

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:

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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

December 17, 2023

## Reflections

*But when God shines light in the midst of darkness, it's because of His tender mercy, it's because He loves you that He won't let you live in the shadows. If God didn't care about you, He would leave you to your own devices. He wouldn't convict you of sin, He wouldn't give you a conscience, He wouldn't give you that sting in your heart from the Holy Spirit, He wouldn't speak to you in His Word. He would say "so be it." That's the ultimate punishment from God. Romans 1: "He gave them over to their depraved minds and hearts and lusts." He said, "You want to be in darkness? Live in darkness." That's about the worst thing that God can do to us. It's His mercy, His compassion, that shines light.*

~ Dr. Kevin DeYoung

*<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

~ John 8:12

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.*

~ Isaiah 60:1

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## Approach to God

**Welcome — Pastor John Clifford**

## Prelude

**Call to Worship — Isaiah 9:2, 6 (responsive)**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness

**have seen a great light;**

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

**on them has light shone.**

<sup>6</sup> **For to us a child is born,**

**to us a son is given;**

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,**

**Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

# Praise

## Hymn of Praise — Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,  
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.  
Henry Smart, 1867

## Prayer of Adoration

## Songs of Praise

### Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

What hope we hold this starlit night  
A King is born in Bethlehem  
Our journey long, we seek the light  
That leads to the  
hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age  
Four-hundred years  
can He be found  
But broken by a baby's cry  
Rejoice in the hallowed manger  
ground (Chorus)

*Chorus:*

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
God incarnate, here to dwell  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
Praise His name Emmanuel*

The son of God, here born to bleed  
A crown of thorns  
would pierce His brow  
And we beheld this offering,  
Exalted now the King of kings  
Praise God for the  
hallowed manger ground  
(chorus)

### Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ  
who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn,  
now our eyes behold  
God, Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious,  
love has come to us  
Join now with the host of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown  
or throne  
Helpless He lay, the invincible  
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son  
O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds sages, before Him fall  
Grace and majesty, what humility  
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Gloria! Gloria!  
Gloria! Gloria!

Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads,  
for your King has come  
Sing for the light  
overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive, let the gospel ring  
God has made a way,  
He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus  
Gloria! Gloria!  
Gloria! Gloria!

Gloria! Gloria!

## Confession of Sin — Romans 3:10-12, 19-20

<sup>10</sup> as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

<sup>11</sup> no one understands;

no one seeks for God.

<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;

no one does good,

not even one.”

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

### Assurance of Pardon — John 1:14, 16-17, Romans 8:1-4

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

<sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**Offering\*** — 1 Timothy 6:17-19 <sup>17</sup> As 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. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus 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](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

## **Response in Song — Christ the True and Better Adam**

Christ the true and better Adam  
Son of God and Son of man  
Who when tempted in the garden  
Never yielded never sinned  
He who makes the many righteous  
Brings us back to life again  
Dying He reversed the curse then  
Rising crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac  
Humble son of sacrifice  
Who would climb the fearful mountain  
There to offer up his life  
Laid with faith upon the altar  
Father's joy and only son  
There salvation was provided  
Oh what full and boundless love

*Amen amen*  
*From beginning to end*  
*Christ the story, His the glory,*  
*Alleluia amen*

Christ the true and better Moses  
called to lead a people home  
Standing bold to earthly powers  
God's great glory to be known  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven  
See the waters part in two  
See the veil is torn forever  
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Christ the true and better David  
Lowly shepherd mighty King  
He the champion in the battle  
Where o death is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered  
Crown Him Lord of majesty  
His shall be the throne forever  
We shall e'er His people be

### Congregational Prayer

#### Sermon Text — Luke 1:67, 76-79; 2:8-20

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying...

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “*Glory to God in the highest,*

*and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

#### Sermon — The Sun Rises on the Shepherds

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

#### Closing Hymn — Hark The Herald Angels Sing (page 10)

#### Benediction

#### Postlude



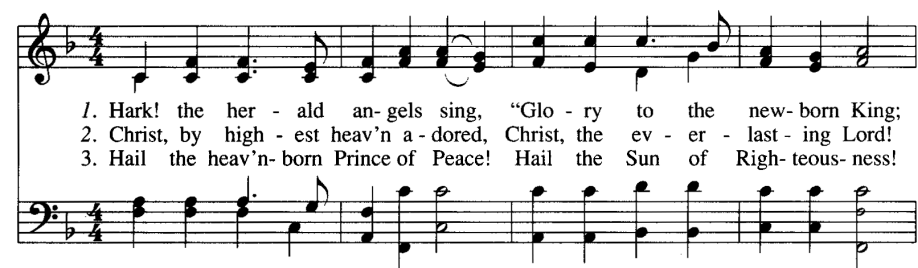
# ——The Sun Rises on the Shepherds——

Luke 1:67, 76-79; 2:8-20

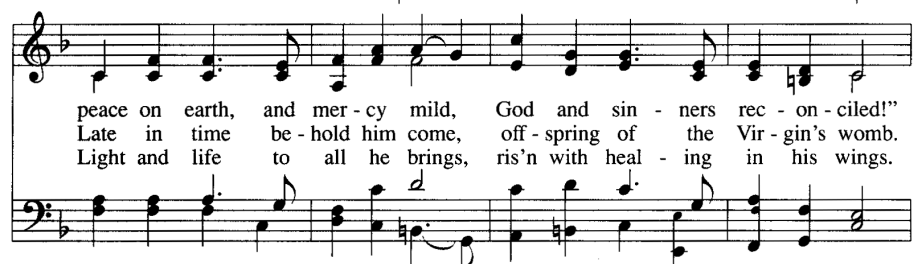
1. The Shepherds Sitting in Shadows

2. The Sunrise Transforms the Shepherds

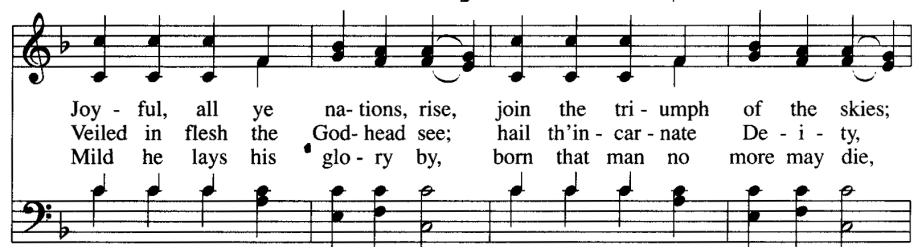
# Closing Hymn — Hark the Herald Angels Sing



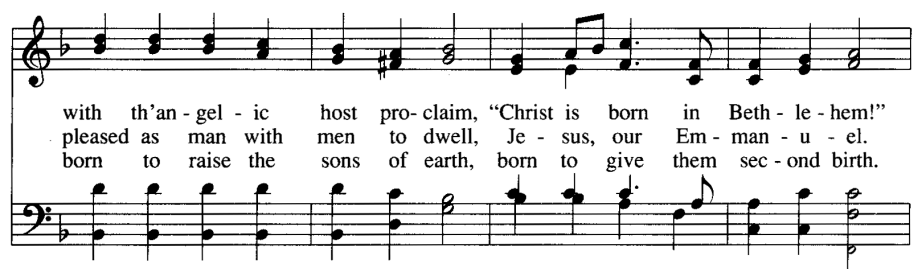
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING

### 10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Ron Socash, Jackie Plowman, Hannah Foster
Toddler Nursery:	Katie Martin, Cindy Wintermyer, Sami VanDelden
Infant Nursery:	Ann Burden
Children's Church:	NO Children's Church
Sound:	Lance Duvall
Live Stream:	Craig Lalley
Nursery On-call:	Laura VanDelden
Prayer Team:	Mark & Sally Rice

### Serving Next Week

### 10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Monte & Matthew Festog, Laura VanDelden
Toddler Nursery:	Valory Snyder, Elaina Hake, Jessie VanDelden, Lillian Williams
Infant Nursery:	Rachel Clifford
Children's Church:	NO Children's Church
Sound:	Lance Duvall
Live Stream:	Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call:	Betsy Lalley
Prayer Team:	Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

## THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Today**                      **Children's Choir Practice**, immediately following the worship service in the large Sunday School classroom.

**Next Sunday**            **Christmas Eve Program**, 7:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Party**, at the VanDelden home after the church service.

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford are able to raise all necessary funds so that they can leave for Rwanda. Pray that the Lord would continue to give them grace in this time of change.
- Pray for the marriages at New Hope that God would sustain and bless them. Pray, too, for those who are parents that they would have wisdom and grace as they shepherd their children.
- Give thanks that the Lord has continued to provide for all of the needs of New Hope. Pray that He will give wisdom and discernment for all of those in decision making positions.
- Pray for those who struggle with loneliness or depression during the holiday season. Pray that God's people will minister well to them and draw them in.
- Give thanks for the many people who serve at New Hope and give of their time and talents. Pray that the Lord would bless their efforts and continue to grow the church in faith and understand and love for one another.
- Pray that Mavis Bauer and Barbara Ruch would have patience and healing while they are in rehab. Pray that they are able to return home soon.
- Pray for those who are grieving difficult losses, particularly Jeff Deschamps.
- 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 during this Christmas season, the churches in Frederick will preach the truths of the Bible and be faithful to Christ.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake, as he serves the Lord in east Asia. Pray for the team that he serves with that they would be tightly bound and unified in their union with Christ, that they would be quick to confess sin and seek reconciliation where there are grievances or disagreements, and that they would be quick to encourage each other.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world. Pray that in times of trial and difficulty they would stand firm knowing their hope is in Christ and not in the things of this world.
- Pray for Benny and Liesl Boyed as they prepare for a two month trip to Nepal.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Eve Program**, Sunday evening, 7:00 pm, December 24th. Please plan to come out for this service and invite your friends, neighbors, and family! There are invitations on the back table that you can give out!

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR!** The youth will have the joy of sharing a special song during worship at both Christmas Eve services, morning and evening. If your child (grades K-12) would be interested in singing, please plan to attend two, 30min rehearsals immediately after church today, in the Sunday School classroom. Reach out to Annie Kim with any questions at [anniekim8@gmail.com](mailto:anniekim8@gmail.com) or 301-928-5009.

**Ladies' Night Out**, There is NO Ladies' Night Out this month. Enjoy the resting month! Our next event will be on Thursday, January 18.

**Luke Hake Care Package**, Steve Hake is going to visit missionary Luke in East Asia, and this is your chance to get a note or letter to Luke first hand. Let's send Luke lots of love and encouragement! You can put the note in Steve's (the elder) mailbox no later than Sunday December 31 and he'll take it from there.

**Christmas Eve Party**, The VanDelden family would like to invite you all to our home for a Christmas party after the Christmas Eve Service. We'll have turkey, ham, and snacks, and you're invited to bring something too. The service is at 7pm, so come on over after that. Our address is 6917 Palace Court.

**Pastor Francis away and limited office hours**, during the week following Christmas, Pastor Francis will be out of town. If you have a pastoral need, please contact your shepherding elder. Also, there will be limited office hours that week but emails and phone messages will be checked.

**Sunday School**, the new Sunday school trimester will begin January 7th and run until March 24th. Stay tuned for details!

**Change to Worship Time**, On January 14, 2024, Session plans to start a three month trial of beginning our worship services at 10:45am instead of 10:30am. This idea came to us from the Welcome Team, and was studied and then recommended to us by the Worship Committee. Before we implement this, however, we'd like to weigh any concerns or questions you have. So if you have any, please email or talk to any elder. There are two pain points that this resolves: a rushed transition time between Sunday School and worship, and lack of fellowship time prior to the service. This shift will more than double the time for fellowship (10:20 to 10:45), and give ample time to pick up children from their classes and go to the bathroom. Here are answers to some of the questions that have already been asked:

*Will Sunday School go longer?* Sunday school will still start at 9:30am and end at 10:20am. Although this will not extend the Sunday School teaching time, it does give parents time to get their kids, teachers a

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chance to clean up or answer questions after class.

*Why a three month trial?* Although we don't anticipate changing it after three months, this allows a significant trial to see if it is actually making a difference, and to see if there are any unanticipated effects.

*Why not start Sunday School at 9am?* We did not want to lengthen anyone's day if at all possible. Starting Sunday school earlier would affect musicians, sound techs, and parents of young children. For some it would likely mean skipping Sunday School.

*Won't the services end well past noon?* Although ending at noon has never been a priority, our little ones in nursery and children's church and the folks that serve in them are a priority and we want to be mindful of the length of time that the service goes. For several reasons the services have recently been about 10 minutes shorter than a year ago and so the 15 minute later start time should not be much of a pain point.

Although the services will start later, we encourage you to still arrive by 10:30am for worship so that you can enjoy fellowship time, and we can all start worship on time together. If you have questions or comments, please let us know!

### **Treasurer's Report, by Eliese Layman**

Nearly every evening at dusk, I hear the *birdie-birdie-birdie* call of a male cardinal visiting my front yard feeder. He and his lady friend hop about on the branches of my hawthorn, seeking out the seeds they know will be there. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs us to "look at the birds of the air" and how the Father feeds them (Matt. 6:26ff). In the case of Mr. & Mrs. Cardinal of Blanca Ct, the Father is using my feeders to provide for their needs. Sure, they could forage around naturally for food, but God has chosen another means for their evening meals right now. Jesus goes on to remind us that we are of more value to the Father than the birds are. Like them, we can be confident and not worry about tomorrow or where our next meal will come from. We can also be on the lookout for opportunities God gives us to provide for others, especially other believers. If you're a member of New Hope, a body of believers you can provide for is right here: your local church and its budget. In June, we as a congregation approved a budget, and many of you are faithfully supporting it. If you aren't, I encourage you to seriously consider doing so. However the budget shakes out, we rest in the fact that "it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand" (Prov. 19:21).

General Fund Giving, as of 11/30/23

Budgeted YTD: \$195,703.11

Actual YTD: \$178,009.16

Variance (Deficit): -\$17,693.95



## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text:** Luke 2:14 — <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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**Monday:** Read Luke 1:78-79 and a passage it draws on, namely Isaiah 9:1-6. How does Isaiah 9 explain who this sunrise is, what his coming will bring, and the response to his coming? What is the darkness of Isaiah 9:1-2 (see Isaiah 8:19-22, 8:5-8)? How is Jesus coming the dawn of salvation from judgment? Find a Christmas carol that addresses this and sing or reflection on it.

**Tuesday:** Luke 1:78-79 draws from Mal 4:1-2. How are God’s people acting despite their deliverance from exile (e.g. Mal 1:6ff, 2:17f)? What does Mal 4:1 picture? What about v 2? How does Jesus’ birth inaugurate this new day of healing? When is it ultimately fulfilled? Reflect on Jesus’ person and work, and pray that while you do something of his shining in your hearts (2 Cor 4:6) will produce calf-leaping joy (Mal 4:2).

**Wednesday:** Luke 1:78-79. How is Luke 1:78-79 fulfilled in Lk 2:8-14? How does v 11 describe the “sunrise from on high”? What is the difference between each of Jesus’ names/titles in v 11? What difference in your life does it make that Jesus is your Savior? Your Lord? Your King?

**Thursday:** Luke 1:78-79. What would “sunrise, shadow of death, darkness” mean to the shepherds of Luke 2? How is Jesus’ birth the dawn of a new era (Col 1:13)? How does he deliver us from the shadow of death (Heb 2:14-15, Rom 6:3f)? How does it give us light to walk in the darkness (Eph 5:8-14)? Praise God, and live as a delivered one today!

**Friday:** Luke 2:10-20. Read through this passage and note at least three ways the sunrise from on high affected the shepherds. Which of these responses challenges you the most? Glorify God in prayer or song.

**Saturday:** Read John 17:20-26. How is this passage perhaps the crown of Christ’s coming?