

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

June 16, 2024

Reflections

“Cherishing is the beating heart of love. It means that during the day your eyes are on others.... To be lovers of people, we need to look at them. Like Jesus we must see them. Like him we must stop, look, and listen...Jesus lowers himself in order to care, while the disciples elevate themselves in order to judge...Compassion affects us. Maybe that’s why we judge so quickly -it keeps us from being infected by other people’s problems...To be of service to others, we have to die to them -die to evaluating and judging them, which thus frees us to be compassionate.”

~ Paul Miller, Loved Walked Among Us

Spend lots of time considering how God relates to his children, then imitate that in your parenting. When asked who most influenced your parenting, “God” is a pretty good answer.

~ Tim Challies

Approach to God

Welcome — Joel Poortenga, elder

Prelude

Call to Worship — Ephesians 3:14-19

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Praise

Hymn of Praise — O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come;
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

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)

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full at His wonderful face
And the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God
gave His life for us
And our measureless debt
was erased

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You,
our Savior ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You*

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn,
fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins
(chorus)

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow,
every tongue will shout
"All Glory to Jesus alone!" (chorus)

Renewal

Assurance of Pardon — John 15:12-14, Galatians 2:20

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Confession of Sin — 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

Offering* — *Psalm 116:12* ¹²What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?

**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 — What the Lord Has Done in Me

Let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich."
Let the blind say, "I can see; It's what the Lord has done in me."

*Hosanna! Hosanna! To the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Jesus died and rose again.*

Into the river I will wade, There my sins are washed away.
From the heavens, Mercy streams of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs; Jesus Christ has set me free.

Commitment _____

Congregational Prayer

Children Ages 4-5 are dismissed to Children's Church at parents discretion.

Sermon Text — Ephesians 4:31-5:2

³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Sermon — Walk in Love—It's Costly but Fragrant

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found; dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Benediction

Postlude

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Marc Quist, Colin Brooks (early team)
Mark & Sally Rice (late team)
SS Nursery: Elizabeth Jones, Joel Poortenga

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Monica Laird, Megan Quist, Lillian Williams, Levi VanDelden
Children's Church: Steve Hake, Matt Festog
Sound: Lance Duvall
Live Stream: Craig Lalley
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Dustin Mixon, Becky Wood (early team)
Gene Wood, Jackie Plowman (late team)
SS Nursery: Katie Poortenga, Dennis Caruso

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Elaina Hake, Kim Hanlin, Lorena Poortenga,
Jessie VanDelden
Children's Church: Joy Nichols, Samantha VanDelden
Sound: Mark Nichols
Live Stream: John Godoy
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Wednesday

Morning Bible Studies

→ 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study at Amy Wright's house, child care available

Tuesday

Session Meeting, 7:00 pm in C8

Thursday

Ladies' Night Out, 6:00 pm at PIGS Restaurant in Whittier followed by dessert at Joy Nichols' home. See announcement page for ad dresses and information.

Saturday

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

"Bring Your Own Craft" Day, 9 am until 8 pm. See the announcement page for details.

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Valory Snyder as she anticipates treatment for the cancer she has been diagnosed with. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they come up with a treatment plan and pray that she responds well to it. Pray that she will be strengthened in body and feel better soon. Praise God for the many people who are ministering to her and loving on her.
- Pray that Man Kim will be strengthened in body each day, that he will be patient during this affliction, and that he will return to full health soon. Continue to pray for the family during this trying time.
- Pray that we will be kind to one another, tender-hearted, and forgiving one another. Pray that we will seek to be like Christ every day.
- Pray for Pastor Francis and Joel Poortenga as they attend General Assembly next week. Pray that truth, justice, and good fruit will all come from this time at General Assembly. Pray for safety in travel, as well.
- Pray that the Lord blesses the church with endurance and steadfastness through trials and all tribulation, being constant in prayer, and trusting in God's goodness and promises.
- 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 clear direction for New Hope as we look for ways to be evangelists and share God's love in our community. Pray for people who are willing and eager to serve at the missions we support and for zeal for sharing the gospel.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Luke Hake, who is serving the Lord in central Asia. Pray that when he returns to service with his team that doors will be open for them to share the Word and that they would speak with clarity and boldness.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their children as they settle into life in Rwanda. Praise God that they have handled all the changes well and are seeing God make His presence known in their little family. Pray that they are able to move into their own home soon and that the repairs that are needed will happen quickly. Pray, too, that God would continue bless them as they move from setting up life there to preparations for the internship that is happening in July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting, June 30th is the annual meeting of the congregation and the corporation. It will take place immediately following the worship service and will include lunch. You will find the annual report in your mailbox. Please read it before the meeting. Lunch will include sandwiches, veggies, chips, and fruit with some vegetarian and gluten free options available. Please bring a dessert to share! Contact Monica Laird monlaird@gmail.com if you have questions about the lunch. You don't need to be a member to attend! All are invited!

Attention all crafters and hobbyists! "Bring your Own Craft Day" on Sat June 22 from 9 am – 8 pm. Bring whatever you are working on and enjoy a time of fellowship! Table space and drinks are provided. Bring a snack to share and plan your own meals. Contact Monica Laird monlaird@gmail.com or 410 963-6522 to let us know you are coming or if you have questions.

Ladies' Night Out, June 20th at 6:00 pm at PIGS, 2401 Whittier Drive, Frederick. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 19th to LauraBeth Gillette at LauraBeth.panchal@gmail.com. Dessert at 8:00 pm at Joy Nichols house: 2404 Shaker Lane, Frederick and her phone number to is 301-514-8972 if anyone needs to reach her.

Treasurer's Update, by Elise Layman Just two weeks until the Annual Meeting...Eeeeeee!!! Hope you are as excited as I am! Wait, what?? "Just a boring church business meeting," you said? "I think I have to wash my socks that afternoon," you said? Oh dear. Let's see if I can convince you otherwise! Here are some bits to look forward to:

- Free lunch!
- Recap on where God has been working at New Hope over the past year!
- A full dessert table (if you can please bring one to share...)!
- Presentation of how New Hope hopes to invest your money in the kingdom!
- Friends to hang with!
- A chance to win prizes!

I got you with that last one, didn't I? Want to know more about the prizes? **Check your mailbox** to collect not only your very important Annual Report but also a fun (to me, anyway) activity from your treasurer! Those who complete the activity by the start of the Annual Meeting will win a prize plus be entered in a drawing for a grand prize! Now that I've convinced those of you who needed convincing, I'll see you at the Annual Meeting! (...and probably around church before then.)

General Fund Giving, as of 5/31/24

Budgeted YTD: \$447,662.31

Actual YTD: \$425,570.79

Variance (Deficit): -\$22,091.52

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“Take me out to the ballgame....” New Hope night at the Frederick Keys is Fri Aug 8th. The Keys play the Mahoning Valley Scrappers at 7pm. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$12 for Adults and \$9 for Youth/Military. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time thru New Hope to be included in the group rate and seating. The deadline to purchase tickets is Fri Aug 2 . To purchase tickets, first, send a text or email to Monica with how many and what type of tickets, and second, pay for them. Pay using cash or check (payable to New Hope with Keys tickets written on memo line) placed in an offering basket or given to Monica Laird, or online via church's website with memo for the Keys tickets. Contact Monica Laird with any questions, monlaird@gmail.com or (410) 963-6522.

Save the date! The New Hope Youth retreat is scheduled for Fri Oct 4 thru Sun Oct 6, 2024 at White Sulphur Springs near Bedford PA. It is open to all Middle and High school students. More information and sign-ups will be forthcoming, but for now, mark your calendars.

Prayer Covering for the Cliffords, the Outreach Committee would like to invite the congregation to join together and sign up for a particular day of the week to commit to pray for the Clifford family as they serve in Rwanda. It would be great if we have several people committed to pray for them each day of the week! There is a sign up sheet on the back table or you can access it by going to the google doc link that was sent in the Friday News. Consider doing this as a family, growth group, or individual! This could be a great encouragement to the Cliffords.

Pastor Francis away, Pastor Francis will be away from June 19th-30th. If you have a pastoral need, please contact your shepherding elder.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Verse — Ephesians 4:1 **I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,** ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Heidelberg Catechism 37 What do you understand by the words, “He suffered?” *That he, all the time that he lived on earth, but especially at the end of his life, sustained in body and soul, the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind: that so by his passion, as the only propitiatory sacrifice, he might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the favor of God, righteousness and eternal life.*

Monday: Eph 5:1-2. What are the two main commands here? What does it mean to imitate God? How does v 2 explain v 1? Do you consciously imitate anyone (1 Pet 2:21-24, 1 Cor 11:1, 3 Jn 11, 1 Jn 4:11)? Are you imitate-able? Today, how can you walk in love like Jesus loves?

Tuesday: Eph 5:1-2. How do you think an unbeliever would define love in “walk in love”? How does v 2 demonstrate that Christian love is different (e.g. who defines love, is there an objective standard, is it costly/sacrificial)? How is love stronger and more potent than kindness (Rom 12:9)? How would you define love? Is your love kind and strong?

Wednesday: Eph 4:31-5:2. Gal 2:20 tells us our lives need to be cruciform. What is the cost of love according to v 31? What feels good about bitterness, anger, slander? Why are they costly to lay aside? Why is it more difficult yet to practice v 32 instead of v 31? Ask the Spirit to encourage you where you’re doing well, but to convict you unto change where you need it. Honor God by doing your homework (Mt 5:23f, 6:12, 14)!

Thursday: Eph 5:2. Look at Lev 1:17 for the backdrop of this fragrant offering. Tying in God’s justice and mercy, how is Jesus this fragrant offering (Heb 7:25-27)? How does Jesus’ sacrifice “for you” move your heart to love sacrificially? How do the three “as’s” of 4:31-5:2 form a strong argument for you to forgive, love, sacrifice?

Friday: Eph 4:31-5:2. Because of Christ’s sacrifice, you are his “beloved child.” Trace this theme through 1:4c, 2:4, 3:16-19. Will you spray weed-killer on your bitterness? Will you commit to putting away shouting, anger? Where love need to be more than kindness? How will you walk in love? Who will enjoy the fragrance of your costly service? How is God exalted when you live this way?

Saturday: Read Psalm 74. Where do you see God’s faithfulness in this Psalm even in the calamity?