

WELCOME!



Worship ~ 10:45 am

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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 28, 2024

## Reflections

*Pastors are, in a sense, willing to be pulled behind the front lines in order to equip others.*

~ Mark Dever

*"Training is the engine of gospel growth. Under God, the way to get more gospel growth happening is to train more and more mature, godly Christians to be vine-workers- that is, to see more people equipped, resourced and encouraged to speak the word prayerfully to other people, whether in outreach, follow-up or Christian growth."*

~ The Trellis and the Vine

*"When we reflect on the history of the Church, are we not bound to confess that she has failed to follow the example of her Founder? All too often she has worn the robes of the ruler, not the apron of the servant. Even in our own day it can hardly be said that the 'brand-image' of the Church is of a society united in love for Jesus, and devoted to selfless service of others."*

~ Michael Green

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## Approach to God

**Welcome — Pastor John Clifford**

## Prelude

**Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1-5** (responsive)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

## Song of Praise

### Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,  
who delight to bring Him praise,  
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth,  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night,  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace. (chorus)

Come young and old from ev'ry land,  
men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands;  
find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world His people sing;  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:  
"Our God is all in all." (chorus)

## **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

### Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son

Father, You loved me,  
sent Your Son to redeem  
Jesus, You washed me,  
by Your blood I am clean  
Spirit, You've opened  
these blinded eyes  
And brought me to Christ

*Heavenly Father, beautiful Son  
Spirit of light and truth  
Thank You for bringing  
sinners to come to You*

Father, You gave me  
to Jesus to keep  
And Jesus, You love me,  
as a shepherd, his sheep  
Spirit, You've given me faith  
in the Son  
And made our hearts one  
(chorus)

Father, You're waiting  
to hear my requests  
Jesus, Your loving,  
open hand is outstretched  
Spirit, You're in me, You intercede  
And help in my need (chorus)

### Let Us Love & Sing & Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name.  
He has hushed  
the law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched  
Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord  
who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace,  
and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with his blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce  
temptation  
Threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation  
Holds in view  
the conqueror's crown:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace  
in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky:  
"You have washed us  
with your blood;  
You are worthy, Lamb of God."

### Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon—Mark 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

<sup>36</sup> And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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## Commitment

**Offering\*** — *2 Corinthians 9:6-7* <sup>6</sup> *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*\*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 — Cling to Christ**

Father, I can come to You  
And boast of deeds I've done  
In my pride I strive to earn  
The favor Christ has won  
He alone pleads my acceptance  
All my works aside  
So I come with empty hands  
And I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray  
And battle needless fears  
Voices tell me I'm condemned  
And that I can't draw near  
But Your Spirit calls me homeward  
With Your words of life  
Jesus bore my every sin  
So, I cling to Christ

### **BRIDGE**

*It's more than I can do To keep my hold on You  
But all my hope and peace Is that You cling to me*

Father, all my earthly aims  
In time will turn to dust  
Let me learn that loss is gain  
For those who know Your love  
All the treasures of this world  
Will never satisfy  
You alone are endless joy  
So, I cling to Christ

## **Congregational Prayer**

## **Sermon Text — Ephesians 4:11-16**

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says,

*“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,  
and he gave gifts to men.”*

<sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> **And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,** <sup>12</sup> **to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,** <sup>13</sup> **until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,** <sup>14</sup> **so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.** <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> **from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.**

## **Sermon — Equipping the Saints for Service**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

## **Closing Hymn — Take My Life & Let it Be** (page 10)

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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



# — Equipping the Saints for Service —

Ephesians 4:11-16

1. The Leaders Equip (11-14)

2. The Saints Serve (15-16)

# Closing Hymn — Take My Life & Let it Be

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure-store.  
 Take my self, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## **10:30 am**

Welcome Team: Brian & Ann Burden, Jennifer Hephner  
Toddler Nursery: Mary Troxel, Katie Poortenga, Levi VanDelden, David Ochs  
Children's Church: NO Children's Church  
Sound: Mark Nichols  
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek  
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden  
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

## **Serving Next Week**

## **9:30 am**

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Jennifer Hephner (early team)  
Matthew Layman, Jacob Mendez (late team)  
SS Nursery: Dennis Caruso, Jeanne Lowry

## **10:30 am**

Toddler Nursery: Talia Poortenga, Emma VanDelden, Valory Snyder, Jack Socash  
Children's Church: Karen Ochs, Matt Festog  
Sound: Kim Hanlin  
Live Stream: Lance Duvall  
Nursery On-call: Elaina Hake  
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

## **Wednesday**

### **Bible Studies**

- 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study in C8, no childcare
- 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study at Amy Wright's home, child care available
- Dinner & Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm at the church, this week listening to a missions presentation from Benny & Liesl Boyed

## **Saturday**

**Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, meeting at the church from 8-10 am

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks for our church leadership and their care for the congregation. Pray that our pastor, elders, teachers equip the saints and pray that the saints are eager to be equipped, and gladly serve Christ's mission in the church. Pray that the Lord would raise up more men for leadership at New Hope.
- Pray for zeal to serve, love for the body of believers, and for wisdom for how best to use our gifting for the church.
- Pray for wisdom, discernment and change through the upcoming Vine Project.
- Pray that the tenants of New Hope and their businesses will flourish. Pray that New Hope will be a shining example of what it looks like to be followers of Christ, drawing them to want to know more about Him.
- Give thanks for the many people who give of their time and their gifts each week to serve the Lord and His church.
- 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 those whose vocations make them public servants in the area and pray that they will be salt and light in dark places.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, John & Rachel Clifford who will be serving in Rwanda with Mission to the World (MTW). Give thanks that the Lord has continued to provide all that they need. Pray that they will continue to trust in God each day particularly as they transition to life on the mission field.
- 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 transitions to his 3 month long furlough in the United States.
- Pray for the Christians in North Korea where it is dangerous to be a follower of Christ and where owning a Bible can lead to imprisonment and even execution. Pray for boldness and for strength to persevere in these difficult places.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**Clifford Send-off Celebration**, Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Clifford Family's last Sunday with us here in Maryland before they leave for the Rwanda. Please join us at 5pm for a send off celebration. The church will provide an entrée (BBQ meat) and dessert. Please bless John, Rachel, their children, and extended family by bringing a side dish to share (enough for 4-6 people). Please RSVP so we can plan food. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Please email Betsy Lalley with questions, [Betsy.Lalley@gmail.com](mailto:Betsy.Lalley@gmail.com).

**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.

**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!

**Directory Pictures**, if you would like to have your picture taken for the upcoming directory, Mark Nichols will be taking pictures right after church TODAY and May 5th. Just stay after the worship service and you can have your picture taken!

**Congregational Meeting**, mark your calendars for June 30th for our annual meeting of the congregation and the corporation. It will take place immediately following the worship service and will include lunch. Stay tuned for details!

**Boyed Missions Presentation**, Liesl and Benny Boyed recently travelled to Nepal and they will be giving a presentation about their time there and any future plans on Wednesday, May 1st during the Wednesday Dinner & Bible study time. Everyone is encouraged and invited to come out to hear them speak! Pizza dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 pm.

**How Might YOU use Your Gifts?** There are several ministries of the church that could use volunteers. Below you will see a list of ministries and their contact people. Reach out and find out more about the ministry!

- Nursery — Valory Snyder ([nursery@newhopeopc.org](mailto:nursery@newhopeopc.org))
- Children's Church — Rachel Neahusen ([rapp Rachel@gmail.com](mailto:rapp Rachel@gmail.com))
- Sunday School teachers — Kim Jernigan ([ksj1243@msn.com](mailto:ksj1243@msn.com))
- Outreach Committee — Steve Hake ([srhake@phc.edu](mailto:srhake@phc.edu))
- Music teams — Ron Socash ([ronsocash66@gmail.com](mailto:ronsocash66@gmail.com))

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- Church Life — Monica Laird ([monlaird@gmail.com](mailto:monlaird@gmail.com))
- Diaconal/Service — Pastor Francis ([pastor@newhopeopc.org](mailto:pastor@newhopeopc.org))

**Save the dates** for these Church Life (CL) and Women’s Ministry (WM) events. More information will be forthcoming as the time gets closer.

- Tues May 21 7pm : Church Life committee meeting via Zoom, contact Monica Laird at 410 963-6522 or [monlaird@gmail.com](mailto:monlaird@gmail.com) if you want to join in.
- Sat June 22 : Bring Your Own Craft Day (WM)
- Sun June 30 : Fellowship Meal and Annual Congregational Meeting (CL)
- Fri Aug 9 : New Hope Night at the Frederick Keys with fireworks (CL)
- Sun Sept 22 : Fellowship Meal after church (CL)
- Fall 2024 : Ladies Fall Brunch (WM)
- Sat Oct 19: New Hope’s first ever talent show and hobby exhibition “New Hopes Got Talent” (CL)



## DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Memory Verse** — Ephesians 2:15 <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> **by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,** <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

**Westminster Confession 25.3** Unto this catholic visible Church Christ has given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and does, by His own presence and Spirit, according to His promise, make them effectual thereunto.

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**Monday:** Eph 4:11-16. According to these verses, what does a healthy church look like (cf Mt 28:19f)? What is Jesus' plan to build his church? Where do you think New Hope most needs growth (formal and non-formal ministry)? Pray about that, and think of ways to help.

**Tuesday:** Eph 4:11-12. What do all the gifts in v 11 have in common? Why are the Word-gifts central to Jesus' church (v 13)? Where do you see teachers today leading the church astray (v 14)? How does knowing the faith, and knowing the Son, help the church function properly (e.g. Eph 4:15, 1 Pet 2:2)? Why should the church be unapologetically strong in teaching? How can you lean further in to the Word ministries?

**Wednesday:** Eph 4:12. Teaching/preaching is meant to nourish and mature the saints. What else is it to do (v 12)? So who are the real ministers in the church (the pastor? elders? 20% of folks)? How does the Word equip the saints for ministry/service? Pray that our pastor, elders, teachers equip the saints. Pray that the saints are eager to be equipped, and gladly serve Christ's mission in the church.

**Thursday:** Eph 4:15-16. What picture does Paul use for a healthy church (1 Cor 12:13-27)? What are some ways the members serve (vv 11-16)? Toward what goal is the whole body to work in concert (12, 16)? How can you use your gifts and resources to bless others and advance Jesus' cause? How can you steward your home, love, words, abilities to care for people in Jesus' name?

**Friday:** Eph 4:11-16. Jesus calls you to do the work of ministry. How are you doing in that? Think for a moment of the glory of what Christ is doing for the church (e.g. Eph 2:16, 21-22). This is what he's doing through your individual gifts, and our collective service. Exciting, isn't it?! Consider how Christ has served us (Mt 20:28, Jn 13:14, Ga; 3:13)? Let's be like him!

**Saturday:** Ephesians 4:17-24. What reasons does Paul give you not to live like the Gentiles?