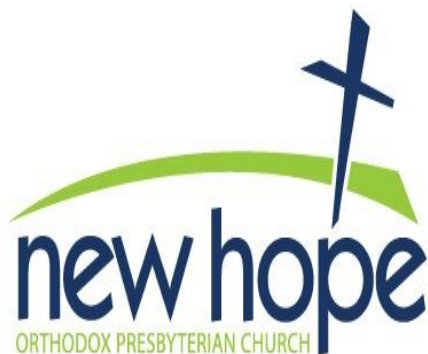


WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
Worship ~ 10:30 am

WELCOME!

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 29, 2023

Reflections

The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers...

~ Deuteronomy 7:6a-8a

"It is staggering that God should love sinners; yet it is true. God loves creatures who have become unlovely and (one would have thought) unlovable. There was nothing whatever in the objects of his love to call it forth; nothing in us could attract or prompt it. Love among persons is awakened by something in the beloved, but the love of God is free, spontaneous, unevoked, uncaused. God loves people because he has chosen to love them-as Charles Wesley put it, "He hath loved us, He hath loved us, because He would love" (an echo of Deut 7:7-8)-and no reason for his love can be given except His own sovereign good pleasure."

~ J.I. Packer

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Steve Hake, elder

Prelude

Call to Worship — 1 Peter 1:3-5

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Praise

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation, Praise the Lord
Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west, let everything that has breath,
Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus (chorus)

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation Praise the Lord
Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west, you distant burning stars
All creatures near and far from sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord

Prayer of Adoration

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

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*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)

All My Boast is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness, this sinner's only plea
O foolish pride, be crucified
The work is finished

*All my boast is in Jesus, all my hope is His love
And I will glory forever, in what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy? (chorus)

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ, my Lord (2x)

I boast not in riches, in strength, or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ, in plenty or in want
That I may know, that all may see
His pow'r within me (chorus)

Now I stand in this freedom, ransomed, clean in His sight
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ, my boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 1:13-21

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Apostles' Creed in unison
I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

** 'he descended into hell': i.e. Christ suffered hellish agony on the cross*

*** by 'catholic': i.e. universal, worldwide*

Offering* — 2 Corinthians 9:11 *¹¹You 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

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:3-6

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, ⁴even 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, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Sermon — Praise God for Election

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — The Church's One Foundation (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

Praise God for Election

Ephesians 1:3-6

Theme: Praise God for the foundation-blessing of election

1. Bless the Blesser (v 3)

2. The Foundation-Blessing (v 4)

Closing Hymn — The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word;
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Ron Socash, Marc Quist (early team)
Sue Bridenbaugh, Dustin Mixon (late team)
SS nursery: Valory Snyder, Lauren Mendez

10:30 am

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

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Matthew Festog (early team)
Hannah Foster, Laura Caruso (late team)
SS nursery: Dennis Caruso, Amy Wright

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Cath Howard, Man Kim, Jack Socash, Caelyn Poortenga
Infant Nursery: Joy Nichols
Children's Church: Steve Ochs, Gail Summers-Millison
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today

Meeting of the Corporation, immediately following the worship service

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible Studies

• 10:00 am ladies' studies

- ◇ Genesis study, meeting at Amy Wright's home, includes childcare
- ◇ 2 Cor. study meeting in C8 at the church

• Edification Meeting, 7:00 pm in C8

Saturday

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

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Praise God for His goodness, for His mercy, and for His love for us, His children. Pray for joy and praise as we consider His adoption of us, His choosing us before the foundation of the world!
- Pray for wisdom for the edification committee as they meet this week and lead the church in all things that are edifying to the congregation. Give thanks for Amy Wright and her excellent leadership and for all that give of their time on this committee.
- Pray for peace 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, for the many hostages who have been taken and for those who are living under dire circumstances.
- Pray for the upcoming Thank Offering of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Pray that people will be generous in their giving so that the ministries of the denomination will be well and fully funded.
- Pray for our military personnel during these troubling times. Pray for protection as they serve our country.
- Pray for Mavis Bauer, Barbara Ruch, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Pot-tala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles.
- Pray for Michelle Williams and Rachael Kobe who are expecting new little ones. Pray for the health 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. Praise God that they are now past 80% funded and can plan to leave for the mission field in January. Pray that the Lord would make their paths clear and their way sure as they wrap up their time here in the United States.
- Pray for the Christians in the Middle East who are persecuted for their faith. Pray for protection and for boldness .
- 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 TODAY! We will have a brief congregational/corporation meeting to vote on the proposed change to our fiscal year budget. You can see all the information you need on pages 14-15 of this bulletin. (This was originally shared with you via Friday News and previous bulletins.)

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 TODAY 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. Pastor Francis will be speaking at the service in Leesburg. 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 and 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.

Thank Offering, every year the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), in which New Hope is a member, conducts a Thank Offering which helps to fund the major ministries in the denomination. There will be a flyer about the Thank Offering near where the bulletins are being distributed as well as an attachment in the Friday News. Each week there will be a different ministry of focus. This first week is Foreign Missions. Please take a minute to look at the flyer and what this ministry does.

This year the Thank Offering will be taken on November 19th but you can give donations up through November 26th. All checks should be made out to New Hope Church with "thank offering" in the memo line. Please consider giving to the denomination in this way and also be mindful of the deadlines.

Clifford Family Mission Support Update & Information for Voting

By Elease Layman, Treasurer, on behalf of the Board of Trustees

In spring 2023, New Hope started investigating the possibility of adding John Clifford to the church's staff as a part-time pastoral intern, providing him a bare minimum salary and housing in Frederick. The dual purposes behind this idea were (1) that New Hope might benefit from the skills and gifts of John and his family's deepening relationship in the body at New Hope and (2) that John and Rachel would be allowed plenty of space and time to pursue the work of fundraising for their family's call to the mission field in Rwanda.

In summer 2023, New Hope approved a budget of \$33,000 for the Pastoral Intern>Base Salary line item in the 23-24 fiscal year budget. Half of this amount would be covered by extra General Fund support pledges from some congregants, following a broad appeal for such "over and above" donations. No funds were allocated to Mission to the World, as, at that time, the Budget & Finance Committee fully anticipated that the Cliffords would not depart until summer 2024.

As of today, the following situations and financial responses have arisen:

John's family has had several unanticipated, large expenses (e.g., car repairs).

John's existing salary was calculated without any wiggle room for such expenses, and we want to care for his family's needs in an appropriate way. The Board of Trustees (which includes Session) has increased John's salary by a net amount of \$4,000 to be paid out evenly over the remaining pay periods through December 2023. John essentially worked full-time over much of the summer while being paid for part-time work, and this change will not cause any increase in budget spending under the Pastoral Intern>Base Salary line item since his employment will end 6 months sooner than anticipated (see next main point).

No congregational vote is required for this change, but the Trustees wanted to keep the congregation informed.

The Cliffords' fundraising has been thoroughly blessed, and it is highly likely that they will have the necessary 80% funding by November 1 which they require in order to depart in January 2024. In this case, John's last date of employment will be December 31, 2023.

With the input of the Missions & Outreach Committee, the Board of Trustees would like New Hope to start funding the Cliffords via Mission to the World at our anticipated regular

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level at the same time that the Cliffords start their mission work, rather than delaying until the beginning of our new fiscal year starting July 1, 2024.

The proposed change to our current '23-'24 budget (**item to vote on**) is as follows:

“Add a new line item to the existing 2023-2024 budget (Missions & Outreach>Mission to the World) to support the Cliffords’ mission work in Rwanda in the amount of \$6,000 (effectively \$1,000/month beginning January 2024).”

Because the change is greater than 1% of our total General Fund budget, such a change requires a simple majority vote by the corporation (i.e., congregation...you!).

The amount is the remaining salary amount minus extra support pledges that could possibly cease with John’s employment ceasing. Overall budget would not increase.

Note: Missions & Outreach plans to continue support of the Cliffords in the new fiscal year beginning in July 2024 at the rate of \$12,000/year. This amount will be part of the proposed budget at the June 2024 annual meeting and is not part of the current vote.

DAILY DEVOTION

Memory Text — **Ephesians 2:2** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience...

Westminster Confession 3.5 Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, before the foundation of the world was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, has chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith, or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto; and all to the praise of His glorious grace.

Monday: Eph 1:3. Why does Paul bless God (v 3)? Vv 3-14 are one long sentence. Who is the subject of each main verb in vv 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9? What does this tell you about God? How does “in Christ” explain how these blessings are ours? Choose a blessing from v 4ff and consider how the Spirit applies it (*spiritual* blessings)? For what spiritual blessing will you praise God?

Tuesday: Eph 1:4. Who does the choosing in v 4? Consider the doctrine of election from the following verses: Jn 6:44, 1 Thess 1:4, Rom 8:29, 9:11, 1 Pet 1:2. “Chose” is more clearly translated “chose for himself.” What is God’s ultimate purpose in election (v 6, 11, 14)? What does “God choosing” say about the certainty of salvation for those chosen (Phil 1:6)? Praise God for the firm foundation of our salvation!

Wednesday/Thursday: According to Eph 1:4, whom did God choose (v 1)? Did Jesus die for all people (Jn 6:37, 7:44, 17:24)? When does Eph 1:4 say this election happened? According to Eph 2:1, 3, is there anything good or meritorious in mankind that God could have foreseen (cf Deut 7:6-8)? Is there anything in the text that suggests mankind has a part in this choosing (Jn 6:44, Rom 9:10-16)? If God had been fair, what would each person have received (Eph 2:3)? What did we receive (Rom 11:6)? How does this move you to humility, and to praise God for his sheer grace?

Friday: Eph 1:4. What do you think it means that we were chosen before the foundation of the world “in him” (in Christ)? Before creation God entered a covenant of redemption with the Son. Read Ps 2:7. That decree is spelled out in Jn 6:37-39. If we were chosen before the world in union with Jesus, how secure is our salvation now? How certainly do all the gifts, blessings and resources that are Christ’s belong to us?

Saturday: Read Eph 1:4-6. According to v 6, what is the final purpose of election? According to v 4, what is the penultimate (next to last) end of election?