

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
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:

- ***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

November 26, 2023

Reflections

To come to Thee is to come home from exile, to come to land out of the raging storm, to come to rest after long labor, to come to the goal of my desires and the summit of my wishes.

~ C.H. Spurgeon

In the fullness of time, God's two creations -his whole universe and his whole church- will be unified under the cosmic Christ who is the supreme head of both.

~ John Stott

Our greatest affliction is not anxiety, or even guilt, but rather homesickness - a nostalgia or ineradicable yearning to be at home with God.

~ Donald Bloesch

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor John Clifford

Prelude

Call to Worship — Colossians 1:15-20 (responsive)

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.** ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,** ²⁰**and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Praise

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

*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)

Song of Praise — Our Song from Age to Age

Oh God of power, living Word, the One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth, from dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save to loose death's iron hold

*You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise, again and again
You are our song from age to age
We will proclaim Your pow'r to save, again and again*

Oh God of promises fulfilled the God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name and worship at Your feet
(chorus)

Oh God, who surely guides our steps through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King, Your way is best though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love, our perfect hope our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt You'll lead us home to finally see Your face (chorus)

Oh God of all of history enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound for all eternity (chorus)

Prayer

Renewal

Song of Confession — We Have Not Known Thee

We have not known Thee as we ought,
Nor learned Thy wisdom, grace and power;
The things of earth have filled our thought, and trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light Thy truth to see, and make us wise in knowing Thee.

We have not feared Thee as we ought,
Nor bowed beneath Thine awesome eye,
Nor guarded deed and word and thought,
Remembering that God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know Thee near, and grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved Thee as we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by Thee;
Thy presence we have coldly sought, and feebly longed Thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and know the love Thou art.

We have not served Thee as we ought,
Alas, the duties left undone, the work with little fervor wrought,
The battles lost or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might, for Thee to toil, for Thee to fight.

When shall we know Thee as we ought,
And fear and love and serve aright?
When shall we, out of trial brought, be perfect in the land of light?
Lord, may we day by day prepare to see Thy face and serve Thee there.

Assurance of Pardon & Future Glory — Romans 8:18-28

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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* — *Psalm 37:21* ²¹ *The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives;*

**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 — There is a Hope

There is a hope that burns within my heart,
That gives me strength For every passing day;
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part,
Yet drives all doubt away, I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n
And Christ in me, the hope of heav'n.
My highest calling, and my deepest joy, to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head;
A consolation strong against despair –
That when the world has plunged me
In its deepest pit, I find the Savior there.
Through present suff'rings, future's fear,
He whispers courage in my ear;
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine,
When I behold His face.
When suff'rings cease, and sorrows die,
And ev'ry longing satisfied;
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,
For I am truly home. (repeat last two lines)

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:9-10

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. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹**making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ** ¹⁰**as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

Sermon — All Things Put Right

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
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Benediction

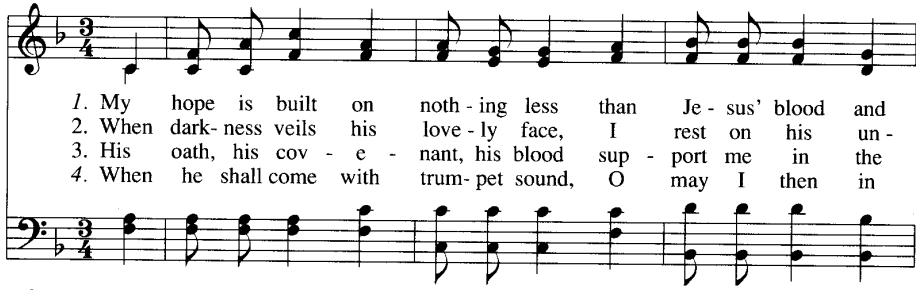
Postlude

All Things Put Right

Ephesians 1:9-10

Theme: Christian, live in light of the final putting of all things right.

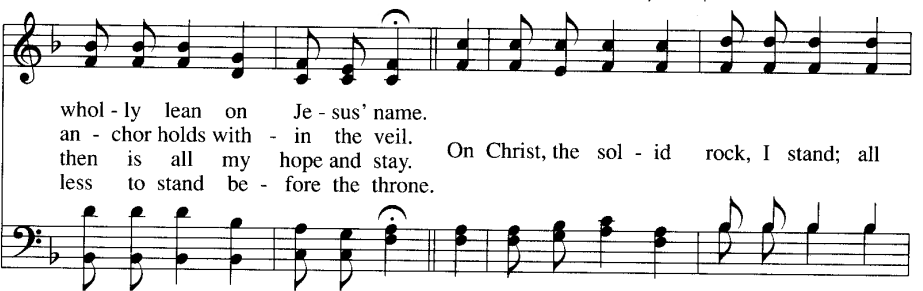
Closing Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



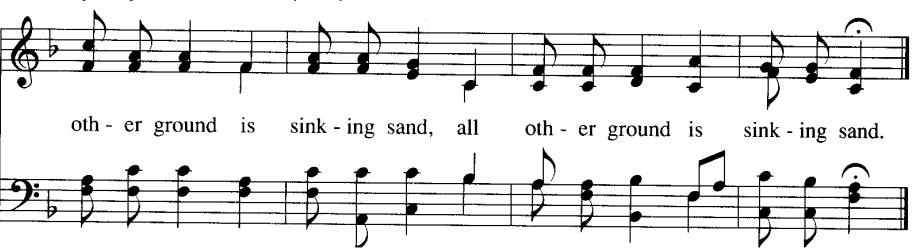
1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



righteous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Edward Mole, 1834

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Dustin Mixon (early team)
Cath Howard, Tom Wright (late team)
SS nursery: Ronnie Socash, Emily Jernigan

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Meg Quist, Talia Poortenga, Jessie VanDelden
Infant Nursery: Lauren Mendez
Children's Church: Amy Wright, Daniel Williams
Sound: Lance Duvall
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird
Prayer Team: Hannah Foster, Steve Hake

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

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

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Wednesday

Wednesday Bible Studies

- **10:00 am**, meeting in C8 at the church, no childcare
- **10:00 am**, meeting at the church in the sanctuary building, there will be childcare
- **Evening Adult Bible Study**, 6-7:30 pm, includes pizza dinner at 6:00 pm
- **GEMS & CSB**, 6-7:30 pm in sanctuary building
- **Discipleship Explored**, 6-7:30 in the sanctuary building
- **Youth Group**, 6-8 pm in C8

Friday

Resting Month begins

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks to God for Him many blessings, His continued provision for us, His faithfulness, and perfect love for us.
- Praise God that in the end of all things, He will put things right. Pray that, as believers, we will live in light of this; clinging loosely to the things of this world and without fear.
- Pray for the upcoming Presbytery meeting on Dec. 2nd as a man will be taken under care, Dan Adams (previous intern) will transfer to serve at Grace OPC in Vienna, and Will Sloan will be examined for ordination to serve at Good Shepherd OPC church plant on the eastern shore.
- Pray that during the upcoming resting month, we can look for ways to connect with others in the church and in our families in deeply meaningful ways.
- 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 Mavis Bauer, Barbara Ruch, Jeff & Patti Deschamps, Cindy Potlala, 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 for opportunities to share the gospel with friends, co-workers, neighbors and family and for boldness when they come.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missions of the month, the local missions we support financially. Pray particularly the Carenet Pregnancy Center that serves the women in the Frederick area who are faced with unplanned pregnancies. Pray that through their work many little babies will be saved and hearts will be changed.
- 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 persecuted Christians all over the world who suffer for the cause of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frederick Rescue Mission Christmas Giving Opportunities, take a moment to look for the Christmas tree in the foyer where you will see tags hanging. Those tags contain the names and gift ideas for residents of the Frederick Rescue Mission and their families. 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.

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!

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. We'll give you more information next week!

Youth Retreat Information, there is some disappointing news to share about the retreat followed by an alternate plan that will, Lord-willing, provide our youth some encouraging time together. We've made the difficult decision to postpone our retreat at White Sulphur Springs until next year. They were opening the camp just for our group and we didn't have enough attendees to meet their minimum guest requirement nor the budget to pay for empty spots. Although this will be a great disappointment to many kids who were looking forward to time at White Sulphur Springs we hope that rescheduling it will allow for more kids to attend.

In place of the retreat, we're planning a retreat-style event at New Hope on December 1 & 2. We hope most of the youth will be able to come to some or all of it! This will be a free event. We're working out the details but the general plan is as follows:

Friday, Dec 1: 5:30-9:30-- Come for dinner and a talk by John Clifford then stay for outdoor games (there are rumors of LED gaga ball!) and a bonfire.

Saturday, Dec 2: 9:30-3:00-- Return for a laid back time of brunch and hanging out followed by another talk by John. Weather permitting, the big activity for the day will be a hike and outdoor lunch before returning to church to warm up and wind down. If it's too cold for a hike, there will be alternate indoor activities planned (i.e. a movie and popcorn). We will

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be able to give a more specific schedule closer to the event when we have a better sense of the temperature.

What to bring: a snack to share, comfortable layers of clothing to accommodate both indoor and outdoor activities

RSVP (not required but helpful)

How can you help? We're so glad you asked :) Let Amy Wright (amy.r.dewit@gmail.com) know if you'd be up for helping with one of the following (anyone in the congregation can help!):

- Friday dinner (soup, bread, salad): 2-3 families
- Saturday lunch (sausages, chips, fruit, drinks): 2-3 families
- Transportation to and from the hike: 3 adults

Chaperones: 2-3 adults/day

We pray it will be a good time of bonding for the youth at New Hope.

On a separate but related note, we received word that the Winter Lights retreat is happening again this year for 8th-12th graders. Mark your calendars for Feb 23-24 if this is something your child is interested in attending! More details will follow later.

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).*

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- ◇ *Ballenger Bereans Growth Group, meeting the 2nd Sunday from 6-7:30 & the 4th Sunday at 5:30 for a potluck meal. Mixed ages, couples, singles, & children. For more information contact Kelsey Roberts (301.233.4816)*
- ◇ *Wye Creek Growth Group, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Mixed ages, couples, singles & children. Contact Bruce Johnson (574.780.6482)*
- ◇ *Salt & Light, typically meets the 2nd Sunday after church for a potluck & the 4th Friday at various homes. Couples & singles, adults only. Contact John/Patrice Jastrzembski (240.321.4562).*
- ◇ *Shepherd's Watch, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Festog home, adults only. Contact Monte Festog (301.471.9424)*

DAILY DEVOTION

Daily Devotions can be found printed out on the back table.
