# WELCOME



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

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**

January 28, 2024

## Reflections

Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world...It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth "thrown in": aim at earth and you will get neither.

~ C. S. Lewis

Unless we are gripped by the truths of the Cross of Christ in our own hearts and lives, the hope and power of the Cross will not pass from us to others. We cannot give what we do not have. May love and obedience to the Son of Man so govern our personal lives that he can through us bring his life to this ruined planet.

~ Diane Langberg

"Optimism hopes for the best without any guarantee of its arriving and is often no more than whistling in the dark. Christian hope, by contrast, is faith looking ahead to the fulfillment of the promises of God. . . . Optimism is a wish without warrant; Christian hope is a certainty, guaranteed by God himself.

~ J.I. Packer

# **Approach to God**

## Welcome — Dave Myers, elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 16:5-11 (responsive)

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

- <sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- <sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

# Praise ——— Songs of Praise

#### Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (echo) From the depths of the sea (echo) From the heights of the heavens (echo) Your name be praised. From the hearts of the weak (echo) From the shouts of the strong (echo) From the lips of all people (echo) This song we raise Lord...

Throughout the endless ages, You will be crowned with praises, Lord most high... Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation, Lord most high, we magnify.

## **Prayer of Adoration**

#### On That Day

I believe in Christ, risen from the dead He now reigns victorious, His kingdom knows no end Through His resurrection death has lost its hold I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

#### CHORUS

On that day we will see you shining brighter than the sun On that day we will know you as we lift our voice as one Till that day we will praise you for your never ending grace And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

What a blessed hope, though now tired and worn We will spend eternity around our Savior's throne Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain For we know our crown of glory waits beyond the grave (chorus)

#### BRIDGE

Hallelujah what a day it will be For at home with you my joy is complete As I run into your arms open wide I will see My father who is waiting for me (chorus)

#### Higher Throne

There is a higher throne, Than all this world has known, Where faithful ones from every tongue, Will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand, Made faultless through the Lamb, Believing hearts find promised grace, Salvation comes... (chorus)

Hear heaven's voices sing, Their thunderous anthem rings, Through emerald courts, and sapphire skies, Their praises rise, All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honor are, To God, our King, who reigns on high. Forevermore

And there, we'll find our home, Our life before the throne, We'll honor Him, in perfect song, Where we belong... He'll wipe each tearstained eye, As thirst and hunger die, The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King, We'll reign with Him... (chorus)

# Renewal -

## Assurance of Pardon — Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

## Confession of Sin — 1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## 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**\* — 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 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)

# Commitment

## **Congregational Prayer**

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

## Sermon Text — Ephesians 1:15-19

<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, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might...

#### Sermon — Enlightened Eyes

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

**Closing Song** — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (page 10)

Benediction

## Postlude

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

Please plan to stay after the service for a missions presentation from Steve Hake.

# - Enlightened Eyes -

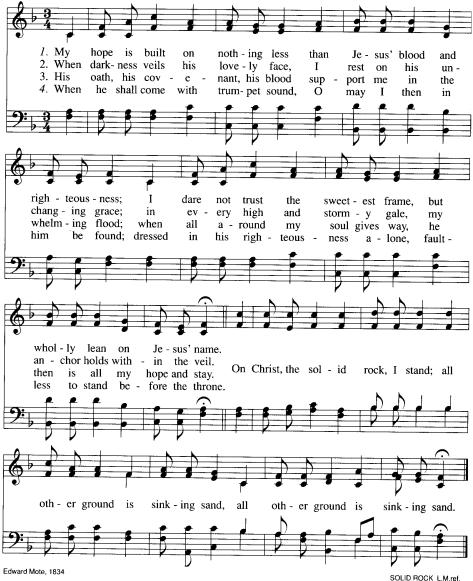
Ephesians 1:17-18

1. Settled God-Convictions (vs 17)

2. Our High Calling (vs 18)

3. Our Precious Value (vs 18)

## **Closing Song** — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less



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

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

#### <u>9:30 am</u>

Welcome Team:

SS Nursery:

#### <u>10:30 am</u>

Toddler Nursery:

Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Prayer Team: Monte Festog, Zack Gillette (early team) Hannah Foster, Mary Troxel (late team) Laura VanDelden, Kim Hanlin

Megan Quist, Katie Poortenga, Samantha VanDelden, David Ochs Elisa Godoy, Lauran Mendez Craig Lalley Johannes Haasbroek Valory Snyder Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

#### Serving Next Week

#### <u>9:30 am</u> Welcome Team:

SS Nursery:

#### 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Children's Church: Sound: Live Stream: Nursery On-call: Prayer Team: Mark Rice, Daniel Jones (early team) Sue Bridenbaugh, Colin Brooks (late team) Cath Howard, Kelsey Roberts

Rosemarie Festog, Joy Nichols, Cora Kim, Lillian Williams Annie Kim, Allison Viner Kim Hanlin John Godoy Gingy Socash Dave & Dawn Myers

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today	Missions Presentation, immediately following the worship service.
Wednesday	<ul> <li>Wednesday Bible Studies</li> <li>→ 10:00 am, meeting in C8 at the church, no childcare</li> <li>→ 10:00 am, meeting at Amy Wright's home, there will be childcare</li> </ul>
Saturday	Edification Meeting, 7:00 pm in C8 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 the Edification Committee this week as they meet and oversee all of the aspects of the church that pertain to fellowship and education. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom and unity as they meet and help them to fill any vacancies in ministry leadership.
- Praise God that He has enlightened the eyes of our hearts so that we can know the hope to which he has called us.
- Pray that God will raise up men for leadership here at New Hope.
- Give thanks for the many people who volunteer their time and their talents for the sake of the Lord and New Hope Church.
- Pray for those in our military and police force and give thanks for their service.
- 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 heath 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 those in our sphere of influence and for the boldness to speak when the opportunities come.
- Pray that the churches in Frederick will be committed to the truths of the Bible and honoring to Christ in their teaching.

#### Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Heero & Anya Hacquebord who are serving the Lord in Ukraine. Pray for their church as they love serve one another and the people of L'viv. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and the message of hope that can only be found in Christ.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he serves the Lord in East Asia and for continued joy in the work that he is called to do. Pray for much discipline and skill in pushing on into the last level or language learning and for wisdom to know how to respond to the constant flow of criticisms/questioning he gets on a daily basis from his local unbelieving friends over differences in belief. 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 John and Rachel Clifford and their children as they spend the next week in Belgium doing MTW training.

- **Missions Presentation,** today after the worship service, Steve Hake will be giving a presentation about his time with Luke when he visited him in east Asia at the beginning of January. Steve was very encouraged by the time he spent with Luke and wants to share his experience with you!
- **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) or Gingy in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) or one of the elders.
  - **New Hope Communication information**, there are a few different avenues of communication at New Hope. We'd like to make sure that EVERY-ONE is in the loop if you want to be! Take a look through the list below and let Gingy in the office know if you have any questions!
    - Church Email loop, 2x a week we sent out informational emails to the church body. They are the Wednesday Reminders and the Friday News. If you are not in this email loop and would like to be, please contact Gingy (admin@newhopeopc.org) and she will add you to the list. We try very hard to limit the number of emails sent each week!
    - **Prayer Chain,** the church prayer chain is coordinated by Kathy Koops. If you would like to be on the church prayer chain, please email Kathy (koopskj@gmail.com) and let her know!
    - Church Website, www.newhopeopc.org
    - New Hope Church Facebook Pages, we have 2 Facebook pages: one is private (you need to ask for permission to join) and one is public (where you can view the sermon each week). The private one is a good place to reach out to other church members about various things. Contact Gingy if you would like more information about either one.
    - Announcements, if you would like an announcement to be placed in either the bulletin or the Friday News/Wednesday Reminder, please know that there are deadlines for these placements which are: bulletin: Thursday at noon, Friday News: Friday morning at 9:00 am, Wednesday Reminders: Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.
- 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.

- Approved for Membership, the elders of New Hope are pleased to let you know that Woody & Shirley Story have been interview 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 for \$30
- **Choir Invitation,** Faith Reformed PCA Church has invited anyone in our church to be a part of a joint choir for the Good Friday Service (New Hope and Faith have a Good Friday combined worship service). If you are interested in being a part of this choir, please contact either their Pastor, John Armstrong (john@faithreformed.org) or their choir director, Gwen Grant (lgwg55@gmail.com). Practices are typically on Monday nights at 7 pm.
- **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). \*This week: NO potluck...meeting at the church at 6:00 pm: bring a snack or dessert to share!
- 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 2:6-7 ...by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**Westminster Confession 14.1.** The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

**Monday:** Ephesians 1:17-18. What is the main thing Paul prays for in v 17? Don't the Ephesians already know God (v 13)? What is Paul after? How does it relate to vv 3-14? Do you look for extra things/ways to get more of God, or do you go deeper into the blessings God has already given you? Pray for the Spirit's illumination (2 Cor 4:6, 2 Pet 3:18, Eph 3:16-17) for yourself, and for others.

**Tuesday**: Ephesians 1:17-18. We want and need to grow in appropriating, resting in, and obeying God and the Word. Pray for this. How are you being faithful in your part to grow (prayer, the Word, reflecting and meditating on the Word/God, growth over time through trials and experience, growing with/ in community)? Perhaps take one truth from vv 3-14 and reflect on that today.

**Wednesday:** Ephesians 1:18. The Ephesians were once without hope (2:12). What does it look like to live without hope? Paul prays that we appropriate the hope of God's calling. What is this calling (see vv 3-14)? How is that calling to affect us now (4:1)? Consider the significance of your being called into fellowship with God, to live for him, to be his adopted child (see 2:10, 13, 5:1-2).

**Thursday:** Ephesian 1:18. What is biblical hope (Heb 11:1)? The "hope of God's calling" pushes us to the future realization of God's plan. See this in 1:9-10 and 14. How does this certain end secure us to live faithfully in the present (Rom 5:2, Col 3:4)? How does it give us stability despite the news, health, or impending death?

**Friday:** Ephesians 1:18. What does it mean that we are God's inheritance (Deut 4:20, 7:6, Eph 1:7, 11, 1 Pet 2:9)? What is God's view of you in Christ (Eph 5:25, 29)? Does this depend on your getting life together (Eph 2:5)? How can you make the truth that you are God's treasured possession a more settled conviction in your own life? How can you strengthen someone else with this truth?

**Saturday:** Ephesians 1:19-23. What is the third specific thing for which Paul prays (v 19)? How does he underline it in vv 20-23?