

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

February 11, 2024

## Reflections

*"If you were a hundred times worse than you are, your sins would be no match for his mercy."*

~ Tim Keller

*"then I grasped that the righteousness of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise..."*

~ Martin Luther

*One unheralded ministry in the church is the ministry of arriving early. In many churches, it is often guests who arrive first and they can feel awkward if they are alone. Those who get there early have the opportunity to serve in welcoming newcomers and engaging them in conversation. Conversely, those who continually show up late miss out on many opportunities to serve others.*

~ Tim Challies

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## Approach to God

## Welcome

## Prelude

### Call to Worship — Isaiah 55:1-3 (responsive)

<sup>1</sup>Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>**Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;**

**and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.**

## Praise

### Hymn of Praise — I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2. I sing the good - ness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but makes your glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.  
he formed the crea - tures with his word, and then pro - nounced them good.  
and clouds a - rise and tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
while all that bor - rows life from you is ev - er in your care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand and all the stars o - bey,  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery - where that man can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

## Prayer of Adoration

# Songs of Praise

## God of Every Grace

O let not this world of sorrows,  
steal my only hope away  
For the power of Your gospel,  
shines within this jar of clay  
In affliction You bring wisdom,  
that my comforts can displace  
How my true and greatest treasure,  
Is in You the God of grace

### *Chorus*

*Now to the God of every grace,  
Who counts my tears,  
who holds my days  
I sing through sorrows,  
sing with faith,  
O praise the God of every grace*

Weary with the weight I carry,  
give me wings of faith to rise  
For You know each grief that lingers,  
through the watches of the night  
Surely You have borne  
our sufferings  
at the cross took up our pain  
And You lead us on to glory as we  
trust You, God of grace (chorus)

There's a dawning hope before us  
that I know is soon to break  
As I wait upon Your mercy  
which will swallow every ache  
Cries of joy and songs of victory  
when we enter heaven's gates  
All Your children home together,  
all with You the God of grace (chorus)

### *Final Chorus*

*Now to God of every grace,  
who counts my tears,  
who holds my days  
I sing through sorrows, sing with faith  
O praise the God of every grace  
O praise the God of every grace  
O praise the God of every grace*

## All My Boast is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders,  
what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness, His merit, His right-  
eousness, this sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride, be crucified  
The work is finished

### *Chorus*

*All my boast is in Jesus,  
all my hope is His love  
And I will glory forever,  
in what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled  
with graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed  
down that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy? (chorus)

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ, my Lord (2x)

I boast not in riches, in strength,  
or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness, to live is Christ, in  
plenty or in want  
That I may know, that all may see  
His pow'r within me (chorus)

Now I stand in this freedom,  
ransomed, clean in His sight  
Oh, and I cannot be ashamed for  
My boast is Jesus Christ,  
my boast is Jesus Christ  
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

# Renewal

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## Confession of Sin — Romans 3:9-20

<sup>9</sup>What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <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>13</sup>“Their throat is an open grave;

they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

<sup>14</sup> “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

<sup>15</sup>“Their feet are swift to shed blood;

<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,

<sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known.”

<sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

<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 — Romans 3:21-25

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

## Reception of New Members\* — Woody & Shirley Story

*\*See page 15 for biography*

## **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\*** — *Matthew 6:21 <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*\*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 — Jesus Thank You**

The mystr'y of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect holy One crushed Your Son  
Drank the bitter cup reserved for me

*Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and your kindness know no end.

Lover of my soul I want to live for you. (3X)

## Congregational Prayer

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

### Sermon Text — Ephesians 2:1-5

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <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—

### Sermon — Death to Life — By Grace Alone

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

### Closing Song — And Can it Be? (page 10)

### Benediction

### Postlude

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



# —— **Death to Life — by Grace Alone** ——

Ephesians 2:1-5

1. Dead by Nature (vs 1-3)

2. Alive by Grace (vs 4-5)

## Closing Song — And Can it Be

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,  
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me?  
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 • found out me.  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How  
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738  
 Alt. 1990

SAGINA L.M.D.  
 Thomas Campbell, 1825

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Giny Socash (early team)  
Matt Layman, Tim Howell (late team)  
SS Nursery: William Sach, Kelsey Roberts

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Lauren Mendez, Jared Neahusan, Talia & Micah Poortenga  
Children's Church: Steve Ochs, Gail Summers-Millison  
Sound: Mark Nichols  
Live Stream: Craig Lalley  
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden  
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

## **Serving Next Week**

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Wayne Greenfield, Chris Lear (early team)  
Jennifer Hephner, Laura Caruso (late team)  
SS Nursery: Dave Myers, Giny Socash

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Connor Freeman, Elaina Hake, Emma VanDelden,  
Elizabeth Ochs  
Children's Church: Joy Nichols, Jessie VanDelden  
Sound: Craig Lalley  
Live Stream: Lance Duvall  
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley  
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Tuesday**      **Men's Wing Night**, 6:15 pm at Buffalo Wild Wings

**Wednesday**      **Wednesday Bible Studies**

→ **10:00 am**, meeting in C8 at the church, no childcare

→ **10:00 am**, meeting at Amy Wright's home, there will be childcare

**Thursday**      **Ladies' Night Out**, 6:30 pm. 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**

- Give thanks to the Lord for bringing Woody and Shirley Story into the family at New Hope. Pray that they will be ingrafted into the body well and that they will be able to use their gifts to the glory of God.
- Praise God that he has made us alive in Christ Jesus, that He, in His rich mercy, turned hearts of stone to hearts of flesh. Pray that we will live our lives with this great truth always in the forefront of our minds so that we will use the time we have on earth well and for His glory.
- Pray that Pastor Francis and his family would have good work-leisure balance in their lives.
- Pray for the Men's and Women's Ministries at New Hope. Pray that they will be places where much spiritual growth takes place and where friendships can be formed and cultivated.
- 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 and Alanna Duvall who are expecting a new little ones. Pray for the health and well-being of both moms and babies throughout the pregnancies.
- 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 those in our sphere of influence and for the boldness to speak when the opportunities come.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missions of the month, the foreign missions work of the OPC. Pray for the work on each of the eight active missions fields: China, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Quebec, Uganda, Ukraine, and Uruguay. Pray that indigenous reformed churches be established with will provide fellowship and instruction, and make the gospel known in its own culture and in others.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he serves the Lord in west Asia and for continued joy in the work that he is called to do. Pray that he would honor the Father with his words, actions, and motivation as he spends time with these friends and that he would speak boldly and accurately of our King.
- Pray for Kristen and Thanos who have been serving the Lord in Europe but will soon be moving to Greece to be missionaries there. Pray that their transition will be a smooth one, that they will be able to plug into and have support from a local church, and that their time at Greek Bible College will be fruitful.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Men's Wing Night,** The second Tuesday of the month is upon us and this week the men of New Hope will meet at Buffalo Wild Wings in North Frederick for good conversation, tasty wing specials, and a great time. Please bring a friend and join us for the fellowship on Tuesday the 13th beginning around 6:15 PM.

**Ladies' Night Out** is Thursday, February 15! Ladies, join us for dinner at 6:00pm at the H Mart cafeteria (W Patrick St, Frederick) and/or dessert around 8:00pm at Karen Ochs's home (908 Chestnut St, Frederick). RSVP to Elease Layman (appreciated, but not required) - 301.767.6848 or [elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com).

**New Members' Class,** we will have our next New Members Class on Saturday, February 25th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm and will include a brunch. This class is for anyone who is interested in joining the church or would just like to get to know more about New Hope or the denomination (Orthodox Presbyterian). If you would like to participate in the class or would like more information, contact Pastor Francis ([pastor@newhopeopc.org](mailto:pastor@newhopeopc.org)) or Giny in the office ([admin@newhopeopc.org](mailto:admin@newhopeopc.org)) or one of the elders.

**Nominations for Elder & Deacon,** nominations for elder and deacon are always open! On the welcome center there are nominating forms that include a list of qualification questions to help you discern if someone might be qualified to be an elder or deacon. If there is someone you would like to nominate for elder or deacon, please talk to them first and see if they are willing to undergo training. Then, fill out the nominating form and give it to one of the elders.

**OPC Youth Retreat,** All young people grades 8th-12th are invited to attend Winterlight Youth Retreat on February 24-25, 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.

**Pre-Sermon Discussion,** please consider joining Pastor Francis and others as they look at, study, and discuss the scriptures that will be used for the upcoming sermon. This group meets every Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm. Your input and presence would be valued! Please talk with Pastor Francis if you have any questions!

## **General Fund Giving, as of 1/31/24**

Budgeted YTD: \$286,506.22

Actual YTD: \$268,723.94

Variance (Deficit): -\$17,782.28

**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).*
- ◇ *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)*
- ◇ *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)*

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### **New member Biographies**

**Woody and Shirley Story** have been residents of Mount Airy, MD since 1988 and are both Maryland natives. Shirley is from PG County and Woody is from Montgomery County. They met through Shirley's brother in 1969, were married in 1973, and have enjoyed many experiences together through the 55 years they have been together. They have one daughter, Karen McKenzie, whose family recently joined New Hope.

Shirley worked for NIH for 10 years before staying home with Karen when she was young. She then drove a school bus for Howard County for 10 years. She enjoys gardening, watching sports, and going to the beach. Woody earned his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering and has operated an IT sales company since 1984. He is a musician who played with local bands for many years. He also enjoys sports, the beach, fishing, reading, and cooking. They both enjoy spending time with their grandsons, Ryan and Collin.

It has been in their prayers for a long time that they find a Church that the family could attend together and are delighted that the family has been called to New Hope OPC. They endeavor to grow in faith, in Christ, along with others in the Church.

## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — Ephesians 2:4 <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—

**Westminster Confession 6.4, 6.2: Of the Fall of Man, of Sin** — By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion, with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.

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**Monday:** Eph 2:1. Who is dead according to Eph 2:1? What does it mean by “dead” (Col 1:21, 2:13, Eph 4:18, Rom 5:12-14)? Why is this death the most horrible problem, despite many spiritually dead people thriving physically? How does Paul later apply this “you once were dead, but are now alive” in Eph 4:22-24, 5:7-14?

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:2. What two enemies does Eph 2:2 name that enslave us to alienation from God (spiritual death)? How does the world entrap unbelievers? How does the devil entrap unbelievers (Zech 3:1, Mt 4:9f, Mk 4:15, 2 Cor 11:14, Rev 12:9)? Where do you see and feel the pull of the world and the devil? How does 1:20-21 and 6:10ff show us the powerlessness of these forces once we believe in Christ? How can you practice “be strong in the Lord”?

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:3. Our third enemy, the flesh, keeps unbelievers spiritually dead. According to “passions” and “desires,” how willingly did we sin? What is the difference between an unbeliever’s sin (Eph 2:1-3), and a believer’s sin (e.g. Rom 7:15-24)? How deep is the sin (v3)? What is the end result of being dead in sin? Do you see sin as this drastic of a problem? How do you view unbelievers? What about your remaining sin -are you blasé toward it? Spend some time in honest confession with God.

**Thursday:** Eph 2:4. In light of vv 1-3, consider the magnitude of v 4’s “but God.” Before we’re told what God did about our dead condition, what do we learn about God? What other attributes of God can you glean from v 7 and 8? What does salvation completely depend on? Praise God for his character as revealed here. Try call them to mind throughout the day, and share them with someone else.

**Friday:** Eph 2:5. What had God powerfully done in 1:19-20? What does he do to the believer in 2:5-6? How do we become alive in Jesus (Col 2:12-14)? Reflect on the grace of God to you in your salvation. Worship God for taking that which is dead and giving you life. Praise and thank God for the miracle and high privilege of being a Christian. How does this glorious, gracious salvation make you want to live?

**Saturday:** Eph 2:4-7. What parallels do you see between 1:20 and 2:5-6? Marvel at being united to Christ, and thus gaining all his benefits.