

Worship ~ 10:30 am

WELCOME!

We are pleased that you are coming to worship at New Hope Presbyterian Church. In order to serve you well, please:

- Visit our Welcome Table
- ESV Bibles are available on the welcome table for use during the service
- Turn off the ringer on your electronic devices
- Nursery is available for children up to age 4
- Children's Church is available during the sermon (suggested ages 4-6)
- Large Print bulletins available upon request
- Children's bulletins available at the Welcome Table
- Please fill out a gray visitor card if you are visiting and place it in the offering box

Vision of New Hope Presbyterian Church

New Hope Presbyterian Church is a grace and gospel-centered fellowship which exists to magnify Jesus Christ in the areas of worship, fellowship and outreach.

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Morning Worship

April 16, 2023

Reflections

Characteristics of a life right with God:

- It is an enlightened life: Your light shall dawn in the darkness.
- It is a guided life: The LORD will guide you continually.
- It is a satisfied life: And satisfy your soul in drought.
- It is a fragrant life: Like a watered garden.
- It is a freshly sustained life: Like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.
- It is a productive, healing life: You shall build the old waste places.

The Church of God shall have the Spirit of truth and the Word of truth ever abiding in her midst. God will not break his covenant by withdrawing his Spirit from his Church. The Redeemer has come, and his work of redemption is accomplished. The Spirit also has come, but his work is not as yet done; it is being performed from day to day, and the Spirit will never be withdrawn while any part of his ministry remains unfulfilled. The consequence of all this is the glory of the true Church of the living God. There are better days coming for the cause of Christ and of truth. Listen, and be encouraged, all ye that are heavy of heart!

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Isaiah 63:7-8 (in unison)

⁷I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD,

according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

8 For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior.

Praise -

Songs of Praise — To God be the Glory



Prayer of Adoration Songs of Praise

Come People of the Risen King
Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise,
Come all, and tune your hearts
to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows
of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night,
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:
"Our God is all in all." (chorus)

How Long, O Lord, How Long

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)

Confession of Sin — Matthew 6:1-2, 5-7, 16-18

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

¹⁶ "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Corinthians 1:27-31

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reception of New Members — Tyler & Hannah Beck, John & Rachel Clifford, Heath & Brittney Koops, and Jordan & Kelsey Roberts

Offering* — Matthew 6:3-4 ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward 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 — We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God We are not consumed, by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed. You are the Faithful one And from the garden to the grave bind us together, bring shalom.

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Isaiah 58, 59:15-21

"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that did righteousness

and did not forsake the judgment of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments;

they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,

and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day

will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed.

and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

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Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you;

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

If you take away the yoke from your midst,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.
 And the LORD will guide you continually

and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to dwell in.

¹³ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways,

or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;

14 then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;

I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

59^{15b}The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

¹⁶He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation,

and his righteousness upheld him.

¹⁷He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head:

he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,

and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

¹⁸ According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

¹⁹ So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun;

for he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

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True	and	False	Religion
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Isaiah 58, 59:15-21

²⁰ "And a Redeemer will come to Zion,

to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD. ²¹ "And as for me, this is my covenant with them," says the LORD: "My Spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouth of your offspring, or out of the mouth of your children's offspring," says the LORD, "from this time forth and forevermore."

Sermon — True and False Religion

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden





Benediction Postlude

Treasurer's Update, by Elease Layman

Trivia Time (answer at end of update): How much of New Hope's annual budget is devoted to buying hot cups/lids for coffee and tea?

- (A) \$25
- (B) \$500
- (C) \$1,000
- (D) \$439,962

The New Hope financial office work is ticking along, with giving tracking fairly well with our budget (see below). Several members have also responded to the Session's call for support of the Cliffords in their "pre-going" year, committing an extra \$16,690 to our '23-'24 General Fund so that we can offer employment to John and subsidize local housing for the Clifford family. If you are interested in further supporting the Cliffords as they prepare to go to Rwanda, please speak directly to them about supporting them via Mission to the World.

General Fund Giving (7/1/22-3/31/23)

Actual: \$332,490.70 Budget: \$333,013.82

Variance (deficit): -\$523.12

Facility Fund Giving (7/1/22-3/31/23): \$30,000

Trivia Answer: The correct answer is (C). Answer (A) is the cost of a nice, name brand insulated tumbler, and answer (D) is our total annual budget. Answer (B) is how much I wish we spent on hot cups/lids. And, yes, this is a not-so-subtle way to encourage you members and regular attenders to bring your own tumbler with lid as you enjoy the complimentary coffee and tea on Sunday mornings. This trivia question sponsored by the Edification Committee.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Chris Boyles, Jackie Plowman, Calvin Wright

Toddler Nursery: Amy Wright, Laura & Emma VanDelden

Infant Nursery: Cath Howard

Children's Church: No Children's Church

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

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Hannah Foster, Brian Burden Toddler Nursery: Lauren Mendez, Talia & Lorena Poortenga

Infant Nursery: Rachael Kobe

Children's Church: No Children's Church

Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Mary Troxel

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today Senior Growth Group, meeting today after the

worship service in the overflow room.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for our newest church family members: Tyler, Hannah & Rory Beck, John, Rachel, Jackson, Rose, Thomas, Teddy Clifford, Heath, Brittany & Travis Koops, and Jordan, Kelsey, JJ & Wyatt Roberts. Pray that they would all be engrafted quickly into the body of New Hope and that their gifts would be used well for the glory of God and His church.
- Pray for the upcoming Christianity Explored Class. Pray that many unbelievers will come to hear the good news of the gospel.
- Pray for the leaders of our country that they would be godly in their decision making, honest in their communication, and selfless in their actions.
- Pray for Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Pottala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles.
- Pray for Brittney Koops and Rachel Neahusan who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the heath and well-being of both moms and babies throughout the pregnancies.
- Pray for an end to war and unrest in our world. Pray that the Prince of Peace will turn evil away and will turn hearts toward himself.
- 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 the churches in Frederick will be places that preach the gospel and the truths of the scriptures. Pray for the pastors that they will be faithful to the Lord and their calling.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, John and Rachel Clifford, who will be heading to Rwanda soon with Mission to the World. Pray for the two churches in Rwanda that are in need of a good reformed pastor. Pray that the Lord would raise up the right men to lead these congregations as many are seeking theological education, since the Government passed a law requiring at least a bachelors degree for pastors. Pray that ministers would seek out good biblical theological training, like the training we are offering. Please pray for us as we continue to envision our family in Rwanda. Pray that the Lord would give us wisdom on housing, schooling, workload, and day-to-day living in a new country.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake who is serving the Lord in Asia. Pray
 that he will persevere in the language learning process, that he will find
 joy in the work he is called to do, and that he will find ways to share the
 gospel with unbelievers around him.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world that suffer greatly for the cause of Christ. Pray that the Lord would sustain, strengthen, and uphold them through difficult times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OPC Evangelism & Church Planting conference**, Saturday April 22nd from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Grace Fellowship OPC in Vienna, VA. To RSVP or learn more about it, visit https://tinyurl/OPCMissions.
- Work Day, Mark your calendars for May 6th and come out and help around the church property during the next scheduled work day. We will be doing yard work and other things around the property. There will be something for everyone! Bring any yard equipment you might have and some gloves! Chris Lear will be heading up this project if you have any questions.
- Senior Growth Group, will meet today after the worship service in the overflow room.
- **Opportunities to serve during sabbatical**, during the time that Pastor Francis and his family are gone on sabbatical, there will be some opportunities to fill gaps we might have in ministry. Look at the list below and see if there is anything you think you might be able to do!
 - Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible study
 - Coordinate the moving parts for the June & July
 - Teach the children's bible study
 - Set up and take down tables and chairs
 - Pick up pizza from Costco
- Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, April 20! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at Analia's Cafe (Prospect Blvd, near Jefferson St, Frederick) and/or dessert around 8:00pm at Amy Wright's new home (4713 Elmer Derr Rd, Frederick). RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, April 19 to Elease Layman 301.767.6848 or elease.layman@gmail.com.
- Annual Report, it's that time of the year! Annual Report time! If you are a church committee chairperson, a subcommittee chairperson or basically in charge of anything church related, you should have received an email letting you know that Annual Report submissions are due to me by May 15th. Mark your calendars! The annual Congregational Meeting is schedule for June 25th.
- **New Hope ladies,** you are invited to a prayer breakfast on Saturday, April 22 starting at 10:00 am. at the church. We will meet for breakfast and then spend time in prayer for our church, our families, the work of God to be done in our hearts. We will use the Lords prayer as a guide. There will be a sign up in the lobby for bringing a breakfast item. Come out for fellowship and a time of coming to God with our hearts and our lives in prayer. Any questions contact Joy Nichols, Ann Burden, or Rosemarie Festog.
- Christianity Explored Class, Wednesdays from 6-8 pm beginning May 3 and running for 7 weeks (June 14). Invitations are on the welcome center table. Invite your friends and neighbors!

New Member Bios

Tyler and Hannah Beck live in Frederick, MD and both grew up in the area. They have been married for a little over 2 years and have a daughter named Rory, a dog named Franklin, and 2 ferrets named Pancake and Luna. Tyler was in the Army for 5.5 years as an HR Sergeant, has his Bachelors in Criminal Justice, and is now in the Police Academy for Gaithersburg Police Department. He enjoys woodworking and playing video games, as well as hanging out with his family. Hannah previously worked as a bartender but now stays home to care for Rory while also working on her degree in Elementary Education. She enjoys cooking, getting together with friends, and going on walks. Hannah has been attending New Hope since she was 12 and Tyler started attending in 2019. They are excited for this part of their walk with God and look forward to growing in the Lord alongside the other members of New Hope.

Heath and Brittney Koops live in Frederick, MD in the Whittier neighborhood. Heath grew up in Myersville going to New Hope with his family. Brittney and her family are from Gaithersburg, where she went to Church of the Redeemer and Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene. On Christmas morning 2020, God blessed them with a beautiful boy, Travis(2). They are excitedly anticipating the arrival of a baby girl due at the end of June! Brittney works for ALDI in the Frederick Distribution Center as an Operations Assistant. Heath works in law enforcement in Washington, D.C. Together they enjoy trying different restaurants nearby, especially for breakfast and they love to visit the southern Delaware beaches for vacation.

Jordan and Kelsey Roberts live in Middletown, MD with their two children. They met while Jordan was serving in the Marine Corps out of Jacksonville, NC and Kelsey was going to college in MD. They got married in 2011 following Jordan's deployment to Afghanistan, living apart until he ended active service and moved to MD in 2012. Their two children are JJ (7 years old) and Wyatt (3 years old). Jordan works remotely for a software company, and enjoys motorcycle and dirt bike riding. Kelsey works remotely in Marketing and enjoys any activity that takes her outside; hiking, mountain biking, or just playing with the kids. JJ and Wyatt enjoy playing Mario games, building legos, and telling jokes. Their family is grateful for the welcoming community and fellowship at New Hope and look forward to developing more in their faith with their support.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: Isaiah 55:6 ⁶ "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

Westminster Confession 13.1 (on Sanctification) They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Monday: Isaiah 58:1-5. How religious were these folks? What did God find lacking in their fasting/religion (see Isaiah 1:10-20)? How did they try to obligate God (v 3)? Compare this to Matthew 6:1, 2, 5, 7, 16-18. Where do you see parallels to your own life (e.g. check-box religion, God owing you)? Isn't love for God missing from this? Respond to your sin like in Is 59:2, 12.

Tuesday: What kind of religion/fasting does meet God's approval (Is 58:6-7)? How is that different from vv 1-5? Compare this to James 1:27f, Mt 25:34-40. Our love/faith is to reflect God's outward-looking, Trinitarian love (1 Jn 4:21). How will you obey this command this week?

Wednesday: Is 59:16-21. Before someone can love like God does, he must encounter the love of God. How do you see the three persons in the Trinity in 59:16-21, and what does each one do in response to our sin and inability (Eph 6:10-14, 2 Cor 3:16-18, Heb 10:16)? Delighting in God (Is 58:14) moves us to love our neighbor (1 Jn 4:21). Plan and pray for a deeper delight in God, and practical love of your neighbors.

Thursday: Is 58:8-11. To what specific commands does Is 58:7-11 call us? We are called to sacrifice, lay down our lives for our brothers (1 Jn 3:16). What two groups does Gal 6:10 call us to serve, and with what priority? What about our own families (Is 58:7, 1 Tim 5:8)? Prayerfully, honestly consider your obedience in this realm. How can you bring others along in growth here?

Friday: Is 58:8-11. Sacrifice is costly. Find as many motivations as you can in these verses. What does God promise? Are these only realized in the new heavens and earth? Step out in new obedience, clinging to these promises.

Saturday: Read Isaiah 60:1-3. How has God's light risen upon you? How can you pray v 3? Pray that God would shine his light on us tomorrow.