

WELCOME!



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 back table for use during the service***
- ***Turn off the ringer on your electronic devices***
- ***Nursery is available for children up to age 4***
- ***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

April 7, 2024

## Reflections

*A right understanding of the gospel always leads to a changed life.*

*~The Trellis and the Vine*

*I pray for the humility to go unseen, unacknowledged, and unremembered, so long as Christ is seen, acknowledged, and remembered. In fact, I pray that Christ would be so present and so visible that people would fail to think of me at all.*

*~ Tim Challies*

*In counseling humility, meekness, etc., Paul sets forth the reason why each person is called to patience and forbearance. Grace has been given to each of us according to the measure in which Christ grants it. Since therefore different people have different gifts, there is no cause for envy or refusal. One should not grieve over what another has, nor should any refuse to give what grace he has received. If therefore Christ grants according to the measure of the grace given to each, we should all embrace one another in love, bearing everything with forbearance and patience, with meekness and humility.*

*~ Marius Victorinus*

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## Approach to God

### Welcome

### Prelude

### Call to Worship — Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (responsive)

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>**You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**

**Hymn of Praise — How Firm a Foundation**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you he has said,  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not; I am with you. O, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply.  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell  
Should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

**Prayer of Adoration** followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison

*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.*

# Songs 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

## **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 righteousness,  
this sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride, be crucified  
The work is finished

*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

**Confession of Sin — Philippians 2:1-4**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Assurance of Pardon — Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# Commitment

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**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** — Oh, How Good it Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, In faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace,  
Of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence  
Here among us.

### *CHORUS:*

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
the Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence  
of His people.*

Oh how good it is on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy  
and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is to embrace His command  
To prefer one another forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

## **Congregational Prayer**

## Sermon Text — Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,<sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,<sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.<sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism,<sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

## Sermon — A Worthy Life

~ 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.*

1 Corinthians 10:14: <sup>14</sup>Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. <sup>15</sup>I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. <sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. <sup>18</sup>Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? <sup>19</sup>What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? <sup>20</sup>No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. <sup>21</sup>You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. <sup>22</sup>Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

## Closing Hymn — The Church's One Foundation (page 10)

## Benediction

## Postlude

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



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# A Worthy Life

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Ephesians 4:1-6

1. Walk Worthy (v 1)

2. How to Walk Worthy (v 2-3)

3. Why to Walk Worthy

# Closing Hymn — The Church's One Foundation

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
 and tumult of her war,  
 she waits the consummation  
 of peace forevermore;  
 till with the vision glorious  
 her longing eyes are blest,  
 and the great church victorious  
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union  
 with God the Three in One,  
 and mystic sweet communion  
 with those whose rest is won:  
 O happy ones and holy!  
 Lord, give us grace that we,  
 like them, the meek and lowly,  
 on high may dwell with thee.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 10:30 am

Welcome Team: Mark Rice, Jackie Plowman, Daniel Jones  
Toddler Nursery: Valory Snyder, William Sack, Jack Socash,  
Levi VanDelden  
Children's Church: NO Children's Church  
Sound: Kim Hanlin  
Live Stream: Craig Lalley  
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley  
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

## Serving Next Week

## 10:30 am

Welcome Team: Jacob Mendez, Mary Troxel, Dustin Mixon  
Toddler Nursery: Rachel Neahusen, Cynthia Wintermyer, Samantha  
VanDelden, Caelyn Poortenga  
Children's Church: NO Children's Church  
Sound: Ed Wright  
Live Stream: Isaac Wright  
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash  
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Today**      **Planted Deep Growth Group**, meeting today for fellowship in the overflow room

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

**Men's Wing Night**, 6:15 pm at Buffalo Wild Wings. More information on the announcement page.

**Saturday**      **Youth Group Event**, at New Hope from 4-8:30 pm

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Praise God for the birth of Esther Josephine who was born last week to Daniel & Michelle William. Pray that she continues in good health and strength, for her parents as they love and care for her, and for her siblings as they welcome her into their family.
- Pray for wisdom, strength, and hearts of service for our elders and ministry leaders. Pray that God will raise up more men for leadership.
- Pray that New Hope will be a body of believers that loves and cares for one another well, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- Pray that during this resting month we will use this time well to spend more time with the Lord, with one another, and practicing hospitality.
- Barbara Ruch who is in hospice care but doing well and is in good spirits. Pray, too, for her brother, Larry, who has also entered the hospital with a probable sepsis infection. Pray that Mavis Bauer continues to improve physically so that she can return home.
- Pray for Alanna Duvall and Hannah Graf who are expecting 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 honoring.
- Pray for opportunities to have deep, meaningful conversations about faith and the gospel with unbelieving friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Pray that God will use these conversations to bring about changed hearts and lives.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, John & Rachel Clifford who will be serving in Rwanda with Mission to the World (MTW). Pray for unity at home as they prepare to move and for a smooth transition to their new house, school, and missionary role.
- 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 will be wise in knowing how best to invest his time and energy as he develops relationships with those around him who are not believers.
- Pray for Kristen and Thanos who have transitioned to ministry work in Greece with Communitas International. Give thanks for their dedication to caring for the people around them and wanting them to know the gospel. Pray for Thanos as he begins Bible school and for Kristen as she navigates the immigration process.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Activity Bags & Children's Bulletin**, in an effort to assist parents during the worship service with children that would typically go to children's church, we are supplying a bulletin for the children as well as activity bags with crayons and various things in them. Please return the bags at the end of the worship service and any items that can be used again!

**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 samanthavd36@gmail.com).

**Clifford Missions Presentation**, please plan to stay after church on April 21st when John and Rachel Clifford will do a missions presentation about their upcoming missions work in Rwanda. We will be having a hot dog lunch and we hope everyone can stay and enjoy this time!

**Men's Ministry Wing Night**, This Tuesday, April 9th, the men of New Hope will gather for our monthly Men's Wing Night at Buffalo Wild Wings in North Frederick. Come out beginning at 6:15 PM for a time of fellowship, conversation and half-priced wing specials with other men from the church. And feel free to bring a friend.

**Annual Reports due**, as we head toward the close of our 2023-24 fiscal year, it's time for the publication of the annual report! If you are a ministry team leader or in charge of a specific ministry, you should have been asked to submit an annual report! All reports are due May 20th!

**New Members Class**, May 11th, 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Francis.

**Brunch for New Members Class**, we are looking for someone to help provide brunch for the New Members class in May. If you are able to make brunch for about 10 people, please contact Pastor Francis or Gingy in the office.

**New Directory!**, it's about time for a new picture directory! You will be receiving an email from the church office with your current directory listing (if you have one) or with a request for information. Please make any changes to your listing and send back the info! We will have a couple of Sundays in the near future where new pictures can be taken.

**Shepherding Groups**, do you know who your shepherding leader is? Each elder at New Hope has their own "flock" of congregants and they are tasked with ministering to, checking in with, and praying for their people. All members and regularly attending non-members have been assigned to a shepherding group. If you don't know who your leaders is, please contact either Pastor Francis (pastor@newhopeopc.org) or the office (admin@newhopeopc.org).

**Resting Month**, Why do we pause all non-worship activities every fourth month? For a sabbath, a rest, a time of intentional refreshment and relationship strengthening. Rebuild Relationally (God, family, church, neigh-

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bors), Refresh physically. What am I to do in this month? Purpose, Plan and Practice growing in these areas

Rebuild relationally:

- purpose to grow closer to **God** this month. Plan it and practice it. If you are not currently reading your Bible daily, commit to reading 1 chapter of Matthew each day. Or Mt 5 -7 over and over. Use the daily devotions in the bulletin to help. Plan a time to pray each day. Watch something that will grow you spiritually instead of your usual.
- practice **hospitality** (at least) once this month. Get together with another congregants and seek to grow spiritually together.
- Maybe meet for prayer before church. Or a coffee and ask them what about life they find the hardest.
- Refresh Physically: fight to slow down this month and do something **refreshing**. go for a walk. read a book. shoot some hoops.



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Memory Verse** — Ephesians 2:10 <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Heidelberg Catechism 54:** What do you believe concerning the “holy catholic church” of Christ? *That the Son of God from the beginning to the end of the world, gathers, defends, and preserves to himself by his Spirit and word, out of the whole human race, a church chosen to everlasting life, agreeing in true faith; and that I am and forever shall remain, a living member thereof.*

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**Monday:** Eph 4:1. How do people evaluate worth today? Do you lead a worthy life? What has God called you from (Eph 2:1-3, 12)? To what (glorious) life has he called you (2:8-10)? How are we to respond to such a calling (Rom 12:1, Phil 1:27, Col 1:10)? Are you leading a worthy life, based on your new identity? Where have you become slothful, disobedient? How can you walk more worthily of your calling (be specific)?

**Tuesday:** Eph 4:2. Give examples of how Jesus lived these perfectly (cf Mt 11:29, Phil 2:3-8)? Jesus was radically other-centered, selfless. Where do you exhibit these characteristics? In which of these (v 2) is the Spirit pricking you? Do you tend toward boasting? Inconsiderateness? Impatience? Intolerance? Pray specifically for God to work one of these in yourself. Pray the same for someone else.

**Wednesday:** According to Eph 4:3, what does Paul first focus on in charging us to live a worthy life? What unity has the Spirit already worked (2:14, 16, 21)? How do the ingredients of v 2 explain how we are to strive to “maintain” it? How specifically does the Spirit want you to maintain unity today? How is v 3 motivating as to being part of what the Spirit is doing?

**Thursday:** Eph 4:4-6. Paul presses for unity -but is this unity to be at all costs, or must there be some doctrinal agreement (vv 4-6)? What unity do we all share (4-6)? Note the three persons of the Trinity here. Paul founds our unity on the unity of the godhead. How do they love and prefer one another (Jn 17:24-26)?

**Friday:** Eph 4:4-6. Consider with what confidence we can walk worthily, eagerly maintaining unity, and picking up our cross: who is building the body (4:5, 2:20-22, 3:16)? To whom are we united, and whose record is given to us (5, 1:4-7)? Whose power are we to draw on (v 6, 3:20)? “Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together” (Ps 34:3) - let’s live worthy of our calling, to His glory!

**Saturday:** Eph 4:7-16. Why must 4:2 be particularly present in light of vv 7-16?