

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***
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Vision of New Hope Presbyterian Church

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

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Morning Worship

May 21, 2023

Reflections

In his essay “On Fairy Stories,” J.R.R. Tolkien writes about the reasons why people are drawn to fairy tales. Such stories are often at the opposite end of the emotional spectrum to our daily news: instead of war, financial volatility, pandemic, and heartbreak, fairy tales offer happy endings that reflect the longings of the human heart. Tolkien suggests that at the root of those longings is an ache for Christ to set the world right—to unite all things, restore all things, and make the world as absolutely, perfectly beautiful as it was before Adam’s rebellion. The first Adam sinned, and death and chaos followed. But a second Adam came to undo what Adam had done and to accomplish what no one else could. God will fix it all. What is troubling you today? Bring an eternal perspective to the affairs of time, with the help of the Spirit, and you can find security in His perfect plan. You can’t yet know all the details of the story of this world, but you can know that for those who trust in Christ, the final scene is a happy, endless ending—and that it is no fairy story.

~ Alistair Begg

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship — Amos 9:13-15 (responsive)

¹³“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
and all the hills shall flow with it.

¹⁴**I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.**

¹⁵I will plant them on their land,
and they shall never again be uprooted
out of the land that I have given them,”
says the LORD your God.

Prayer of Adoration

Praise

Songs of Praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make
every king bow down?
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty
demands such praises?
What other splendor
outshines the sun?
What other majesty
rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him,
the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy,
forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory
consumes like fire?
What other power
can raise the dead?
What other name
remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God (chorus x2)

Who else could rescue me
from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me
to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God
(chorus x2)

King of Grace

We have come to a throne of grace
Where our mighty Savior
perfects our praise
Where wrath and judgment
have been put away
Where not a trace
of all our sin remains

*You're the King of grace unending
To Your open arms we run
You're the King of Grace unending
And we rest in Your unfailing love
And we rest in Your unfailing love*

We have come to a throne of grace
Where our Prince of Peace
ever lives to pray
For those his sacrifice
has bought and saved
Where saints and angels
sing eternal praise (chorus)

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Matthew 6:19-20

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Corporate Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God,

We believe that you are coming again in power to judge the earth. But we confess that we have not lived as those who daily expect your kingdom to come.

We confess that we are too readily enticed by the world: we have longed for the comfort and security our affluent culture provides. We have loved pension and retirement plans more than your promises.

We confess that we are too easily seduced by our own flesh: appropriate needs for food, clothing and shelter can become obsessions. We have loved food more than the true bread from heaven and brick houses more than the house of God.

We confess that we are too readily deceived by Satan: we think that satisfaction can be found outside the safety of your commands. We fantasize that more, or better or different circumstances would bring us happiness.

Forgive our sins and the lack of faith that energizes them; have mercy on us in our weakness. Win our hearts with the beauty of Jesus. Keep our eyes trained on Him and the promise of heaven that you have set before us. Remind us of the promises yet to come as we strive to live in ways that glorify You. Through the strong name of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon — Philippians 3:8-14, 20-21

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Offering* — Psalm 37:21 ²¹The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;

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Response in Song

Jesus Thank You

The mystr'y of the cross
I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You the perfect holy One
crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup
reserved for me

*Your blood has washed
away my sin
Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath
completely satisfied
Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy
now seated at Your table
Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made
Your friend
Pouring out the riches
of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and your kindness
know no end.

Lover of my soul I want to live for
you. (3X)

On That Day

I believe in Christ,
risen from the dead
He now reigns victorious,
His kingdom knows no end
Through His resurrection,
death has lost its hold
I know on that final day,
I'll rise as Jesus rose

*On that day, we will see You
Shining brighter than the sun
On that day, we will know You
As we lift our voice as one
'Til that day, we will praise You
For Your never-ending grace
And we will keep on singing
on that glorious day*

What a blessed hope,
though now tired and worn
We will spend eternity
around our Savior's throne
Though we grieve our losses,
we grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory
waits beyond the grave (chorus)

Hallelujah, what a day it will be!
For at home with You,
my joy is complete
As I run into Your arms open wide,
I will see
My Father who is waiting for me
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(Chorus x2)

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Isaiah 65

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”

to a nation that was not called by my name.

² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;

⁴ who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

⁵ who say, “Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

⁶ Behold, it is written before me:

“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

⁷ both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.”

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’

so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,

and from Judah possessors of my mountains;

my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

¹⁰ Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks,

and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down,

for my people who have sought me.

¹¹ But you who forsake the LORD, who forget my holy mountain,

who set a table for Fortune and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny,

¹² I will destine you to the sword,

and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter,

because, when I called, you did not answer;

when I spoke, you did not listen,

but you did what was evil in my eyes and chose what I did not delight in.”

¹³ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

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“Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry;
 behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty;
 behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame;
¹⁴ behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart,
 but you shall cry out for pain of heart
 and shall wail for breaking of spirit.
¹⁵ You shall leave your name to my chosen for a curse,
 and the Lord GOD will put you to death,
 but his servants he will call by another name,
¹⁶ so that he who blesses himself in the land
 shall bless himself by the God of truth,
 and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by the God of truth;
 because the former troubles are forgotten
 and are hidden from my eyes.
¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,
 and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
 for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
 and her people to be a gladness.
¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;
 no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.
²⁰ No more shall there be in it
 an infant who lives but a few days,
 or an old man who does not fill out his days,
 for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
 and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
 for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
 and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
 and dust shall be the serpent’s food.
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

Sermon — Seek God for Heaven’s Sake
 ~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — By the Sea of Crystal (pg10)

Seek God for Heaven's Sake

Isaiah 65

- 1 God's Eager Invitation (v 1)
2. Do Not Forget God (vv 2, 11-12)
3. Seek and Serve God (vv 8, 13-14)
4. For Heaven's Sake (vv 17-25)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Daniel Jones (early team)
Hannah Foster, Gingly Socash (late team)
SS nursery: Elizabeth Jones, Steve Hake

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Mary Troxel, Karl Koops, Samantha VanDelden
Infant Nursery: Kim Hanlin
Children's Church: Matt Festog, Michelle Williams
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear (early team)
Marc Quist, Cath Howard (late team)
SS nursery: Betsy Lalley, Kim Hanlin

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Monica Laird, Rachel Clifford, Emma VanDelden
Infant Nursery: Valory Snyder
Children's Church: Elisa Godoy, Jessie VanDelden
Sound: Lance Duvall
Live Stream: Craig Lalley
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Tuesday **Trustee Meeting**, 7:15 pm in C8

Wednesday **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Studies**

- **9:30 am class** — meeting at Amy Wright's home beginning this week, includes childcare, study on 1 Corinthians.

- **10:00 am class** — meeting in C8, study on Hebrews

Youth Group, 6-8 pm in C6

Christianity Explored, 6-8 pm in sanctuary building

Friday **Session Meeting**, 7:00 pm

Saturday **Men's Discussion Group**, 8-10 am, Discussing video series, "Reformed Theology." Coffee is provided.

Somerford Worship Service, 10:00 am

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks that Mavis Bauer came through her hip replacement surgery well. Pray for the healing process and that she will recover quickly.
- Praise God for the wonderful hope that we have in the Lord Jesus knowing that we will enjoy the future in heaven some day!
- Rejoice with the Cliffords in light of John's graduation from seminary yesterday! Continue to pray for them as they seek the Lord's guidance throughout their fundraising process as they prepare to go to Rwanda.
- Pray for the board of trustees as they meet this week. Pray for clarity, unity, and vision as they lead the church in matters pertaining to finances and the physical church building.
- Pray for wisdom and godly leadership skills for our session as they serve the church and as they meet this week.
- Continue to pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they prepare to embark on the sabbatical in a few weeks. Pray that during this time they will be refreshed and encouraged. Pray for Mavis Bauer, 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 health 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 they will be places where the gospel is proclaimed and Christ is honored.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, Ben and Melanie Westerveld serving the Lord in Quebec. Pray that as Ben interacts with people from many different denominations he will be able to integrate basic gospel truths in conversation. Praise God for the many opportunities he has to share the gospel.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake who is serving the Lord in Asia. Pray that he would be encouraged in the work he is doing and trusting in God and His goodness.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians who are serving the Lord in China. Pray for protection and for God to move in mighty ways in that country.
- Pray for Kristen who is serving the Lord in Europe. Pray that she will be strong in the Lord as she cares for the community He has put her in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Women's Bible study, the 9:30 am Bible study will be studying 1 Corinthians and will be meeting at Amy Wright's home and will continue to meet there throughout the summer. Childcare is provided. Contact Amy Wright (amy.r.dewit@gmail.com) or Rachel Neahusan (rappachel@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

Congregational Meeting, June 25th, 2023 immediately following the worship service. Details will be forthcoming!

TODAY, Youth Group going to Wildwood is meeting after church!

Bylaw change: Please read through the letter below as this will be voted on at the upcoming Congregational Meeting.

Dear New Hope members,

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming bylaw change regarding the term limit for the office of treasurer. This will take place at our next corporation meeting on Sunday, June 25th.

The office of treasurer is a demanding, complex, and involved position. It is an often times thankless and 'behind the scenes' responsibility, yet it is essential for the practical needs of this church to be completed. The duties of the treasurer are many and are detailed in the treasurer handbook which is available upon request.

The current bylaws state that a person may not serve as a treasurer for more than five consecutive years. We find ourselves with a treasurer who has blessed us greatly and has done a tremendous job in serving the church by excellently performing all of the treasurer duties. The Board of Trustees has unanimously passed a motion to propose to change the bylaws by removing the five year term for the office of treasurer to allow our treasurer to continue to serve. By removing the term limit, we hope to ensure that we can provide continuity and stability to our financial management.

This may cause concern to some, but it should be remembered that the treasurer is still appointed by the Board of Trustees every year and the Trustees maintain oversight of the treasurer. The treasurer appointee and Board of Trustees mutually agree for this appointment.

This bylaw change will be proposed, discussed, and voted upon at the next corporation meeting which will be held after church on June 25th,

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2023. If you have any questions or concerns about this proposal, please feel free to contact me at confree98@gmail.com.

In Christ,

Connor Freeman

President of the Board of Trustees, New Hope OPC

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text: Isaiah 60:2 — ²For 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.

Westminster Larger Catechism 90 What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment? At the day of judgment, the righteous... shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

Monday: Isaiah 65:1. What image of God do we get in this verse? What does it communicate about what God wants? How does it contrast with v 2? God wants you to seek him -are you? Read 2 Pet 3:9, and Eph 2:12, 13 and relate then to this verse. Practice seeking God (e.g. Is 55:6, Ps 77:2, 105:3, 4)?

Tuesday: Isaiah 65:2, 11-12. What response did Judah have to God's plea to come to him (see Mt 23:37)? What had they replaced God with? How are you tempted to replace God with idols of power, control, comfort, and reputation? What does v 12 say is the end result of giving ourselves to such gods? What is your warning here (1 Jn 5:21, Mk 9:43ff)?

Wednesday: Isaiah 65:9, 13-14. What does v 9 promise God will do despite much rebellion? How is that hopeful? Consider the contrasts between "you" and the "servants" in vv 13-16. How does this lend persuasion to v 1's appeal? How can you know that you are a servant of the Lord (Is 53:6, Rom 10:9-10, Jn 14:15)? How can you grow in your servanthood today?

Thursday: Isaiah 65:17-24 is the emphasis of the passage. How does it fit with v 1? How does it fit with v 9-10? Heaven is meant as a motivation to love and serve God. What in these verses do you find attractive/motivational? Col 3:1-3 calls us to set our minds on things above where Christ is. Seek to cultivate a longing for heaven.

Friday: Isaiah 65:17-24. Read the following verses and look for 1) total joy in vv 18-19; total security in vv 20-22; total fulfillment in v 23, total intimacy in v 24, total peace in v 25. Compare this to Rev 21:1-4. What is the heart of joy in heaven (Rev 21:22-23)? Do you know and love him?

Saturday: Consider how Isaiah 66 makes a fitting conclusion to the book of Isaiah.