# WELCOME



# Worship ~ 10:30 am

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
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- 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
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- 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 23, 2023

#### Reflections

The Church is like the moon, which shines with borrowed light. When God shines upon the Church, then the Church herself shines by reflecting his light. The glory of Jehovah is her glory, if that be withdrawn, she is dark indeed; but when that shines into her, and through her, then her brightness is great indeed.

~C.H. Spurgeon

Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world...It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither.

~ C. S. Lewis

Approach to God

Prelude

#### Welcome — Dave Myers, elder

#### Call to Worship — Hebrews 12:22-24

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

#### **Prayer of Adoration**

### Praise

Songs of Praise — Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken



John Newton, 1779

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7.D. Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

#### **Greater Than We Can Imagine**

Every day we'll bless You and praise Your name And on Your glorious splendor we will dwell On Your wondrous works, Lord, we'll meditate And of Your awesome power we will tell We'll speak of Your salvation and Your abundant goodness

#### CHORUS

Because You are greater than we can imagine You are too beautiful for us to fathom Oh, You are great, and greatly to be praised

Every generation shall sing Your worth And magnify Your mercy and Your grace We'll sing about the Savior who came to earth To bear the sins of those He came to save You fill our hearts with wonder We'll worship You forever

Renewal

**Confession of Sin** — Ephesians 5:14, Matthew 5:15, Philippians 2:14-15

<sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper,

and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

<sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>14</sup>Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

#### Song of Assurance of Pardon <u>All I Have is Christ</u>

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life, had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me now all I know is grace

#### Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose And let my song forever be my only boast is You

#### The Culmination of Our Salvation — Rev. 21:22-22:5

<sup>22</sup> And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup> and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**22** <sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup> They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

#### Baptism — Rory Beck, Travis Koops

# **Offering**\* — Psalm 116:12 <sup>12</sup> What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

\*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** — Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God the Father of our Lord In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory To the praise of Your mercy and grace To the praise of Your glory You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God who gives His grace in Christ In Him our sins are washed away, Redeemed through sacrifice In Him God has made known to us, the myst'ry of His will That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill (chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God for we've believed the Word And through our faith we have a seal the Spirit of the Lord The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done Until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One (chorus)

## Commitment

#### **Congregational Prayer**

#### Sermon Text — Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes all around, and see;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,

and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

- <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.
- They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you;
- the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
- they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
  - and I will beautify my beautiful house.

<sup>8</sup> Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? <sup>9</sup> For the coastlands shall hope for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from afar, their silver and gold with them,

for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has made you beautiful.

<sup>10</sup> Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you, but in my favor I have had mercy on you.
 <sup>11</sup> Your gates shall be open continually; day and night they shall not be shut, that people may bring to you the wealth of the nations,

- with their kings led in procession.
- <sup>12</sup> For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
- <sup>13</sup> The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
- to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious.
- <sup>14</sup> The sons of those who afflicted you
  - shall come bending low to you,
- and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet;
- they shall call you the City of the LORD,
  - the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- <sup>15</sup>Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
- with no one passing through,
- I will make you majestic forever, a joy from age to age.
- <sup>16</sup> You shall suck the milk of nations;
  - you shall nurse at the breast of kings;
- and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Savior
- and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.
- <sup>17</sup> Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron.
- I will make your overseers peace
- and your taskmasters righteousness.
- <sup>18</sup> Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders;
- you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

# O Church, Arise, Shine

Isaiah 60

Theme: O Church, arise and shine for God will beautify you. Shine now in light of your glorious future.

Introduction (vs 1-3)

1. The Church Under Construction (vs 4-16)

2. The Church in Glorious Completion (vs 17-22)

<sup>19</sup> The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.
<sup>20</sup> Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light,

and your days of mourning shall be ended.

<sup>21</sup>Your people shall all be righteous;

they shall possess the land forever,

the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified. <sup>22</sup> The least one shall become a clan,

and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will hasten it.

#### **Sermon** — O Church, Arise, Shine!

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## **Closing Song** — May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife With boundless love and deepest joy with endless life

Chorus:

May the peoples praise You, Let the nations be glad All Your blessing comes that we may praise May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within each harvest is Your own And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word (CHORUS)

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation, tribe and tongue, Your church proclaims

#### CHORUS

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty All creation praise Your glorious Name (CHORUS)

# Benediction

#### Postlude

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

#### <u>10:30 am</u>

Welcome Team: Toddler Nursery: Infant Nursery: Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Monte Festog, Hannah Foster, Brian Burden Lauren Mendez, Talia & Lorena Poortenga Rachael Kobe No Children's Church Ed Wright Isaac Wright Mary Troxel

#### Serving Next Week

#### <u>10:30 am</u>

Welcome Team: Toddler Nursery: Infant Nursery: Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Sue Bridenbaugh, Marc Quist, Dustin Mixon Mary Troxel, Monica Laird, Samantha VanDelden Ann Burden No Children's Church Mark Nichols Johannes Haasbroek Gingy Socash

## THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today

**Sunday School Teachers** for the spring semester should meet at the front of the sanctuary today after the worship service to get their curriculum.

## COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

#### **Our Church Family**

- Praise God for the baptism of Rory Beck and Travis Koops. Pray that the Lord would enable their parents to teach them the well truths of scripture and the love and sacrifice of Jesus. Pray that they will come to a saving faith early in their lives and serve their Savior all their days.
- Pray for Pastor Francis and our session as they lead our church. Pray for unity, for care for one another, and for hearts of service for the flock.
- Pray for the upcoming Christianity Explored Class. Pray that many unbelievers will come to hear the good news of the gospel.
- Pray for our upcoming Sunday school semester and all of those who have agreed to help teach. Pray that the Lord would use this time to grow the congregation's understanding of faith and the scriptures.
- Pray that those who are struggling with anxiety and/or depression will find rest and encouragement in Christ and His promises.
- 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 that the Lord would continue to guide and direct their fundraising efforts and that their will trust in Him and His timing.
- 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.

**Work Day,** Mark your calendars for May 13th 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.

**Opportunities to serve during sabbatical**, we want the regular ministries of the church to continue through the summer. 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 studies (only 4 occurrences)
  - Teach the children's bible study
  - Set up and take down tables and chairs
  - Pick up pizza from Costco
- 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.
- Nominations for Elder/Deacon, this is a reminder that any member of the congregation can nominate men for elder or deacon at any time of the year. If you would like to nominate someone, please review the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3 and then speak to the individual to see if they are willing to be nominated. If they are, please then speak with an elder to make the nomination.
- Sunday School Teachers for the Spring Semester, don't forget to stay after church today and meet in front of the sanctuary to get your curriculum!
- **New Serving Schedule has been sent out,** make sure to check your email for the complete serving schedule for May-August. As always, please remember that if you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find your own replacement and let the ministry leader know!

We very much appreciate everyone who volunteers to serve a ministry of the church. Without the help of volunteers, many ministries would not be able to function. With more volunteers we are able to spread the work load out — so if you haven't yet volunteered, please consider where you might use your gifts and abilities.

Contact Gingy in the church office if you would like more information (admin@newhopeopc.org)

- **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!
- Sunday School begins May 7!, As we head into the final week of the resting month, we want to give you something to look forward to in May! Sunday School! Please check out what is being offered May-July and who is teaching!
  - Adult Class: first 6 weeks will be taught by Pastor Francis on "real community" using a book by Welch. Second 12 weeks will be based on a book by Ian Hamilton entitled "7 Words from the Cross."
  - High School, meeting in C6 using the book, "Before You Lose Your Faith" the high school class will be apologetic in nature and will challenge the students to examine their faith. This class will be taught by various teachers
  - Middle School, studying the book of Luke, taught by Steve & Karen Ochs
  - 3rd-5th grade, studying 1 Corinthians-Philemon, taught by Amy Wright, Dawn Myers and Rachel Neahusan
  - K-2nd grade, learning stories from the Gospels in Knowing Jesus, taught by Annie & Man Kim, LauraBeth Gillette
  - Preschool/PK, will be learning that Jesus is the Savior, taught by Emily Jernigan, Liesl Boyed, and Talia Poortenga

**Memory Text:** Isaiah 55:7 <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Heidelberg Catechism 52**, What comfort is it to thee that "Christ shall come again to judge the quick and the dead?" That in all my sorrows and persecutions, with uplifted head I look for the very same person, who before offered himself for my sake, to the tribunal of God, and has removed all curse from me, to come as judge from heaven: who shall cast all his and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but shall translate me with all his chosen ones to himself, into heavenly joys and glory.

**Monday:** Isaiah 60:1. Why was the Old Testament church sitting down and not shining (59:12-15)? What promise of light had God given them (Is 59:16-21)? How does that give them the strength to "arise and shine" (see v 10)? Do you mourn for your sin (Mt 5:3, 4)? What hope is there for repentant sinners (Rom 5:2)? Do you claim this hope?

**Tuesday**: Isaiah 60:1-13. How has God's glory shone on his people (Mt 4:14/Is 42:7)? What does Eph 5:25-27 say Jesus will do to the church, his bride? How do you see this "construction" in vv 3-13? How do the nations beautify God's church (vv 3, 7, 9, 13)? How are you participating in nations joining the church? Pray for specific ways for God to beautify his church.

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 60:1-3. If God is constructing his church into a beautiful temple, what warning is there to unbelievers in v 12? What call to obedience is there in vv 1-2? Compare this with Phil 2:14-15. How are you letting your light shine? How are you reflecting the radiant beauty of God in your attitude, work, relationships?

**Thursday:** Read Isaiah 60:17-20 and paint for yourself the details of God's future, glorified church (see also Rev 21:22-22:5). What delights you especially about this description? What does it look like to live in light of this glorious future (e.g. 1 Tim 6:17-19, Mt 19:27-19)?

**Friday:** Isaiah 60:1-3, 17-20. How does future glory (vv 17-20) open the door for you to shine and reflect God's glory here and how (vv 1-3)? How does it help when life here is disappointing or bleak? What about when you're aging? What about when you feel the church's weakness or ugliness? What keeps the believer going (2 Cor 4:6-10, 3:18)?

**Saturday:** Isaiah 61:1-6. How have these verses already partially come true in Jesus?