

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 20, 2023

Reflections

If we teach or proclaim wrong things about God's character, we are bearing false witness. If we gossip and backbite to destroy how a person is viewed in the eyes of others, we are bearing false witness. Ultimately, if we do not prize truth as highly as the Lord does, we will find it easy to break the ninth commandment. Let us, therefore, aim for truth in all our speech. ~Ligonier Ministries

Q. 143. Which is the ninth commandment? A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. 144. What are the duties required in the ninth commandment? A. The duties required in the ninth commandment are, the preserving and promoting of truth between man and man, and the good name of our neighbor, as well as our own; appearing and standing for the truth; speaking the truth, and only the truth, in matters of judgment and justice, and in all other things whatsoever; a charitable esteem of our neighbors; loving, desiring, and rejoicing in their good name; discouraging talebearers, flatterers, and slanderers; love and care of our own good name, and defending it when need requires it; keeping of lawful promises; studying and practicing of whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, and of good report.

Approach to God

Gathering Music

Welcome — Karl Koops, elder

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 145:8-13 (responsive)

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

¹⁰**All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

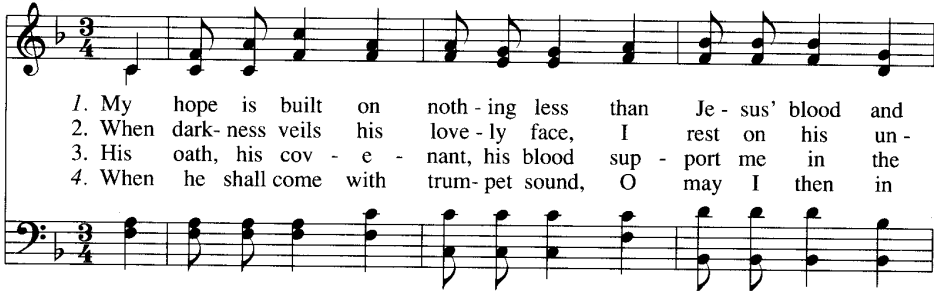
¹²to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

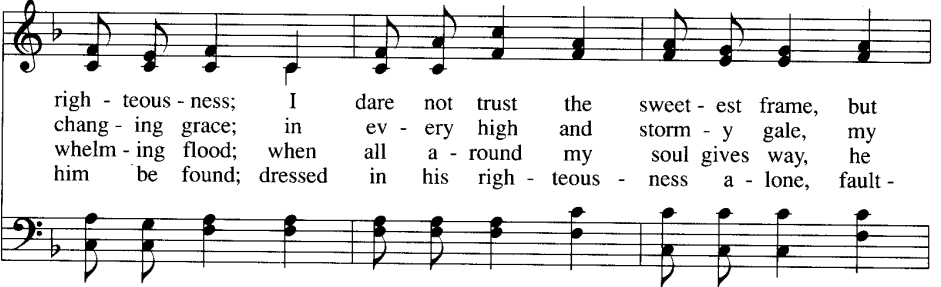
The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

Praise

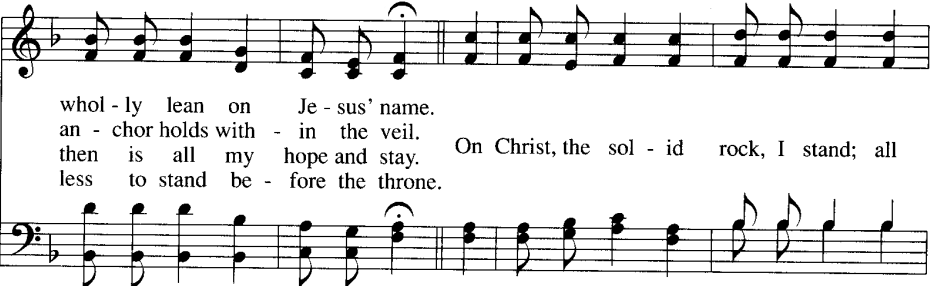
Hymn of Praise — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (*echo*)
From the depths of the sea (*echo*)
From the heights
of the heavens (*echo*)
Your name be praised.

From the hearts of the weak (*echo*)
From the shouts of the strong (*echo*)
From the lips of all people (*echo*)
This song we raise Lord...

Throughout the endless ages,
You will be crowned with praises,
Lord most high...
Exalted in every nation,
Sovereign of all creation,
Lord most high, we magnify.

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and friend.
Who would have thought
that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, comforter, keeper.
Spirit, we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the one that we praise,
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty infinite father,
Faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us
wanting you more and more
Oh, wanting you more and more.

Confession of Sin — Proverbs 12:22, Ephesians 4:29

²²Lying lips are an abomination to the LORD,
but those who act faithfully are his delight.

²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 10:19-24

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering** — 1 Timothy 6:10 ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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

Song of Response — His Mercy is More

What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing,
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more*

What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender,
is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more (chorus)

What riches of kindness
he lavished on us
His blood was the payment,
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many,
His mercy is more (chorus)

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Sermon —

~ Pastor John Clifford

Closing Hymn — In Christ Alone (page 8)

A love that flows:

Abiding in the love of Christ

John 15:1-8

Theme: Abiding in the love of Christ, who abides in the love of His Father, is loving one another.

1. Jesus motivates us to abide in His love (15:9-11)
 - Abide in Christ's love because we have been loved by Christ (9a)
 - Abide in Christ's love by imitating Christ's love for the Father (10)
 - Abide in Christ's love so that you may experience Christ's joy (11)
2. Jesus commands us to share His love with others (15:12-13)
 - Abiding in Christ's love and joy necessitates loving others
 - Abiding in Christ's love and joy results in loving like Christ's
3. Jesus reveals His transforming love for us (15:14-17)
 - Abiding in Christ's love extends from our friendship with Christ (14)
 - Abiding in Christ's love stems from being chosen by Christ (16)
 - Abiding in Christ's love comes from submitting to Christ (17).

Closing Song — In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, what strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Benediction

Postlude

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Jeff & Kim Jernigan, Jackie Plowman
Toddler Nursery: Mary Troxel, Annie & Audrey Kim, Micah Poortenga
Infant Nursery: Dawn Myers
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Sound: Lance Duvall
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Saturday

Somerford Assisted Living Worship service, begins at 10:00 am. Contact Mark Nichols (301.663.1532) for details.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that as a congregation and individually, we will abide in Christ and His love so that we can love and serve one another well. Praise God that we have a Savior that calls us “friend.”
- Pray for New Hope as we look ahead to the fall and all the ministries that will be resuming. Pray that the Lord would be glorified in all that is done, and that those who volunteer to serve will find joy in their work.
- Pray that the Lord would bless the marriage plans of Marc Ohlweiler and his fiancée, Justine, and will give them wisdom throughout.
- Continue to pray for wisdom, strength, unity, and hearts of service for our elders as they lead and care for the body of New Hope.
- Give thanks for and pray for the folks who head up the children’s ministries at New Hope: Michelle Williams for children’s church, Valory Snyder for the nursery, Kim Jernigan for Sunday school, and Amy Wright & Chris Boyles for the Wednesday night GEMS & Brigade Boys.
- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they come to the conclusion of the sabbatical and begin the process of reentry.
- 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.

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 Word of Life OPC in Howard County and their organizing pastor, John Jee. Pray for growth in numbers, continued unity and positive morale, and for wisdom for the overseeing, provisional session.
- 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.
- Pray for John & Rachel Clifford as they serve here at New Hope while fundraising to go out on the mission field. Praise God that their fundraising efforts have gone so well and are meeting their goals. Pray that the Lord would continue to guide and direct them and prepare them well for their service in Africa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you at a crossroads? Considering a new career or planning for retirement? These workshops will help you identify next steps and resources for a meaningful future. Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11am til 12:30 pm Career Workshop and 1 pm til 2:30 pm Retirement Workshop. Both in the overflow room. Kathleen Porter, newly retired advisor/counselor at Frederick Community College wants to provide support for your transition. RSVP to kathleenporter@verizon.net or 301-401-1454 for planning purposes.

Sunday School begins September 10th, just a reminder...Sunday school begins soon! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details next week!

New Wednesday Night Children's Program, An exciting change is coming on Wednesday, September 13th! Brigade Boys and GEMS (for girls) begins for ages 4K-5th grade. Come at 6 pm for pizza fellowship before the clubs start. Please RSVP to Chris Boyles cboyles82@gmail.com at (boys) and/or Amy Wright 240-586-1976 (girls). If you have any questions about the program, they will be happy to help.

Fall Bible Studies, as we come to the end of the resting month and look ahead to the fall and ministries restarting in September, we plan to highlight what we are offering over the next couple of weeks. We are highlighting Bible studies this week. Please take a look at what is being offered and consider joining one!

- **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Studies**
 - **2 Corinthians study**, meeting at the church every week at 10:00 am in the conference area of C8. Sept 6 will be the first meeting for the fall and will be a time of fellowship and prayer. On September 13, the study, using Crossway's *Knowing the Bible* series, will begin. Contact Jackie Plowman (301.834.6489) or jack72plow@gmail.com
 - **Genesis study**, meeting at the home of Amy Wright every week at 10:00 am. There will be childcare. First meeting will be September 6th. Contact Amy Wright (240.586.1976) or amy.r.dewit@gmail.com.
- **Thursday Evening Ladies' Bible Study**, every Thursday night, except for Ladies' Night Out weeks. Study is via Zoom and begins at 7:00 pm and goes until 8:30 pm. Currently studying Romans using a Tim Keller study guide. Contact Monica Laird: (410.963.6522) or monlaird@gmail.com for more information.
- **Saturday Men's study**, every Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 am in the overflow room in the sanctuary building. Currently watching and discussing the video series, [Defending Your Faith](#).

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by RC Sproul. Contact Monte Festog (301.471.9424) for more information.

Thank you, Mark and Joy Nichols would like to thank you all for your kindness and love that you showed to Joys father, Jack, while he was here. We were amazed how the church cared for him and loved on him. Thank you so much! He is now living in an Alzheimer's home in Illinois. His birthday is august 26. If you would like to send him a card, the following is his address: Jack McConaghie, Grand View, 6210 North University St, Peoria, Illinois 61614

DAILY DEVOTION

No Daily Devotions this week.
