

WELCOME!



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

December 3, 2023

## Reflections

*The idea that God, by His grace, makes us into His inheritance is incredible, and it results from Him working “all things according to the counsel of his will” (Eph. 1:11). This is one of the clearest statements in Scripture on God’s meticulous providence — the Creator plans and steers all events down to the smallest detail, including even the seemingly inconsequential decisions we make every day, such as the color of the shirt we will wear or the cereal we will eat for breakfast. All things great and small, good and evil, are included in our God’s sovereign ordination of history. Such a truth comforts us greatly, as it guarantees that He will use everything that happens in our lives to make us finally fit to be regarded as His inheritance (Rom. 8:28).*

~ Ligonier Ministries

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## Approach to God

**Welcome** — Dennis Caruso, elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 33:1-12 (responsive)

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup> **Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;**

**make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!**

<sup>3</sup> **Sing to him a new song;**

**play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

<sup>4</sup> **For the word of the LORD is upright,**

**and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

<sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,

and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

<sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

he puts the deeps in storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> **Let all the earth fear the LORD;**

**let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

<sup>9</sup> **For he spoke, and it came to be;**

**he commanded, and it stood firm.**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

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<sup>11</sup> The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of his heart to all generations.

<sup>12</sup> **Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

## Praise

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### **Song of Praise — The Lord the Almighty Reigns**

There's an endless song waiting to be sung  
With the voice of every tribe,  
the sound of every tongue  
When the bride of Christ on that day of days  
Brings with joy unto the land a multitude of praise  
Like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder  
Hear His people sing

Chorus:

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, For the Lord Almighty reigns*

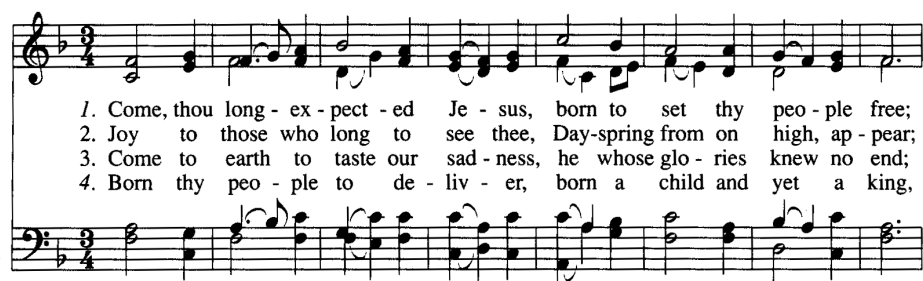
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won  
Tell with great rejoicing  
all the wonders God has done  
Like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder  
All the church will sing  
(Chorus)

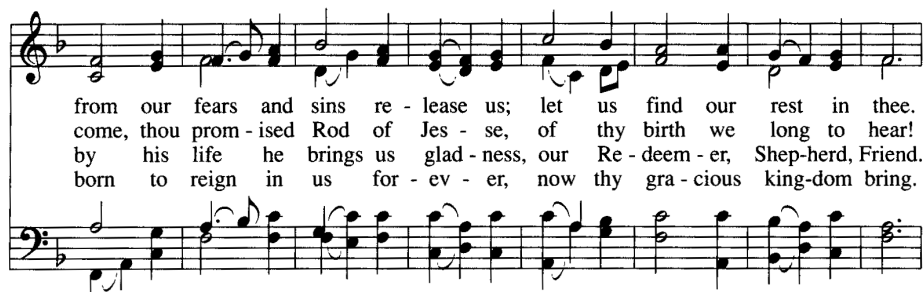
Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim  
Oh, that more would share the pride, salvation in His name  
Then greater will the anthem ring  
The mighty chorus rising to the King (Chorus)

## **Prayer of Adoration**

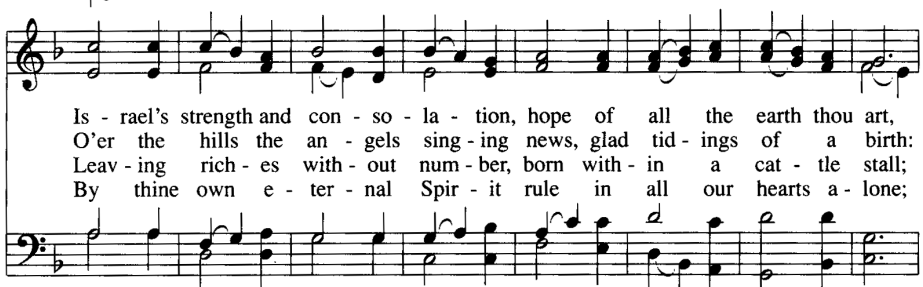
# Songs of Praise — Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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## He Who is Mighty

Oh, the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the Cornerstone

## **PRE-CHORUS**

*Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born*

## **CHORUS**

*He Who is mighty has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name*

Oh, the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been broken  
Once a slave, now by grace  
No more condemnation

## **BRIDGE**

Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days

## **Renewal** ---

### **Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 2:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **Confession of Sin — 1 Peter 2:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**Offering\*** — Deuteronomy 8:18 <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

*\*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 — Oh Come All You Unfaithful**

O come, all you unfaithful,  
Come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones,  
Weary of praying, come  
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken,  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run,  
see what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you*

He's the Lamb who was given,  
Slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace, for those who believe  
He's the Lamb who was given,  
Slain for our pardon.  
His promise is peace, for those who believe

So come, though you have nothing.  
Come, He is the offering.  
Come, see what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you  
Christ is born, Christ is born, Christ is born for you*

### Congregational Prayer

#### Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:3, 11-14

<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>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.** <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

(American Standard Version) <sup>11</sup>in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will; <sup>12</sup>to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who had before hoped in Christ:

#### Sermon — God's Inheritance

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*New Hope Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are forsaking their sins and trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive communion with us. The bread served today is gluten free.*

#### Closing Hymn — Blessed Assurance (page 10)

#### Benediction

#### Postlude



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# God's Inheritance

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Ephesians 1:11-12

*Theme: We are God's inheritance by his power and for his glory.*

1. Active or Passive?

2. God Acts for his Inheritance

3. Using God's Inheritance

# Closing Hymn — Blessed Assurance

D G D A

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

E A D G D

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove  
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

G Em A<sup>7</sup> D REFRAIN

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

G D G D A E A A<sup>7</sup>

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

D G D G Em A<sup>7</sup> D 7

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## THANK YOU FOR SERVING

### 10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Brian & Ann Burden, Gingy Socash
Toddler Nursery:	Karen & David Ochs, Connor Freeman
Infant Nursery:	Megan Quist
Children's Church:	NO Children's Church
Sound:	Kim Hanlin
Live Stream:	John Godoy
Nursery On-call:	Mary Troxel
Prayer Team:	Monte & Rosemarie Festog

### Serving Next Week

### 10:30 am

Welcome Team:	Jeff & Kim Jernigan, Valory Snyder
Toddler Nursery:	Karl Koops, William Sack, Jack Socash
Infant Nursery:	Cath Howard
Children's Church:	NO Children's Church
Sound:	Craig Lalley
Live Stream:	Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call:	Gingy Socash
Prayer Team:	David & Kathleen Porter

## THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Today**      **Growth Group Fellowship**, the Pilgrims' Table growth group will be hosting a time of combined fellowship with the Planted Deep GG this coming Sunday with lunch provided by the Pilgrims' Table.
- Tuesday**      **Session Meeting**, 7:00 pm in C8
- Saturday**      **Ladies' Christmas Party**, 7:00 pm at Jennifer Hephner's home (3809 Shetland Ct., Urbana). See announcement page for details

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks and praise with Jeff & Patti Deschamps for the recent time that they had with their family that was a blessing for them both. Pray for them, too, as Patti has since had a major decline and is entering hospice care.
- Pray that Pastor Francis will have the courage to lead well.
- Pray for John & Rachel Clifford as they prepare for their significant transition in January.
- Pray for the New Hope session as they meet this week. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom, unity, and clarity as they lead the church. Pray that the Lord would raise up more men for leadership as elders and deacons.
- Give thanks for God's perfect, good, and righteous character so that we can live securely in the very insecure world we find ourselves in. Pray for the ability to trust in His goodness and His perfect care for us.
- Pray for those who are struggling with loneliness, depression, or anxiety during the holiday season. Pray that the Lord would bring comfort and help during a time that is often difficult.
- Pray for Mavis Bauer, Barbara Ruch, Cindy Pottala, 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.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake as he serves the Lord in east Asia. Pray that the Lord would help him to work hard in his studies but also rest in His peace.
- Pray for Kristen and Thanos as they prepare to transition from ministering in Europe to doing so in Greece. Pray that the Lord would give them unity and wisdom as they move forward and pray that they will love and serve Him with all their heart, mind, soul and strength.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Pray that, in the midst of the pain and anxiety of persecution, God will be merciful and meet their every need. Pray, too, that the persecutors will repent of their sins and turn to God through faith in Jesus Christ.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Frederick Rescue Mission Christmas Giving Opportunities**, there are a few more tags left for residents and their children from the Frederick Rescue Mission. Those tags contain the names and gift ideas. If you are able to help buy a gift, take a tag! Please bring wrapped gifts (gift should have the family number on it) back to the church by December 17th. Contact Ann Burden with any questions.

**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.

**Resting Month**, the resting month of December is right around the corner! What is a "resting month?" Three times a year (in December, April, and August) we take a month off to stop all extra work of ministry and focus more on relational aspects of being in the body of Christ. Typically there is no Sunday school, no Children's Church, no growth group meetings, no committee meetings throughout the month.

**Carol Sing at the Hadidians**, the Ladies Bible Study will be visiting the Hadidians at 10 a.m. on Dec. 6 to sing carols. Anyone wishing to stay after the hymn-sing should bring a brown bag lunch.

**Christmas Eve Children's Choir**, all children in grades K-12 are invited to participate in the Children's Choir again this year. We would love to have an idea of how many might be participating so please let Annie Kim (anniekim8@gmail.com) or the church office (admin@newhopeopc.org) know if your child will be a part of this. The first rehearsal will be after church on December 10th and there will be another one on December 17th.

**Kids' Activity Bags**, you'll notice that near the bulletins are a box of activity bags available for the children in the church. We include these bags during the resting month because we don't have children's church. Included in the bags are a Children's Bulletin, an activity, crayons, and other things. Any child is welcome to take one each Sunday! We just ask that you return the bags at the end of the service each week with anything reusable left in the bag (e.g. the crayons).

**Thank Offering**, New Hope is sending \$51,475 to the OPC for the Thank Offering, which supports our denomination's World Wide Outreach fund. Many thanks to all of those who gave! Please note that any further Thank Offering donations received after November 26 will be returned to the donor for him or her to send directly to the OPC, as this special collection period has ended.

**Snow Policy**, As we head into the cold weather months and possibility of snow we want to make sure everyone is aware of what our snow and bad

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weather policy is . Please read through the information below so that you will know what the procedure is.

## SNOW SUNDAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

**Who will decide snow cancellations:** The pastor, together with the music team leader, and the lead elder will make this decision. Communication of Snow Days: A Sunday cancellation or Snow Sunday (see below) will be put on the New Hope Web page by 8:00 am Sunday morning. It will also be sent out via email. Finally, the New Hope phone will record a message stating that services are cancelled as well. Other event cancellations will only be emailed out and put on the website.

### Sunday Services:

1. **Cancelled Sunday Service:** If there is a snow or ice emergency, and police advise us to stay off the roads, all activities will be cancelled including the worship service.
2. **Limited Sunday Service:** If there is lousy weather (but not as dire as # 1) we will call for a "Snow Sunday" or limited Sunday service. There will be a bare bones church service, but no Sunday School, and likely no nursery or musicians. All those scheduled to serve that day will not be obliged to come (nursery, ushers, greeters, SS teachers, musicians, sound team, etc). Congregants are urged to use their own judgment.
3. **Wednesday Night Study** (and other such events): If school is cancelled, or if they dismiss early, then all events at the church will be cancelled.

## **Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

Since it is our privilege today to celebrate the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we are called to prepare our hearts by rightly examining ourselves.

**"Do This in Remembrance of Me,"** says Jesus as He invites us to His Holy Supper. It is not only a privilege, but also a personal responsibility to respond to this gracious invitation. The apostle Paul alerts us to this responsibility in 1 Corinthians 11:27, "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord." Furthermore, the Lord, through the Apostle Paul also instructs us that those who eat and drink "without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgement on himself."

In light of the scriptural teaching, the elders invite you to join in the communion celebration on the basis of the following personal affirmations:

- 1. I confess that I am a sinner and repent of my sins.**
- 2. I have been baptized into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**
- 3. I believe in Jesus as my Savior and Lord who forgives all my sins because of His sacrifice.**
- 4. I desire to show my thankfulness to God by resolving to live in faith and obedience before my Lord, and in love and peace with my neighbors.**
- 5. I have made a public profession of faith in a church that recognizes the sovereign authority of God's Word and that we are saved only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.**
- 6. I am a member in good standing in my home church.**

If, for some reason, you do not believe you should partake of communion with God's people at this time, the elders would then urge you to refrain from participating today and they would also urge you to actively seek out either one of the elders or the pastor for further instruction. They are eager and willing to discuss these matters in light of God's Word, as they are called to tend to these matters for the purity of Christ's Church, His Glory, and the good of His people.

We are confident that the Savior accepts us at His table when we come in faith, with sorrow for our sins, and with a will to follow Him as He commands.

# DAILY DEVOTION

No Daily Devotions this week.

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