

WELCOME!



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

# Morning Worship

March 3, 2024

## Reflections

*An unholy church! it is useless to the world, and of no esteem among men. It is an abomination, hell's laughter, heaven's abhorrence. The worst evils which have ever come upon the world have been brought upon her by an unholy church.*

~ C. H. Spurgeon

*Nobody can emerge from a careful reading of Paul's letter to the Ephesians with a privatized gospel. For Ephesians is the gospel of the church. It sets forth God's eternal purpose to create through Jesus Christ a new society which stands out in bright relief against the somber background of the old world. For God's new society is characterized by life in place of death, by unity and reconciliation in place of division and alienation, by the wholesome standards of righteousness in place of the corruption of wickedness, by love and peace in place of hatred and strife, and by unremitting conflict with evil in place of flabby compromise with it...For the sake of the glory of God and the evangelization of the world, nothing is more important than that the church should be, and should be seen to be, God's new society.*

~ John Stott

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## Approach to God

### Prelude

Welcome — Pastor John Clifford

### Missions Moment

**Call to Worship — Psalm 118:19-24** (responsive)

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> **This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup> **I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> **This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

# Praise

## Hymn of Praise — 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.

## Prayer of Adoration

## 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)

### 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

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### **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon — 1 Peter 2:4-12**

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am

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laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup> and

“A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for  
his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who  
called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a  
people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions  
of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among  
the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers,  
they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

**Offering\*** — *Proverbs 28:22* <sup>22</sup> *A stingy man hastens after wealth  
and does not know that poverty will come upon him.*

*\*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 Long, O Lord (Psalm 13)**

O Lord, our God, to You we come. Will You still hide Your face?  
We cry before You and on our knees we pray,  
How long, O Lord, how long?

Our sorrows leave us weak and worn  
Surrounded by our fears we look to heaven through feeble faith and tears  
How long, O Lord, how long?

### **CHORUS**

*Till Your glory fills our eyes, and our faith is turned to sight  
Till our thirsty souls are satisfied. How long, O Lord, how long?*

Our foes and enemies rejoice. Injustice seems to reign  
Lord, we are shaken and we are losing strength  
How long, O Lord, how long? (chorus)

But we will trust Your steadfast love. Your grace will be our song  
You bring new mercies with ev'ry rising sun  
How long, O Lord, how long? (chorus)

## Congregational Prayer

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

### Sermon Text — Ephesians 2:19-22

<sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### Sermon — Church, Be Jesus' Family

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*New Hope Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are forsaking their sins and trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive communion with us. The bread served today is gluten free.*

### Closing Song — Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

### Benediction

### Postlude

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

## ————Church, Be Jesus' Family————

## Ephesians 2:19-22

1. You (plural) are God's Dwelling Place (vs 22)
2. His Kingdom: A Deeper Belonging (vs 19)
3. His Family: An Increasing Intimacy (vs 19)
4. His Temple: A Growing Holiness (vs 20-21)

## **Closing 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!



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Mark & Sally Rice (early team)  
Zack Gillette, Dustin Mixon (late team)  
SS Nursery: Gingy Socash, Katie Poortenga

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Cath Howard, Man Kim, Jack Socash, Caelyn Poortenga  
Children's Church: Brian Burden, Rayann McGlamary  
Sound: Kim Hanlin  
Live Stream: Craig Lalley  
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird  
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

## Serving Next Week

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian & Ann Burden (early team)  
Jackie Plowman, Colin Brooks (late team)  
SS Nursery: Betsy Lalley, Valory Snyder

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Elisa & Lily Godoy, Mary Troxel, Levi VanDelden  
Children's Church: Michelle & Daniel Williams  
Sound: Lance Duvall  
Live Stream: John Godoy  
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden  
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Tuesday**      **Sermon Study group**, 4:00 pm in C8

**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 Amy Wright's home, 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
- **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**

- Pray for unity, clarity, and wisdom for the session as they meet this week. Pray for hearts of service and love for the flock as they lead. Pray that the Lord would raise us more men for leadership.
- Praise God that we are no longer strangers and aliens, but are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Praise Him that we, as the church, are a dwelling place for God.
- Pray for the Wednesday Bible studies that are happening this week. Pray that the Lord would use these various groups to draw men, women, and children into closer relationship with Him.
- Pray for those who serve in our military or police force. Give thanks for their sacrificial duty and pray for their protection in their work.
- 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 Barbara Ruch as she enters hospice; give thanks that she is entrusting herself to God during this time.
- Pray for Michelle Williams, Alanna Duvall, and Hannah Graf 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 that those who serve in the local government will lead with integrity, sincerely, and humility knowing that their calling is to serve the people in their district.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month, Voice of the Martyrs, a missionary organization that serves persecuted Christians in the world's most difficult and dangerous places to be a Christian. Pray that this mission will be able to continue to encourage and empower Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in the areas of the world where they are persecuted for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 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 for him as he looks ahead to his 3 month furlough in the United States and continues to work hard at language learning.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford as they prepare for their mission work in Rwanda. Pray that they will be encouraged and energized by this calling they have and will be able to transition well into life in Africa.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group multi-church event**, Saturday, April 13th from 4:00 pm until 8:30 pm at New Hope. There will be dinner, devotions, games, gaga ball and more. For more details, and to help, contact Emma or Samantha VanDelden (emmagvand@gmail.com or samanthav-d36@gmail.com).

**Approved for Membership**, the session of New Hope is pleased to let you know that Mark and Sally Rice have been interviewed and approved for membership.

**Joint Choir for Good Friday**, anyone from the New Hope congregation is invited to participate with the choir of Faith PCA on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at Faith. They will be singing, "Gathered in the Upper Room" by Faye Lopez and Patricia Mock. Contact Gwen Grant at [lgwg55@gmail.com](mailto:lgwg55@gmail.com) for information.

**Ladies' Brunch**, Ladies of New Hope : you are invited to a ladies brunch on April 6 at 10:00 am. We will provide a yogurt bar with fruit and fixings and if you are able you can sign up to bring an egg dish or other breakfast item. Our theme will be Growing in Christ and we will be having a devotional and testimonies from New Hope ladies. We will also have a spring craft available for those interested. Any questions please contact Ann Burden, Joy Nichols or Rosemarie Festog. Please sign up using the QR code below. Invite a friend or neighbor to come along with you! Looking forward to spending time together.



## DAILY DEVOTION

**Memory Text** — Ephesians 2:7 — <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— <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 26.1** All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His grace, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

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**Monday:** Eph 2:22. What is the significance of “together” given the context (vv 11-12)? How does Jesus (“in him”) bring them together? How does God dwell in us (1 Cor 6:19)? What does the Spirit make us realize and live for (Eph 1:3-14, Col 1:27, Phil 3:7-11)?

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19. “Citizens” has the idea of kingdom-members. Contrast this with v 12. How does the Spirit make us King Jesus’ kingdom-members (Col 1:13)? What attitudes, actions, directions does being a kingdom citizen entail? How can you reflect this in your commitment, attitude toward, and investment in New Hope (i.e. the people)?

**Wednesday:** Eph 2:19. What are the ingredients of a healthy household (family)? How has the Spirit made us part of God’s household though Jesus (Eph 1:5)? What do you think it means for New Hope to function as Jesus’ family (1 Pet 1:22, Gal 6:2, Eph 4:15-16)? Praise God for specifics of where you have seen this. Where does this challenge you?

**Thursday:** Consider “cornerstone” in Eph 2:20 by reading Ps 118:22, Isaiah 28:16, and 1 Pet 2:4-11. How is Jesus like a cornerstone? Why must the church build on Jesus? Pray for New Hope, and other churches, to preach and live by the Word. How can you grow more “on” God’s Word?

**Friday:** Eph 2:21. What does each phrase in this verse mean? Why are the verb tenses what they are? Why is “holy” added? Think about this text from the perspective of church members “together.” What does this call you to? How can you pray this text for New Hope? What will the church ultimately look like (Rev 21:22-22:5)?

**Saturday:** Read Eph 3:1-13. What is “the stewardship of God’s grace”? How do you share in it?