

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***

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## ***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

November 12, 2023

## Reflections

*Grace is the work of God's Spirit in us, and it is compatible with our obedience. In fact, by grace the Spirit recreates us; grace makes possible and calls forth our response to God. Grace and duty are therefore united by the gospel.*

~ Kris Lundgaard

*Adoption is the highest privilege of the gospel. The traitor is forgiven, brought in for supper, and given the family name. To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater.*

~ J.I. Packer

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## Approach to God

**Welcome** — Joel Poortenga, Elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 65:1-4 (responsive)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.

<sup>2</sup> O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.

<sup>3</sup> When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup> **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!**

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!**

# Praise

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## Songs of Praise

### Come Praise and Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless  
in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been  
adopted through  
His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy  
and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be  
the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill (chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith  
we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the Three in One (chorus)

### All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath  
reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow  
Your commands  
Could never come from me  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

## Prayer of Adoration

## **Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 1:21-23**

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

## **Our Rule of Life — Responsive Reading of the Law**

*Leader:* Hear, O people of God, the law which the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

***People:* Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.**

*Leader:* The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

***People:* We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.**

*Leader:* You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

***People:* Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.**

*Leader:* You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

***People:* We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.**

*Leader:* You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

***People:* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Leader:* The first part of the law is this great commandment:

***People:* That we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.**

*Leader:* The second part of the Law is similar to the first: you shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

***People:* As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.**

*Leader:* You shall not murder.

***People:* We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.**

*Leader:* You shall not commit adultery.

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**People: We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

*Leader: You shall not steal.*

**People: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.**

*Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

**People: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

*Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**People: We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.**

*Leader: Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.*

**People: For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

**Offering\*** — *1 Timothy 6:10* <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.

*\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

## **Response in Song — Nothing but Grace**

Nothing but grace my only plea  
All I am depends on Your love and Your mercy  
Your cross, my shield, my faith, Your blood  
I will not be moved by the hurricane or flood

(Chorus)

*And I will stand with You on higher ground  
On Christ the solid Rock, I will be found  
And for eternity sing out my soul  
Nothing but grace Your grace alone*

Nothing but grace the only hope  
For this guilty heart You have paid each debt I owe  
And though I fall Your name is near  
In the raging storm You will silence every fear (chorus)

[Bridge]

This love amazes me, I'm Yours, my heart is free  
Forever, Christ in me!  
And this love will not let go,  
Your grace is all I know, forever, Christ in me!  
This love amazes me, I'm Yours, my heart is free  
Forever, Christ in me!

And this love will not let go, Your grace is all I know  
Forever, Christ in me!

Nothing but grace will lead me home  
On that day I'll see I was never once alone  
There I will sing with all the saints with the Heavens shout  
"All hail Redeemer hail"

### **I Will Glory in My Redeemer**

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails  
And hung him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death  
My only Savior before the holy Judge  
The Lamb who is my righteousness  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in him alone  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me  
My feet are firm held by his grace  
My feet are firm held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me at gates of gold  
And when he calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold.

## Congregational Prayer

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

### **Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:3-6**

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

### **Sermon — Elected for Holiness and Adoption**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

**Closing Hymn — How Sweet and Awesome is the Place** (page 10)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**



# — Elected for Holiness & Adoption —

Ephesians 1:3-6

*Theme: God displays his glorious grace in electing us to be his intimate, joyful family.*

1. A Joyful Family Resemblance (v. 4)

2. An Intimate Family Reality (v. 5)

3. All by God's Glorious Grace (v. 6)

# Closing Hymn — How Sweet & Awesome is the Place

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place  
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs  
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,  
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing  
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with  
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a  
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.  
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?  
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"  
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,  
 constrain the earth to come;  
 send your victorious Word abroad,  
 and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,  
 that all the chosen race  
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,  
 sing your redeeming grace.

Isaac Watts, 1707  
 Alt. 1961, 1990, mod.

ST. COLUMBA C.M.  
 Old Irish hymn melody; alt. 1990

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Chris Boyles (early team)  
Laura VanDelden, Daniel Jones (late team)  
SS nursery: Kim Hanlin, Amy Wright

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Elisa & Lily Godoy, Mary Troxel, Levi VanDelden  
Infant Nursery: Rachael Clifford  
Children's Church: Dennis Caruso, Samantha VanDelden  
Sound: Mark Nichols  
Live Stream: Craig Lalley  
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley  
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

## Serving Next Week

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear (early team)  
Jackie Plowman, Sue Bridenbaugh (late team)  
SS nursery: Ronnie Socash, Laura VanDelden

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Steve Hake, Valory Snyder, Lorena Poortenga  
Emma VanDelden  
Infant Nursery: Liesl Boyed  
Children's Church: Annie Kim, Alison Viner  
Sound: Mark Nichols  
Live Stream: Craig Lalley  
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden  
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

## **Monday**

**Worship Committee Meeting**, 7:30 pm in C8

## **Tuesday**

**Men's Wing Night**, 6:15 at Buffalo Wild Wings

## **Wednesday**

**Wednesday Bible Studies**

• **10:00 am ladies' studies**

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

## **Thursday**

**Ladies' Night Out**, 6:00 pm at Cava followed by dessert at Rachel Clifford's home. See announcement page for details.

## **Saturday**

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

**Christian Service Brigade Boys Hike**, 10:00 am

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Praise God for our adoption into God's family! Give thanks that we are no longer orphans but now have been given that highest privilege of God's name. Pray for the zeal to live as a child of God, for His glory and honor alone.
- Pray for those who struggle with unbelief. Pray that the Lord would bring peace and gospel understanding.
- Pray for those who are lonely or struggling with depression. Pray that God would bring friendships and joy and love into their lives through the care of fellow believers.
- Give thanks for all who serve so faithfully at New Hope and give of their time and abilities for the good of the body.
- 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 Mavis Bauer, Barbara Ruch, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Potala, and John & Muriel Hadidian who are all dealing with significant health struggles. Pray for continued spiritual growth and dependance on the Lord for Bill Wright who is currently in prison.
- Pray for Michelle Williams who is expecting a new little one. Pray for the health and well-being of both mom and baby throughout the 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 that the churches in Frederick will be committed to preaching the truth that is only found in the Bible.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missions of the month, the local missions we support financially. Pray particularly the Frederick Rescue Mission
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake in east Asia as he serves the Lord and shares the gospel. Pray that the Lord would help him to work hard in his studies but also rest in His peace.
- Pray for the Christians who are persecuted for their faith in Pakistan. Pray that, in the face of routine discrimination and persecution, these Christians will remain firm in their commitment to Christ.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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**.

**Operation Christmas Child**, National Collection Week is 13-20 November 2023. OCC collects shoeboxes nationwide during this time. You can drop off shoeboxes at Mountain View Community Church or bring them on Sunday 19th November for Colin to pick up. If you want to turn in your box earlier he can still take them on the preceding Sundays.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study & Youth Activities**, the last Wednesday night Bible study and youth activities (including GEMS and CSB) for 2023 will be Wednesday, November 29. Please make note of this!

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**, the year New Hope is hosting the annual joint Thanksgiving Eve service. The service begins at 7:00 pm at New Hope on November 22nd. If you plan to come to the service, please bring some cookies to share.

**Men's Wing Night**, This Tuesday, November 14, is Men's Wing Night at Buffalo Wild Wings in North Frederick. Come out beginning at 6:15 PM and join us for a time of casual conversation and half-priced wing specials with the other men.

**Youth Retreat**, in Sulphur Springs, PA December 1-3 with John Clifford as the guest speaker. Cost is \$200 (make checks out to New Hope OPC with "youth retreat" in the memo line). Please contact Hannah Foster or Sami VanDelden to get a registration form. Registration and payment is due November 14th. Please give payment to Hannah Foster. If cost is a concern please don't hesitate to contact Amy Wright ([amy.r.dewit@gmail.com](mailto:amy.r.dewit@gmail.com))

**Pre-Sermon Discussion for NH Men and Women**, Every week you're welcome to join me to study, talk through, and apply the upcoming Sunday's text. I'll explain the main theme and points. Then we'll study the text further together. Meeting from 4-5pm at the home of David & Kathleen Porter. Let Pastor Francis know if you're interested.

**Thank Offering**, There will be a flyer about the Thank Offering near where the bulletins are being distributed. This week's ministry is Home 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. Envelopes will be available this week and next on the welcome table.

**Ladies' Night Out** is Thursday, November 16! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at Cava (Spectrum Dr, Frederick) and/or dessert around 8:00pm at Rachel Clifford's home (5666 Singletree Dr, Frederick). RSVP to Elease Layman - 301.767.6848 or [elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com).

**Ladies' Christmas Party**, December 9 at 7:00 pm at Jennifer Hephner's home (3809 Shetland Ct., Urbana). Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share and a wrapped gift (\$10) to participate in our gift game.

**Growth Groups** meet throughout the area. They include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. They offer fellowship, encouragement, support, and accountability. Growth Groups are the backbone of our fellowship and the congregation is encouraged to be a part of one! Below you will see the list of growth groups, their general dynamics, and when they meet. Several are likely meeting today! If you are interested in trying out one of these growth groups, contact the growth group leader to make sure they ARE 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, is meeting and looking for new members. Meets 2nd and 4th Friday evenings to share a meal, fellowship, study and prayer. Adult group. Alternating hosts. 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. THIS WEEK: meeting at the Godoy home (9424 Glade Ave., Walkersville, MD) at 5:30 pm (potluck meal), 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, adults only. Contact Monte Festog (301.471.9424)*



## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text — Ephesians 2:3** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in 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— <sup>3</sup> **among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

**Westminster Confession 3.6** As God has appointed the elect unto glory, so has He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Wherefore, they who are elected, being fallen in Adam, are redeemed by Christ, are effectually called unto faith in Christ by His Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by His power, through faith, unto salvation.

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**Monday:** What does Eph 1:4 state is one goal or purpose of election? What does it mean to be holy and blameless (see Eph 5:27, 1 Thess 3:12-13)? Based in part on “before him,” and Col 1:22, Eph 1:4 is best seen as future, completed holiness at Jesus’ return (e.g. 1 Jn 3:2, Eph 5:27). How does this give you confidence despite your present holiness? How does it move you to praise?

**Tuesday:** Eph 1:4. Although this “holy and blameless” will ultimately be fulfilled in the future, God chose us “in him” for holiness. How is Christ involved in our holiness now (Col 1:22, 1 Pet 1:18-19)? How does this certain holiness (ours now in Jesus, and its future completion) move us to live more holily now (Eph 4:1-3, 22-24)? Meditate on this.

**Wednesday:** Eph 1:5. Consider the beautiful doctrine of adoption from Gal 3:26, 4:4-6, Rom 8:12-17, 29, Deut 14:2. That is what God chose/elected us for (Eph 1:5). What does this say about the certainty of God’s people being in intimate, personal, eternal, legal family-relationship with him? Does this depend on your feeling it, or being good enough? What does it tell you about God?

**Thursday:** Eph 1:5. Election is often thought of as a cold, hard doctrine. How does “in love” and “adoption” dispel that? How does Paul use this doctrine later to shape our thinking and living (Eph 5:1ff)? What is your responsibility as beloved children? Remind yourself regularly today you are God’s loved, adopted child.

**Friday:** What is the ultimate purpose of election according to Eph 1:6? What is the difference between “his will, his grace, and his blessing”? Review vv 3-6 and see if you find cause to praise God for his plan (will, purpose), his grace, and his gifts in Christ. Spend some time in prayer thanking and praising God.

**Saturday:** Read Eph 1:7-10. How do these verses all hold together?