the recent earthquake. Pray for the efforts of the Committee on Diaconal Ministries in the OPC that has set up a fund that will go to fraternal connections in the region seeking to offer tangible relief in the name of Christ.
- Pray for Brittany Koops and Rachel Neahusan who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies throughout the pregnancies.
- 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 for the Christians in the Frederick area that serve the community through their work or volunteers endeavors and give them opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost and hurting.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Charles Biggs, who serves as our presbytery's home missionary and for the church plants that are under his care. Pray particularly for Good Shepherd OPC in Eastern Shore, VA and West Creek Presbyterian Church in Short Pump, VA and the works being done at each.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford as they continue to the process of returning to Africa to serve as missionaries. Pray for every aspect of this process and that God would continue to guide and direct them through it.
- Pray for the churches all over the world that exist in countries where people are persecuted for their Christian faith. Pray that the pastors in these churches will remain steadfast and protected so that the gospel can continue to go out and flourish in these parched and godless places.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members, the session of New Hope is pleased to inform you that Cooper Colby and Zachary & Laura Beth Gillette have been interviewed and approved for membership and will be joining the church on March 26th.

Winterlight Youth Retreat, on February 24-25, students in 8-12 grade are invited to join as we take a group of New Hope youth to a retreat at Covenant OPC in Sinking Spring PA. Theme: "Walking in the Light." PLEASE REGISTER by this SUNDAY the 19TH, and let either Susan Johnson or Hannah Foster know if you have a student registered. Registration can be done at <https://www.philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight> See website and attached document for more details. Please pray for this event! We look forward to seeing how God uses this opportunity to grow our youth in Christ.

Pictures for the Directory, if you would like to have your picture taken for the upcoming directory, please go to the front of the sanctuary after the worship service where Lance Duvall will be taking pictures.

Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study, the whole family is invited to come out every other Wednesday night for pizza dinner at 6:00 pm followed by Bible study for ALL ages (including a nursery!) from 6:30-7:30 pm. Contact Pastor Francis for details!

Put on your dancing shoes and bring the family! On Friday March 3 from 7-9pm, Hannah Foster, our own Ginger Rogers, and her teaching team will lead us in a family friendly, God glorifying night of line dancing. Hannah will teach us several line dance steps then give us ample opportunity to put our new found skills into practice with Christian music. The Church Life committee will provide drinks, please bring a snack to share. Any questions, please reach out to Monica Laird (410) 963-6522 or monlaird@gmail.com.

Somerford 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 or jaredneahusan@gmail.com) for more information. **The next one is Saturday, February 25th.**

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High School Mission Trip — Sign up NOW, we are looking ahead to the summer of 2023 and the annual mission trip to the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. The week is July 8-15 and anyone in grade 8-12 is welcome to go. **We need a firm commitment and a \$50 deposit no later than April 2, 2023.** If you plan to go or would like more information, please contact Ann Burden (annburd6656@gmail.com) or Gingy Socash (admin@newhopeopc.org) if you want more information or have any interest in going.

OPC Fund to help those in Turkey, check your Friday News email for a link for a fund that the OPC has started to send to those in need in Turkey.

Dear New Hope Ladies, you are invited to a Bridal Shower for Kristen Festog on Saturday February 25 at New Hope Church at 10:00 am. She is registered at Amazon. RSVP to annburd6656@gmail.com

Shepherding Groups

In an effort to care well for the flock, the elders have the congregation of New Hope divided into shepherding groups. If you are not a member, you may still find yourself in a shepherding group. This is not meant to obligate you in any way. Rather, this provides a first resource for you for questions, prayer, or information about New Hope.

If you are a member, you will be in a shepherding group. The elders want to be praying for and intentionally caring for you. Although you can speak to any elder, please get to know your shepherding elder, let them know of life events, prayer requests, and ways they can support you. We too will seek to proactively care for you and help you grow. If you are not in a group and would like to be, please contact Francis at pastor@newhopepeople.org

Dennis Caruso	Steve Hake	Karl Koops	Dave Myers	Joel Poortenga	Francis VanDelden
Burden	Beaty	Bishoff	Bauer	Freeman	Caruso
Graf	Innes	Hamilton	Burke	Mendez	Hake
Hanlin	Kim	Ohlwiler	Deschamps	Ochs	Koops
Howard	Mills	Plowman	Duvall	Troxel	Myers
Jernigan	Quist	Pottala	Laird	Boyed	Poortenga
Kinna	VanDelden	Seiler	Lowry	Neaheusen	Bodmer
Lalley	Wright, C.	Hails	Millison	Gillette	Wright, E
Porter	Martin	Lear	Wesolek	Kobe	Beck
Salter	Washburne	Bridenbaugh	Wright, B	Brooks	Snyder
Socash	Homan, T	Hadidian	Greenfield	Colby	Hartman
Jastrzembski	Bull	Williams	Mixon	Howell	Jones, M
Godoy	Festog	Johnson	Nichols	Clifford	Layman
Koops, H	Boyles	Roberts	Thorhauer	Alvir	Stakem, J
Estep	McGlamery	Viner	Lynerd	Sack	Ruchs
Rice	Foster	Haasbroek	Jones, D	Garcia	Lindsey
Wright, T	Whitmore	Zera	Stakem, T		

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — Isaiah 40:10 — ¹⁰Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

Heidelberg Catechism 1 What is thy only comfort in life and death? *That I with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who, with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head....*

Monday: Isaiah 49:13. What is the tone of this verse? How does it tie back to Is 40:1 and the historical context (39:6)? If Cyrus would deliver Judah from physical exile, why this new song of celebration (49:5, 6)? How has Jesus fulfilled this (e.g. Jn 1:9)? Is Jesus salvation, comfort, and compassion a joy to you? How will you express this today?

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:14. How do God's people (v 14) contrast with all creation in v 13? Why do you think exile would make them feel this way (see Is 50:1-2)? Think of some times in life when you (or someone you know) resonated with "God has forgotten me" (see Ps 22:1). What causes, and is underneath this thinking? Pray about these things, perhaps using Ps 13:1ff.

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:15. Why do you think a mother can't forget her infant? Is it common for a mom to have no compassion on her baby? How does God argue from this lesser example to the greater reality? What relationship between God and us is implied here (Ex 4:22, Hos 11:1, Gal 4:5)? Speak this truth to yourself all day today: I am God's child, so he can't leave me, forsake me, forget me, or fail to show compassion to me.

Thursday: Is 49:16. Why can God not forget his children (v 16)? Does this mean everybody is saved (Is 48:22, 49:23, Rom 2:28-29)? How does this verse pick up on Ex 28:9, 12? How does this verse pick up on Ex 32:15-16? How is Jesus the answer to why God cannot forsake his children in light of his high priesthood (Heb 7:25ff), his covenant keeping (Lk 22:20), and his pained palms (Jn 20:19-20)? Read your circumstances in light of this; don't read God in light of your circumstances.

Friday: Is 49:15-21. How do these verses display that God will not forget his church in the future (see also Rev 7:9)? How do these verses provide strength in times of despondency and doubt? Look up the song "Whatever my God ordains is right" and reflect on the mature resting in God's word, record, and provisions even in difficulty. Set your ambition to rest that way in God's Word and character.

Saturday: Read Isaiah 52:13-53 slowly. Pray that the Spirit opens our eyes to see, honor, and worship Jesus tomorrow.