

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 27, 2023

Reflections

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ~ 1 Timothy 6:6-7

Q. 146. Which is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Q. 147. What are the duties required in the tenth commandment?

A. The duties required in the tenth commandment are, such a full contentment with our own condition, and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbor, as that all our inward motions and affections touching him, tend unto, and further all that good which is his.

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor John Clifford

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 145:14-21(responsive)

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶**You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

¹⁹He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

²⁰The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹**My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

Praise

Song of Praise — Isaiah 40

(men) Do you not know?

(women) Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

The Creator of the ends of the earth. (repeat)

(men) He will not grow tired or weary,

(women) And His understanding no one can fathom.

(men) He gives strength to the weary,

(women) And increases the power of the weak.

(men) Even youths grow tired and weary,

(women) And young men stumble and fall;

But those who hope in the LORD

Will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

They will run and not grow weary,

They will walk and not be faint. (repeat)

(chorus after 2nd time)

Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

All that I Am I Owe to Thee

All that I am I owe to thee;
Thy wisdom, Lord,
has fashioned me.
I give my Maker thankful praise,
Whose wondrous works
my soul amaze.

Ere into being I was brought,
Thine eye did see,
and in thy thought
My life in all its perfect plan
was ordered ere my days began.

Thy thoughts, O God,
how manifold,
more precious unto me than gold!
I muse on their infinity,
awaking I am still with thee.

The wicked thou wilt surely slay;
from me let sinners turn away.
They speak against
the name divine;
I count God's enemies as mine.

Search me, O God,
my heart discern;
try me, my inmost thought to learn
And lead me, if in sin I stray,
To choose the everlasting way.

This Fathomless Love

Lord, what moved your heart to
love lowly man
Before any star could herald your
praise?
And why did you come abasing
yourself
Veiled in a robe of frail human clay?
Why would you, the pure,
Give your life for the vile
The innocent seeking the guilty
To be reconciled?

*I can't comprehend this fathomless
love.*

*I'm gripped and amazed at what
you have done.*

*Why would the adored become the
despised?*

*To bear all the furious wrath that
was mine?*

*How awesome this mystery of your
Fathomless love for me.*

Why would you adopt and take as
your own
Those who had crushed your one
precious Son?
Why mercy and grace towards your
enemies?
Your name they have cursed
And your throne they have shunned
O how could you choose
To show kindness to these?
The ones who would mock you and
hate you.
The ones just like me.

Confession of Sin — 1 Timothy 6:8-11

⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 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. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Silent Prayer of Confession**Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:12-14, 31-35, 37-39**

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering** — *1 Timothy 6:17-19* ¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

***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 — Cling to Christ

Father, I can come to You
And boast of deeds I've done
In my pride I strive to earn
The favor Christ has won
He alone pleads my acceptance
All my works aside
So I come with empty hands
And I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray
And battle needless fears
Voices tell me I'm condemned
And that I can't draw near
But Your Spirit calls me homeward
With Your words of life
Jesus bore my every sin
So, I cling to Christ

BRIDGE

*It's more than I can do To keep my hold on You
But all my hope and peace Is that You cling to me*

Father, all my earthly aims
In time will turn to dust
Let me learn that loss is gain
For those who know Your love
All the treasures of this world
Will never satisfy
You alone are endless joy
So, I cling to Christ

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — John 15:18-27

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’

²⁶ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Sermon — A Christian Witness in a Hateful World ~ Pastor John Clifford

Closing Hymn — Teach Me Thy Way (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

A Christian Witness in a Hateful World

John 15:18-27

Theme: What to expect from the world and how to have a faithful Christian witness in the midst of hostility.

1. Expect hatred from the world (vs.18-20)
 - a. You are hated because you are united to Christ (18, 20)

 - b. You are hated because you are not like the world (19)

2. Understand why the world hates Christ in you (vs. 21-25)
 - a. The world doesn't know God (21, 23)

 - b. The world is guilty of sin (22, 24)

 - c. The world hates without a cause (25)

3. Respond to the world's hatred by witnessing about Christ (vs.26-27)
 - a. Respond with a heavenly witness (26)

 - b. Respond with the Spirit and the Word (27)

Closing Hymn — Teach Me Thy Way

1. Teach me thy way, O Lord; teach me thy way!
 2. When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
 3. When doubts and fears a - rise, teach me thy way!
 4. Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!

Thy guid - ing grace af - ford; teach me thy way!
 When earth - ly joys de - part, teach me thy way!
 When storms o'er - spread the skies, teach me thy way!
 Wher - e'er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!

Help me to walk a - right, more by faith, less by sight;
 In hours of lone - li - ness, in times of dire dis - tress,
 Shine through the cloud and rain, thro' sor - row, toil, and pain;
 Un - til the race is run, un - til the jour - ney's done,

lead me with heav'n - ly light; teach me thy way!
 in fail - ure or suc - cess, teach me thy way!
 make thou my path - way plain; teach me thy way!
 un - til the crown is won, teach me thy way!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team	Marc Quist, Hannah Foster, Daniel Jones, Laura Caruso
Toddler Nursery:	Lauren Mendez, Cindy Wintermyer, Lizzy Ochs, Jack Socash
Infant Nursery:	Amy Wright
Children's Church:	Karen Ochs, Matt Festog
Sound:	Kim Hanlin
Live Stream:	Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call:	Valory Snyder
Prayer Team:	Monte & Rosemarie Festog

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Saturday

Men's Ministry Discussion Group, meeting at the church from 8-10 am, viewing and discussing RC Sproul's "Defending Your Faith."

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for the healthy birth of Hazel Mae Neahusan born to Rachel & Jared this past Thursday morning. Pray for continued good health of mom and baby and that little Hazel will come to know the Lord early in her life and serve Him all her days.
- Pray for Christians who are persecuted around the world and suffer greatly. Pray for strength to endure and grace to bear witness to the truth when hated and persecuted for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray for the upcoming Sunday school trimester that begins September 10th and all the planning and preparation that will go into it. Pray that the Lord would use this time to grow the congregation in faith, both young and old alike.
- 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.
- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family as they come to the conclusion of the sabbatical and begin the process of reentry.
- Pray for Jackie Plowman's brother, Pete, Dennis Caruso, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Pottala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles.
- Pray for Rachael Kobe who is expecting a new little one. Pray for the health and well-being of both mom and baby.
- Pray that the Lord would bless the marriage plans of Marc Ohlwiler and his fiancée, Justine, and will give them wisdom throughout.
- 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 and Charles Biggs, the regional home missionary for the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic.
- 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.

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.

Discipleship Explored, an eight-session series in Paul's letter to the Philippians, will use videos and Bible studies to focus on "...the music which drives discipleship: the love of Christ." This will be at the mid-week dinner and Bible study every other Wednesday starting September 13. If you are interested, please email Dave Myers for more information (jdmyersstvw@gmail.com). Group size will be limited. For more information see the link <https://discipleship.explo.red/>.

Nursery & Children's Church Reminders, as we are quickly approaching the fall and all the new activities associated with it, we wanted to remind you of a few things about our ministries for our youngest members...

We love seeing all the kids that come to New Hope on Sunday mornings! We have a variety of options for them during the service:

- Stay in the service: We don't mind a little noise from the kids and are happy to have them worshipping with us
- Nursery: Infants-3 years old
- Children's Church: 4-5 years old; Dismissed before the sermon and taught a Bible lesson
- Overflow room: You can use the overflow room or nursing mom's room if you want a quiet place or somewhere

Sunday School begins September 10th, just a reminder...Sunday school begins in 2 weeks! Here is what is being offered this trimester:

- PS-PK — taught by Kelcie & Jordan Roberts, Paul Johnson
- K-2nd grade — taught by Steve Hake & Hannah Graf
- 3rdk-5th grade — taught by Kim Jernigan & Nancy Howell

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- Middle School — taught by Ann Burden & Gingy Socash
- High School — Pastor Francis will be teaching on “Work & Rest”
- Adult class: John Clifford and Zack Martin will be teaching “Studies in the Westminster Confession” in the sanctuary.

DAILY DEVOTION

No Daily Devotions this week.
