WELCOME



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am 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
- 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

October 22, 2023

Reflections

Ephesians has been given such titles as the believers bank, the Christian's checkbook, and the treasure house of the Bible. This beautiful letter tells Christians of the great riches, inheritances, and fullnesses in Jesus Christ and in his church. He tells them what they possess and how they can claim and enjoy their possessions.

~John MacArthur

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Ephesians 1:3-6 (responsive)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Prayer of Adoration followed by 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.

Praise ——— Songs of Praise

Christ is All in All

Sons and daughters of the King, rise up and sing That Christ is all in all Sing the glories of His name, together proclaim That Christ is all in all

Brothers, sisters built upon this cornerstone For Christ is all in all Worship Him with lives renewed in Spirit and truth For Christ is all in all

CHORUS

See how He loves us, Children of God Now let us love each other, if He has called us Children of God That's who we are, His chosen and beloved

Bound together by His blood, rooted in love Where Christ is all in all Standing in one Faith, one Lord, one holy accord Where Christ is all in all (CHORUS)

Look at what the Lord has done, made us one by the blood of Jesus Look at what the Lord has done, now we love with the love of Jesus (repeat 2x)

CHORUS

Sons and daughters of the King Rise up and sing that Christ is all in all

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

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 4:20-25

²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-9

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Offering* — 2 Corinthians 9:11 ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

*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

Here is Love

Here is love wide as the ocean Loving kindness as a flood When the Prince of Life, our ransom Shed for us His precious blood Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide Through the floodgates of God's mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide Grace and love like mighty rivers Poured incessant from above And Heaven's peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love

CHORUS

Oh how marvelous, oh how glorious Is my Savior's love for me! Oh how marvelous, oh how glorious Is my Savior's love for me!

Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love on me anew Without measure, full and boundless Drawing out my heart to You You alone will be my glory Nothing in the world I see You have cleansed and sanctified me You Yourself have set me free

How Great is Your Love

No eye has seen and no ear has heard And no mind has ever conceived The glorious things that You have prepared For every one who has believed. You brought us near and You called us Your own And made us joint heirs with Your Son.

How high and how wide, How deep and how long How sweet and how strong is your love; How lavish your grace, how faithful your ways How great is your love, O Lord.

Objects of mercy who should have known wrath We're filled with unspeakable joy Riches of wisdom, unsearchable wealth, And the wonder of knowing your voice. You are our treasure and our great reward Our hope and our glorious King.

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 4-5 may be dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon — The Church in Ephesus ~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

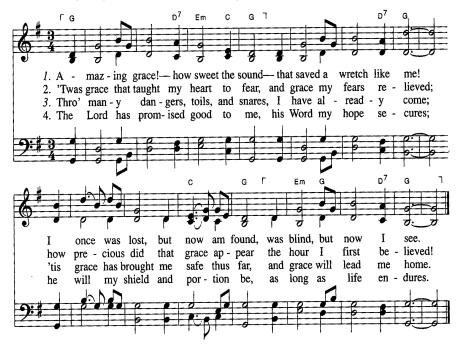
Sermon theme: O Church, take advantage of the resources of Christ that are already yours.

1. God's Word (v 1)

2. God's Church (v 1)

3. God's Gifts (v 2)

Closing Hymn — Amazing Grace



- And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

Benediction

Postlude

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

<u>9:30 am</u>

Welcome Team:

SS nursery:

<u>10:30 am</u>

Toddler Nursery: Infant Nursery: Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Prayer Team: Monte Festog, Mark Rice (early team) Laura Caruso, Jackie Plowman (late team) Katie Poortenga, Elisa Godoy

Monica Laird, Karl Koops, Levi VanDelden Dan Godoy Karen Ochs, Jessie VanDelden Ed Wright Isaac Wright Valory Snyder Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

Serving Next Week

<u>9:30 am</u> Welcome Team:

Ron Socash, Marc Quist (early team) Sue Bridenbaugh, Dustin Mixon (late team) Valory Snyder, Lauran Mendez

SS nursery:

<u>10:30 am</u>

Toddler Nursery: Infant Nursery: Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Prayer Team: Rosemarie Festog, Cora Kim, Lizzy Ochs Valory Snyder Amy Wright, Nancy Howell Craig Lalley Johannes Haasbroek Gingy Socash Dawn & Dave Myers

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Tuesday

Wednesday

Trustee Meeting, 7:30 pm at the church

Wednesday Bible Studies

- 10:00 am ladies' studies
 - Genesis study, meeting at Amy Wright's home, <u>includes childcare</u>
 - ◊ 2 Cor. study meeting in C8 at the church
- Dinner & Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm
- Discipleship Explored, 6-8 pm
- Youth Group, 6-8 pm in C6
- GEMS & CSB, 6-7:30 pm

Saturday

Men's Discussion Group, 8-10 am, Discussing R.C. Sproul's video series, "Defending Your Faith."

Our Church Family

- Pray for Nancy Howell and her family as they grapple with the impending death of her brother in law after a massive stroke. Pray for comfort and for the gospel to speak to their hearts.
- Pray for the upcoming board of trustees meeting this week. Pray for unity and wisdom and they oversee the finances and physical aspects of the church.
- Pray that we will live as people who are children of God, with access to all of His promises, riches, and inheritances.
- Pray for peace to come about in the Middle East. Pray that God would thwart the plans of the evil doers and bring about justice and an end to the violence. Pray for the Lord's protection upon the Christians that are living there and for the many hostages who have been taken.
- Pray that those who struggle with anxiety and/or depression will be comforted and find peace. Pray for healing and for the strength to believe the promises of God knowing that He cares for His children.
- Pray for Mavis Bauer, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Pottala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles. Pray, too, for Nancy Seiler and others who are struggling with covid and other illnesses. Pray for strength and healing and the ability to rest and recuperate.
- Pray for Michelle Williams and Rachael Kobe who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the heath and well-being of both moms and babies throughout the pregnancies.
- 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, John and Rachel Clifford who will be serving the Lord in Rwanda through Mission to the World. Pray for John as he sets up an internship program to stir up more people into missions in Africa. Pray for Rachel as her role at home and in ministry slowly begins to change over the next several months. Pray for peace and stability for Jackson as he will begin school in Rwanda, mid-year.
- Pray for the Christians in Nigeria who are being persecuted. Pray for courage and strength to follow Christ in the face of many attacks.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake in east Asia as he serves the Lord and shares the gospel. Pray that God would give him diligence and perseverance in language study as well as a soft heart that hungers for and is satisfied in Him alone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting, following the worship service on October 29th, we will have a brief congregational/corporation meeting to vote on the proposed change to our fiscal year budget. Please take time to read the document that was sent in the Friday News and contact any member of Session, any of the Trustees, or the treasurer with any feedback or questions prior to the meeting.

Rebecca Burke phone number, Rebecca's number has changed to: 301.401.9110

- **Christmas Giving Opportunities**, this year as we head into the holiday season, you will have the opportunity to participate in two different ministries. New Hope will be participating in **Operation Christmas Child** through Samaritan's Purse and buying gifts for residents and families at the **Frederick Rescue Mission**. Please be paying attention to upcoming announcements about these ministries!
- **Reformation Services**, there are 2 services on October 29th that New Hope has been invited to. Bethel OPC will be having a service at 6 pm in Leesburg and Wallace PCA in College Park will be hosting one at 6 pm, as well. You can check the flyers in the Friday News for more information.
- **Pre-sermon Discussion for NH Men and Women**, Are you interested in discussing the sermon text before it's preached? I will have done some work on the upcoming Sunday's text, and explain what I see as its theme and main points an then we'll talk through the text, asking questions, sharing insights, making applications. 1 hour long. If interested, let me know and I'll try find a good time.
- **Growth Groups**, many of the growth groups are meeting today or this week. Growth groups are an important part of the life of the church and everyone is encouraged to be a part of one. See the list below and contact the leader to see if/ when the group is meeting:
 - Planted Deep (previously known as the Senior Growth Group), meets the 1st Sunday of the month in the overflow room after church. Mostly older congregants. Contact Jackie Plowman (301.834.6489).
 - Pilgrims' Table, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the overflow room after church. Mostly couples & singles in their 50s & older. Contact Dave Myers(304.820.2814)
 - Fruitful & Multiplying, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays after church in various homes around 1:00 pm to share a meal and study. Mostly couples with children. Contact Joel Poortenga (828.489.6624) or Steve Ochs (240.422.4130)
 - East Frederick Growth Group, has begun meeting and looking for new members. Meets 2nd and 4th Friday evenings to share a meal, fellowship, study and prayer. Adult group. Contact Dennis Caruso (240.285.0019).
 - Ballenger Bereans Growth Group, meeting the 2nd Sunday from 6-7:30 & the 4th Sunday at 5:30 for a potluck meal. Mixed ages, couples, singles, & children. For more information contact Kelsey Roberts (301.233.4816)
 - Wye Creek Growth Group, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Mixed ages, couples, singles & children. Contact Bruce Johnson (574.780.6482).
 - Salt & Light, typically meets the 2nd Sunday after church for a potluck & the 4th Friday at various homes. Couples & singles, adults only. Contact John/Patrice Jastrzembski (240.321.4562).
 - Shepherd's Watch, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Festog home. Contact Monte Festog (301.471.9424)

Memory Text — **Ephesians 2:1** ¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...

Heidelberg Catechism 55: What do you understand by "the communion of saints"? First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members.

Monday: Ephesians 1:1. What is an apostle (Mt 10:2-4/Rom 1:1, Acts 1:22f, 4:33)? What does an apostle do (Eph 2:20, 4:11, Rom 1:5)? Accord to v 1, whose authority is Paul speaking with (Gal 1:1)? What implications does this have for how you read Ephesians? How can you grow in reading and applying God's Word? How did Paul's apostleship in particular fit into the "will of God" (v 1, 5, 9, 11, Gal 2:8)?

Tuesday: Eph 1:1. God sends his Word to his church —the saints. How have the saints *already* been sanctified (Eph 5:26, 1 Cor 1:2)? How are they still being sanctified (Eph 1:3, 5:27, 1 Cor 1:2b)? All believers are "faithful in Christ." What binds all believers together (Eph 4:5, 2:8)? How does "in Christ Jesus" speak of a vital, life-giving union, and not just a believing theological truth? How can you pray about these things?

Wednesday: Eph 1:2. Define grace as 1) a characteristic of God (1:6); 2) the way of salvation (2:5); and 3) transforming power (Eph 4:7, 2 Cor 9:8)? How do you think v 2 uses the word? What does Paul wants to see happen according to this verse? Meditate on grace. Seek to go deeper into it. Ask God to transform you further by grace.

Thursday: Eph 1:2. Define peace as 1) peace with God (Eph 2:15-16); 2) peace with others (Eph 2:14, 4:2-3, 25ff). Peace has the sense of shalom, completeness, wholeness. A life that flows from God's grace and peace resting on someone. How do you think 4:1-3, for example, flow from God's grace and peace upon you? Rest in, grip onto his grace and peace, and step out in obedience today.

Friday: Eph 1:1-2. Ephesians is a call for the church to know the abounding resources we have in Christ as written in the Word. It is a call for the church to capitalize on, or fully use them. Look for those rich resources in 1:3-11, 18, 3:20f, 5:29, 6:10. How can you capitalize on them (e.g. 3:18-19, 4:32, 5:1-2, 5:24, 25)?

Saturday: Eph 1:3-6. What are some of the spiritual blessings God has given us?