

WELCOME!



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.

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Morning Worship

August 13, 2023

Reflections

What does the eighth commandment require (Heidelberg Catechism 111)? That I promote the advantage of my neighbor in every instance I can or may; and deal with him as I desire to be dealt with by others: further also that I faithfully labor, so that I may be able to relieve the needy.

"The gospel teaches that the meaning of life is to love God and love our neighbor, and that the operating principle is servanthood."

~ Tim Keller

For many of us, being productive and 'doing' becomes an attempt at 'redemption.' That is, through our work, we try to build our worth, security, and meaning.

~Dr. Ann, in Every Good Endeavor

Approach to God

Prelude

Welcome — Dennis Caruso, elder

Call to Worship — Psalm 24:1-6 (responsive)

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

² for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³ **Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?**

⁴ **He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Prayer of Adoration

Praise

Songs of Praise

Lord of Lords

Beholding Your beauty
is all that I long for
To worship You Jesus
is my sole desire
For this very heart
You have shaped
for Your pleasure
Purposed to lift
Your Name higher

Here in surrender
in pure adoration
I enter Your courts
with an offering of praise
I am Your servant
come to bring You glory
as is fit for the work
of Your hands

*Now unto the Lamb
who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds
with the song
Worship and praise Him
the Lord of lords*

Spirit now living
and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed
ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world
ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race (chorus)

*Holy Lord You are holy
Jesus Christ is the Lord (2X)*

*Now unto the Lamb
who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise*

*Call all the sinners
to join in the song
Worship and praise Him
the Lord of lords*

The Lord of Lords
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Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God,
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit,
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

CHORUS

*Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching
of Your Word
Until every heart confesses
Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food
for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

BRIDGE

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 4:28, Colossians 3:22-24

²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — John 1:9

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Offering** — Mark 10:23 ²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

***You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

Songs of Response — How Deep

You were broken that I might be healed.
You were cast off that I might draw near.
You were thirsty that I might come drink,
Cried out in anguish That I might sing.

*How deep is Your love, How high and how wide is your mercy.
How deep is your grace, Our hearts overflow with praise to You.*

You knew darkness that I might know light,
Wept great tears that mine might be dried,
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son

Father, You loved me, sent Your Son to redeem
Jesus, You washed me By Your blood I am clean
Spirit, You've opened these blinded eyes, And brought me to Christ

*Heavenly Father, beautiful Son, Spirit of light and truth
Thank You for bringing sinners to come to You (2x)*

Father, You gave me to Jesus to keep
And Jesus, You love me as a shepherd, his sheep
Spirit, You've given me faith in the Son
And made our hearts one (chorus)

Father, You're waiting To hear my requests
Jesus, Your loving Open hand is outstretched
Spirit, You're in me, You intercede And help in my need (chorus)

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Sermon — How to Be a Fruitful Christian

~ Pastor John Clifford

Closing Hymn — Love Divine, all Loves Excelling (page 8)

How to Be a Fruitful Christian

John 15:1-8

1. You are not a fruitful Christian if you are...

- a. Not connected to the vine (v.1).
- b. Not bearing fruit (v.2).
- c. Not safe from judgment (v.6).

2. You are a fruitful Christian if you are...

- a. In Christ (vv.2,4,5,6,7)
- b. Cleansed by God (vv.2-3)
- c. Glorifying the Father (v8)

3. You can only become a fruitful Christian if you...

- a. Abide in Christ (vv.4-5)
- b. Abide in Christ's Words (v.7)

Closing Song — Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Benediction

Postlude

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Mary Troxel, Cath Howard, Colin Brooks
Toddler Nursery:	Emily Jernigan, Ann Burden, Talia Poortenga
Infant Nursery:	Cath Howard
Children's Church:	No Children's Church
Sound:	Ed Wright
Live Stream:	Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call:	Monica Laird
Prayer Team:	David & Kathleen Porter

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear, Sue Bridenbaugh
Toddler Nursery:	Mary Troxel, Megan Quist, Cora Kim
Infant Nursery:	Rachel Clifford
Children's Church:	No Children's Church
Sound:	Craig Lalley
Live Stream:	John Godoy
Nursery On-call:	Amy Wright
Prayer Team:	Mark & Sally Rice

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Thursday **Ladies' Night Out**, 6:00 pm, see announcement page for details.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Marc Ohlwiler and his fiancée, Justine, as they prepare for their wedding at the end of September. Pray that the Lord would bless their plans and their marriage and give them wisdom throughout.
- Praise God for the healthy birth of Kim & David Mills' first grandchild, Levi and give thanks for His goodness to their family.
- Pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed or concerned about their jobs. Pray that God would provide for all their needs, that He would give patience and wisdom, and that they would trust in the Lord and His goodness and care.
- Continue to pray for wisdom and strength for session as they lead and care for the body of New Hope.
- Pray for Dennis Caruso, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Pottala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles.
- Pray for Rachel Neahusan and Rachael Kobe who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies during these last weeks of pregnancy.
- 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.
- Pray for the churches in the Frederick area. Pray that they will be committed to preaching the truths of the scripture while giving people the hope that can only be found in the gospel.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missions of the month: recently planted or newly established OPC churches in the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. Pray particularly for Acacia Reformed in Manassas, VA. Praise God that He continues to give grace and growth in trusting Him and that they continue to grow in weekly attendance (75+)! Pray for their pastor, John Paul, as he cares for this flock.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake, who is serving the Lord in east Asia. Pray that his language learning would continue to go well and that he will be able to cultivate relationships with unbelievers around him. Pray that he will have joy in his calling and strength to weather difficult times.
- Continue to pray for John & Rachel Clifford as they serve here at New Hope while fundraising to go out on the mission field. Praise God that they have been able to raise 45% of their support so far. Pray that the Lord would give wisdom as they look to the fall and make plans for raising the second half of their support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Night Out is Thursday, August 17! It's a slightly different event than usual since it's resting month (no hosted dessert). Ladies, join us for dinner & dessert at 6:00pm at South Mountain Ice Cream Shop & Pizza (50 Citizen's Way, Frederick - on Carroll Creek). Those who might want to stroll along Carroll Creek afterward should wear comfortable shoes! RSVP to Elease Layman, appreciated but not required: elease.layman@gmail.com or 301.767.6848.

Windsurfing Lessons, Steve Hake is willing to teach anyone at New Hope how to windsurf. If you are interested, please talk with him. srhake@phc.edu.

From Marc Ohlwiler: *Justine and I would like to invite the New Hope congregation to our wedding ceremony on September 30th at 4pm. The reception is invitation only because of the limited space, however we would definitely like to celebrate with our New Hope family. Feel free to reach out with any questions.*

Resting Month, August is a resting month. Why do we pause all non-worship activities every fourth month? For a sabbath, a rest, a time of intentional refreshment and relationship strengthening. Rebuild Relationally (God, family, church, neighbors), Refresh physically. What am I to do in this month? Purpose, Plan and Practice growing in these areas

Rebuild relationally:

- Purpose to grow closer to **God** this month. Plan it and practice it. If you are not currently reading your Bible daily, commit to reading 1 chapter of Matthew each day. Or Mt 5-7 over and over. Use the daily devotions in the bulletin to help. Plan a time to pray each day. Watch something that will grow you spiritually instead of your usual.
- Practice **hospitality** (at least) once this month. Get together with another congregants and seek to grow spiritually together. Maybe meet for prayer before church. Or a coffee and ask them what about life they find the hardest.
- Refresh Physically: fight to slow down this month and do something **refreshing**. Go for a walk. Read a book. Shoot some hoops.

DAILY DEVOTION

No Daily Devotions this week.
