

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am  
Worship ~ 10:45 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***
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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

January 14, 2024

## Reflections

*My great desire for those who believe in me is that you feel secure in my love. I have chosen you before the foundation of the world. I have predestined you to be my children forever. I have redeemed you by the blood of my Son. And I have put my Spirit in you as a seal and a guarantee. Therefore, you will receive the inheritance and praise the glory of my grace forever and ever.*

~ "Sealed by the Spirit to the Day of Redemption," by John Piper

*Paul shows us what our motivation to refrain from certain things should be. "It is His glory! That is why I must do certain things. 'Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.' Here is the Christian way, here is the biblical way of looking at this whole matter of sanctification. Not for ourselves, but for His sake! Our sanctification, our life, our conduct, is ever to be the realization and the outcome and the outworking of what He has done for us, and of our sense of His glory and our desire to live to the praise of the glory of His grace.*

~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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## Approach to God

**Welcome** — Pastor Francis VanDelden

## Prelude

### Call to Worship — Psalm 100 (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> **For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

# Praise

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## Song of Praise — Show Us Christ

Prepare our hearts, O God,  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
Cause it to bear fruit,  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

### CHORUS

*Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

### BRIDGE

Where else can we go, Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life

## Prayer of Adoration

# 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)

## Heavenly Father Beautiful Son

Father, You loved me  
Sent Your Son to redeem  
Jesus, You washed me  
By Your blood I am clean  
Spirit, You've opened  
these blinded eyes  
And brought me to Christ

*Heavenly Father, beautiful Son  
Spirit of light and truth  
Thank You for bringing  
sinners to come to You*

Father, You gave me  
To Jesus to keep  
And Jesus, You love me  
As a shepherd, his sheep  
Spirit, You've given me faith  
in the Son  
And made our hearts one (chorus)

Father, You're waiting  
To hear my requests  
Jesus, Your loving  
Open hand is outstretched  
Spirit, You're in me, You intercede  
And help in my need (chorus)

## Confession of Sin — Galatians 5:16-26

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon — Galatians 2:20-21

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

**Offering\*** — *Hebrews 13:5* <sup>5</sup> *Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

*\*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

### How Deep is Your Love

You were broken that I might be healed.  
You were cast off that I might draw near.  
You were thirsty that I might come drink,  
Cried out in anguish  
That I might sing.

*How deep is Your love,  
How high and how wide is your mercy.  
How deep is your grace,  
Our hearts overflow with praise to You.*

You knew darkness that I might know light,  
Wept great tears that mine might be dried,  
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,  
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

## Congregational Prayer

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

### Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:3-14

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

### Sermon — Sealed with the Spirit

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

### Closing Song — We Are God's People (page 10)

### Benediction

### Postlude

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# Sealed with the Spirit

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Ephesians 1:13-14

*Theme: The Spirit assures the believer of their security in God's inseparable love.*

1. The Seal: God Claims Us (13)
2. The Guarantee: Our Claim on God (14)

# Closing Song — We Are God's People

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his  
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have  
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -  
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is  
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how  
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a  
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -  
 to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each  
 fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our  
 on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
 joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.  
 gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.  
 flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

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SYMPHONY 11.11.8.6.8.9.  
 From Johannes Brahms, *Symphony No. 1 in C Minor*, 1876  
 Arr. by Fred Bock, 1976

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Jennifer Hephner  
Laura Caruso, Chris Boyles  
SS Nursery: Dennis Caruso, Jeanne Lowry

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Kim Hanlin, Allison Viner, Caelyn & Micah Poortenga  
Children's Church: Kelsey Roberts, Elaina Hake  
Sound: Lance Duvall  
Live Stream: Craig Lalley  
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden  
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

## Serving Next Week

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Ron Socash, Jacob Mendez (early team)  
Dustin Mixon, Hannah Foster (late team)  
SS Nursery: Lauren Mendez, Elaina Hake

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Monica Laird, Katrina Howard, Lorena Poortenga,  
Jack Socash  
Children's Church: Karen Ochs, Matt Festog  
Sound: Ed Wright  
Live Stream: Isaac Wright  
Nursery On-call: Valory Snyder  
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Today** Sunday School begins, 9:30 am

**Monday** Session Meeting, 7:00 pm in C8

**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

**Thursday** Ladies' Night Out, 6:30 pm at Lazy Fish in downtown Frederick followed by dessert at Amy Wright's house. See announcement page for details.

**Saturday** Men's Ministry Discussion Group, 8-10 am in the overflow room, discussing interesting or challenging passages from the Bible.

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for Pastor Francis that he will have clarity in ministry focus, and for holy ambition.
- Pray for the upcoming session meeting this week. Pray that God would draw the elders close to Himself, giving them wisdom and understanding of His ways through His grace. Pray that they would make right and wise decisions that align with His will and plan for New Hope.
- Praise God for the fact that we, who are believers, are sealed with the Holy Spirit, the guarantee of our inheritance. Pray that we will be a people who walk in light of that guarantee, understanding that this world is not our home but that we are pilgrims on our way to glory.
- Pray for the chaplains that serve in our military and especially for those who are reformed. Pray that the Lord would use them to bring the gospel to those that they serve so that the grace and love of Christ can bring hope and life in often difficult and dangerous situations.
- Pray that Ginny Lundregan, Mavis Bauer, Barbara Ruch would have patience and healing while they are in rehab. Pray that they are able to return home soon.
- 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, Heero & Anya Hacquebord who are serving the Lord in Ukraine. Pray for a quick and good end to the war that is happening there. Pray, too, that the Lord would use this war to bring deep, lasting changes in Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus.
- Pray for the Christians in Sudan who are caught in the crossfire of a war for control of the county between two Islamist generals and their armies. As Christians have been specifically targeted, pray for God's protection on them and strength to endure the hostilities.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he serves in east Asia and John & Rachel Clifford as they prepare to go to Rwanda. Pray that God would continue to supply for all their needs and that they will serve the Lord with gladness.
- Pray for Benny and Liesl Boyed as they are on a one month trip to Nepal and for Steve Hake as he is on a two week visit with Luke. Pray that both of these visits will be used by the Lord to encourage and bless the pastors and believers in these areas.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ladies' Night Out** is Thursday, January 18! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at Lazy Fish (E Patrick St, Frederick) and/or dessert around 8:00pm at Amy Wright's home (4713 Elmer Derr Rd, Frederick). RSVP for dinner by Wednesday, January 17 to Elise Layman - 301.767.6848 or [elise.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elise.layman@gmail.com).

**Women's Ministry Serving Opportunity**, Elise Layman will be stepping down from coordinating Ladies' Night Out for over 8 years this March. Thank you, Elise, for providing this monthly opportunity to fellowship with other women. If this is a ministry that you would like to see continue and are interested in taking over for Elise, please let the women's committee know. You can reach out to Ann Burden, Joy Nichols or Rosemarie Festog. These outings have always been well received and help to foster relationships for the women in the church. This is a great ministry to lead if your time is limited or if you enjoy administration!

**Woman's Zoom Bible Study**, The ladies Thursday Night Zoom Bible study will be starting the book of Luke on Th 1/25 at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Monica Laird for details at (410) 963-6522 or [monlaird@gmail.com](mailto:monlaird@gmail.com).

## **Sunday School for High School & Adults:**

- The High School class will study and discuss The Church with Dan Godoy and Ron Socash in room C-6 in the Upper Building.
- The Adult Class will be "A Week in the News." Joel Poortenga and Francis VanDelden won't tell you 'what' to think so much as 'how' to think about the news. We'll go over some principles first, and then the class will work through various news articles practicing those principles. Join us in the sanctuary.

**Change to Worship Time**, TODAY, Session plans to start a three month trial of beginning our worship services at 10:45am instead of 10:30am. 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!

**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).*

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- ◇ *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 VanDelden home at 5:30 pm (potluck meal), for more information contact Kelsey Roberts (301.233.4816)
- ◇ *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 1:13-14 <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.

**Heidelberg Catechism 49:** Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven? First, that he is our advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven; secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the head, will also take up to himself, us, his members; thirdly, that he sends us his Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we "seek the things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God, and not things on earth."

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**Monday:** Eph 1:13. What do the following texts explain about one aspect of a seal's function: 2 Tim 2:19, Ex 28:36, Hag 2:23)? God places his claim on us, we are his prized possession. The Spirit testifies to us that we are God's treasured ones, that he has claimed us. Consider Rom 5:5-6, Gal 4:6. Pray for the Spirit to deepen this work in you, and to work faith in non-Christians that you know.

**Tuesday:** Eph 1:13. How does Mt 27:66 show a "seal" used as protection? How does the Spirit keep us safe (e.g. Eph 6:16, Mt 6:13)? See Rev 5:1 for seal as preserving. How does the Spirit preserve us (e.g. Lk 22:32)? How does the Spirit as God's seal in us strengthen your certainty of God's love for you, and your security in that love?

**Wednesday:** Eph 1:13. 1 Cor 9:2 shows a seal as an authenticity marker. How is the Spirit a sign of God's divine reality in our lives (1 Jn 3:10, 4:7)? How does the first part of v 13 explain how you know if you have the Spirit (see also v 7 -are you resting in Jesus for this)? Rest in God's keeping power. Rest in God's sure love for you. As you rest in his secure love, how can you courageously look to love/serve others?

**Thursday:** Eph 1:14. Of what is the Spirit a pledge, earnest money, guarantor? How does this relate to all the blessings in vv 3-14? How certain is our future inheritance (1 Pet 1:3-5)? How much to you think about the full enjoyment of God in the new heavens and new earth? Slow down to consider this.

**Friday:** Eph 1:14. Since we have the Spirit dwelling in us as a first-part (earnest) of heaven, shouldn't we begin to enjoy that first part, and live toward its completion? What might that look like regarding God's glory (v 14)? Communion with believers (2:21-22)? Listening to God (Eph 5:18f and Col 3:16)? Talking to God (Eph 6:18)? Holy living (4:30-32)? Let's live out that "pre-taste" of heaven now!

**Saturday:** How does Eph 1:15-16 challenge your prayer life for others, and in giving thanks?