

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***
- ***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

January 21, 2024

## Reflections

*By and large, our thanksgiving seems to be tied rather tightly to our material well-being and comfort. The unvarnished truth is that what we most frequently give thanks for betrays what we most highly value. If a large percentage of our thanksgiving is for material prosperity, it is because we value material prosperity proportionately.*

~ D. A. Carson

*Few people want to be part of a church that doesn't pray, but few people want to attend a prayer meeting. You should ponder this conundrum.*

~ Tim Challies

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## Approach to God

**Welcome** — Dennis Caruso, elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** — 1 Chronicles 16:8-18 (responsive)

<sup>8</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

<sup>9</sup> **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!**

<sup>10</sup> Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

<sup>11</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

<sup>12</sup> **Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,**

<sup>13</sup> O offspring of Israel his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

<sup>14</sup> **He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.**

<sup>15</sup> **Remember his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

<sup>16</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,

<sup>17</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,

<sup>18</sup> saying, **"To you I will give the land of Canaan,  
as your portion for an inheritance."**

## Prayer of Adoration

# Praise

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## Songs of Praise

### Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts,  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening sky  
with wonders  
The earth, it is Your throne,  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, all creation,  
Praise the Lord  
Raise your voice,  
you heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath,  
Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, in love,  
Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works to tell  
Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus  
(chorus)

Let symphonies resound,  
let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear  
the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness, all creation  
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,  
you heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west,  
you distant burning stars  
All creatures near and far  
From sky to sea to shore,  
sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath, praise  
the Lord*

### Blessed Assurance

Come, Holy Spirit, my soul assure,  
relieve my fears that I no more  
May doubt the love of Christ for me  
That my debt is paid,  
that I've been made free  
O Comforter, in me reside  
When the tempter speaks  
be my faithful Guide  
Show Your promise is  
for me secured  
For the battle be  
my heavenly sword

### CHORUS

*Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit,  
washed in His blood*

Illumine me with the Savior's light  
To dispel my thoughts  
in the blackest night  
In darkest hour to my soul reveal the  
wounds which all my sorrows heal  
Impress that seal, His image leave  
And by Your pow'r  
to His grace I'll cleave  
Until faith be sight  
and prayer be praise  
When beholding Jesus face to face

### BRIDGE

This my story, this my song.  
Born of Spirit, washed in Blood  
This my story, this my song.  
In my Savior I belong (3x)

# Renewal

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## **Confession of Sin — 2 Thessalonians 1:3, Philippians 1:9, Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>3</sup>We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

<sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 1:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **Reception of New Members — Riccardo Bastardo, Iain & Karen McKenzie**

## **Baptism — Ryan & Collin McKenzie**

**Offering\*** — *1 Chronicles 29:12* <sup>12</sup>*Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

*\*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 — Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

## **Congregational Prayer** followed by the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

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

## **Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:15-16**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers...

## **Sermon — What Ignites Thanksgiving?**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## **Closing Song — Jesus What a Friend for Sinners** (page 9)

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Please come forward for prayers with our prayer team after the service.*

# ———— **What Ignites Thanksgiving?** ————

Ephesians 1:15-16

Theme: Thanks to God is ignited by testimonies of faith and love

1. What ignites faith and love?

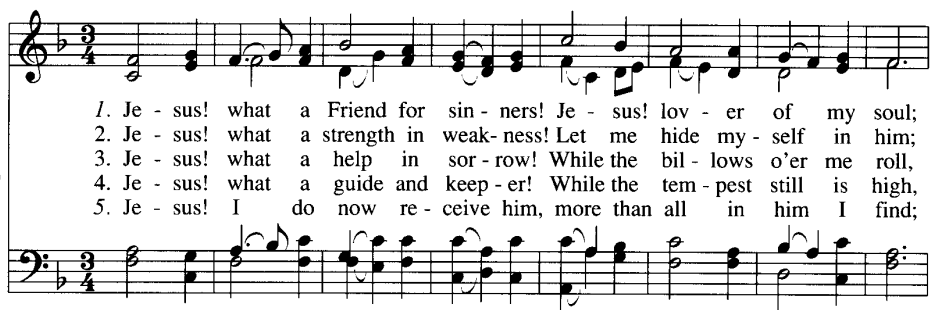
2. Faith in the Lord Jesus

3. Love for all the saints

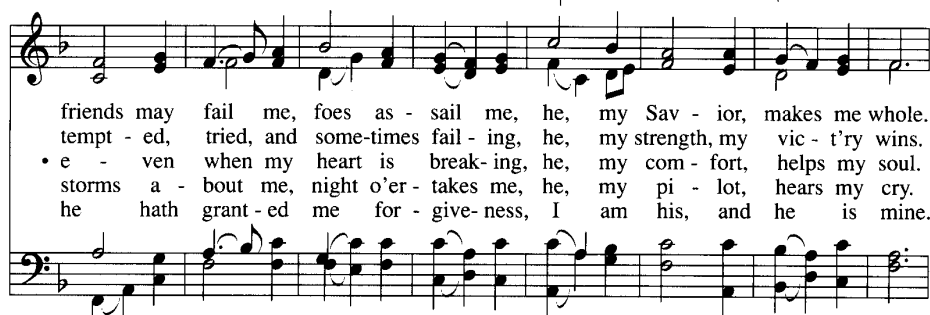
4. Ceaseless Prayer



# Closing Song — Jesus What a Friend for Sinners



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 tempt - ed, tried, and some-times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

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Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, 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

## Serving Next Week

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Zack Gillette (early team)  
Jackie Plowman, Mary Troxel (late team)  
SS Nursery: Laura VanDelden, Ronnie Socash

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Megan Quist, Katie Poortenga, Samantha VanDelden,  
David Ochs  
Children's Church: Elisa Godoy, Lauran Mendez  
Sound: Craig Lalley  
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek  
Nursery On-call: Valory Snyder  
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Tuesday**      **Trustee Meeting**, 7:30 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
- **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

**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

- Give thanks for Riccardo Bastardo and Iain and Karen McKenzie who have joined New Hope this week. Pray that they will be ingrafted into the church body well and that they will be able to use their gifts for the church for God's glory.
- Give thanks for the gift of baptism and the outward sign of God's covenant and care for His people.
- Pray for the board of trustees meeting that is happening this week. Pray for wisdom as they talk about the budget and other financial issues for the church.
- Pray for your church family and the other believers in your sphere. Give thanks for them, for their faith, and for their commitment to the Lord.
- Pray that Ginny Lundregan and Mavis Bauer 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.
- Give thanks that Barbara Ruch was able to go home from rehab this week.
- 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 their family's continued physical, emotional, and spiritual health as they minister to the people in their church and community during these dark times in Ukraine.
- Pray for the Christians in the Central African Republic who are being persecuted for their faith and are finding themselves displaced by violence around them. Pray that they will hold fast to the promises of God and will find strength to endure because of them.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he serves the Lord in East Asia. Pray for continued joy in the work that he is called to do and much success in his language learning.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their children as they spend the next few weeks in Belgium doing MTW training.
- Pray for Benny and Liesl Boyed as they are on a one month trip to Nepal. Pray that they will be used by the Lord to encourage and bless the pastors and believers in this area.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Ministry Serving Opportunity**, if anyone is interested in coordinating Ladies' Night Out beginning in April, please contact Ann Burden, Joy Nichols, or Rosemarie Festog.

**Approved for Membership**, the elders of New Hope are pleased to let you know that Woody & Shirley Story have been interviewed and approved for membership.

**OPC Youth Retreat**, All young people grades 8th-12th are invited to attend Winterlight Youth Retreat on February 23-24, 2024 at Covenant OPC in Sinking Spring, PA. This retreat will be a wonderful time of fellowship with other youth, along with excellent teaching from Mr. Brian Groot. Register online at [philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight](http://philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight) for \$30

**Your Year-End Contribution Statement** is in your church mailbox if you have one. Please pick it up! If you do NOT have a church mailbox, the statement is being mailed to you. Any questions? Contact Elaine Layman at [treasurer@newhopeopc.org](mailto:treasurer@newhopeopc.org).

## **General Fund Giving, as of 12/31/23**

Budgeted YTD: \$247,573.90

Actual YTD: \$242,774.99

Variance (Deficit): -\$4,798.91

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## **New Member Biographies**

**Riccardo Bastardo** is from Venezuela but moved to the United States in May of 2023. He is married and has a 10 year old daughter, but both of them are still in Venezuela due to immigration matters. He currently lives in the Balenger Creek area with his family. Riccardo grew up in a Christian family who left Catholicism. He has known the Lord since he was young. He has a degree in computer science and enjoys cooking and playing music. He is glad to be joining New Hope and hopes to be useful to his new church family. His greatest desire and prayer request is that he can be reunited with his wife and daughter.

**Iain and Karen McKenzie** live in Middletown, MD. Iain is originally from Ontario, Canada. He came to the U.S. to attend and play soccer at American University in D.C. and has lived in Maryland ever since. Karen is a Marylander. She grew up in Mt. Airy, attended and rode horses at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and returned to Maryland following college. The two met through mutual friends, in 2004 and got married in 2009. They have two sons, Ryan (soon to be 9) and Collin (soon to be 7). Iain is a bookkeeper. Karen was a teacher with FCPS before staying home to be with the boys. Now that the boys are in school, she is looking forward to returning to teaching in some manner. Ryan loves all things sports and outdoors, especially fishing and baseball. Collin loves doing things with his family like skating, and especially enjoys making all kinds of crafts and learning piano. Along with Karen's parents, Woody and Shirley Story, Iain and Karen have searched for a church for some time and are grateful to have been guided to New Hope together. They are thankful for this family and look forward to growing in faith with you.

## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — Ephesians 2:4-5 <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

**Heidelberg Catechism 116: Why is prayer necessary for Christians?** Because it is the chief part of thankfulness which God requires of us: and also, because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit to those only, who with sincere desires continually ask them of him, and are thankful for them.

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**Monday:** Eph 1:15. “For this reason” connects back to vv 3-14, but especially vv 13-14. Summarize those verses. How do the truths in those verses ignite faith and love in God’s people (see Gal 5:6, 1 Tim 1:14, 1 Jn 4:19)? Pray that God would provoke you to specific loving acts and expressions of faith because of his spiritual blessings.

**Tuesday:** Eph 1:15. Distinguish between the three elements of faith (knowing, affirming, trusting). Can you think of some biblical examples of people demonstrating faith (e.g. Heb 11)? Give an example from your life of how you are trusting Jesus as Lord and Savior. Give thanks to God for this work in your life.

**Wednesday:** Eph 1:15. What is the root of the Ephesian’s love (1:4-5, 1 Jn 4:19)? What is our example (Eph 5:25-29)? How can this love “for all” the saints be convicting (Eph 2:11, 14, James 2:1-3)? How can you look out for someone else today, and express love them? Is there a specific act of love you’ve observed for which you can thank God?

**Thursday:** Eph 1:15-16. Based on these verses, how can you grow in thanking God in prayer? What effect do you think this will have on you? Cultivate eyes to see faith and love-acts in others. When you see faith or love demonstrated, note it. Remember to thank God for it. Consider starting a thanksgiving log for acts of faith and love.

**Friday:** Eph 1:15-16. Paul had to hear about the Ephesians’ acts of faith and love in order to thank God for them. How can you observe such things? What is a way you can ask someone about their exercising of faith? Listen for acts of love and faith today. Can you share with someone else how your faith has been exercised, or love shared? Do this for God’s glory.

**Saturday:** Ephesians 1:17-23. In these verses Paul prays that the spiritual blessings of vv 3-14 will be experienced more by the saints. For what three main things does he pray?