

WELCOME!



Sunday School ~ 9:30 am
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***

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

July 28, 2024

Reflections

"Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." (Revelation 19, v.6); "The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11, v.15); "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." (Revelation 19, v.16) "Hallelujah!"

-Handel's Messiah, verses for the Hallelujah Chorus

Trembling soul, beset by fears,

"Thy God reigneth!"

Look above and dry thy tears:

"Thy God reigneth!"

Though thy foes with pow'r assail,

naught against thee shall prevail;

trust in him - he'll never fail:

"Thy God reigneth, thy God reigneth!"

-Hymn "Thy God Reigneth," Fred Shepherd

Approach to God

Welcome — Dennis Caruso, elder

Prelude

Call to Worship — Isaiah 52:7-10 (responsive)

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of him who brings good news,

who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,

who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;

together they sing for joy;

for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ **Break forth together into singing,**

you waste places of Jerusalem,

for the LORD has comforted his people;

he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ **The LORD has bared his holy arm**

before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see

the salvation of our God.

Praise

Song of Praise

Our Great God

Eternal God, unchanging Mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing
In grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in endless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!
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Lord, we are weak and frail Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sovereign God (chorus)

Let every creature in the sea And every flying bird
Let every mountain, every field
And valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word
(chorus 2x)

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King,
reigning over all
So I will not fear
for this truth remains:
That my God is
the Ancient of Days

Chorus

*None above Him,
none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is
the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure
and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days
(chorus)

Though I may not see
what the future brings
I will watch and wait
for the Savior King
Then my joy complete
standing face to face
In the presence
of the Ancient of Days (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 conqu'ror'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."

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Genesis 3:11-19

¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
but he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’

cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 2:14-15

¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

Offering* — *John 3:16* “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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Response in Song

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state, and led me to the cross
And I beheld God’s love displayed, You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life, in any way You choose
And let my song forever be, my only boast is You

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Revelation 12

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. ²She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. ⁴His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. ⁵She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, ⁶and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by

God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

⁷Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹²Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

¹³And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. ¹⁵The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. ¹⁷Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Sermon — A Mother, Her Offspring, and a Dragon

~ Pastor Shane Bennett*

Closing Song — A Mighty Fortress (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

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

**Pastor Shane Bennett is the associate pastor of Living Hope OPC in
Gettysburg, PA*

A Mother, Her Offspring and a Dragon

Revelation 12

1. Conflict in Heaven

2. The Church on Earth

Closing Hymn — A Mighty Fortress

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Dustin Mixon, Becky Wood (early team)
Jackie Plowman, Gene Wood (late team)
SS Nursery: Dan Godoy, Michelle Williams

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Amy Wright, Rachel Neahusan, Emma VanDelden
Children's Church: Joy Nichols, Lauren Mendez
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: John Godoy
Nursery On-call: Ann Burden
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Jennifer Hephner (early team)
Matthew Layman, Dan Bull (late team)
Toddler Nursery: Laura VanDelden, Elisa & Lily Godoy, Caelyn Poortenga
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Craig Lalley
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Wednesday

Morning Bible Studies

→ 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study IS NOT MEETING THIS WEEK

Saturday

Memorial Service for Barbara Ruch, 11:00 am

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis to actively put sin to death throughout each day.
- Continue to pray for Valory Snyder as she struggles with her cancer treatments. Pray that she will be strengthened in body and feel better soon.
- Give thanks for who God is: for His mighty power, for His victory over sin, death, and the devil, and for His perfection and holiness. Give thanks for the fact that He continues to love, care for, and sustain us even though we do not deserve it.
- Pray for our country during these uncertain and trying times. Pray for peace, for truth to be evident and embraced, and for God's people to be wise and a light in darkness.
- Give thanks for those who serve the church each week and give of their time and talents. Pray particularly for Amy Wright as she serves as interim nursery coordinator during Valory's absence.
- Pray for our unbelieving loved ones. Pray that God would change their hearts and draw them to Himself.
- Pray for Alanna Duvall and Hannah Graf as they both near the end of their pregnancies. Pray for continued good health for both moms and babies.
- 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 share the gospel with people in our sphere of influence and pray for boldness and wisdom for when those opportunities come our way.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for the missions of the month: the OPC missions work in Uganda, Africa. Pray particularly for Charles and Connie Jackson who live and serve there. Pray for Charles's teaching and work at Knox School of Theology and for Connie as she serves in Mbale with the Reformation Book Room, village school, and women of the church.
- Pray for Ronnie Socash while he is in Germany this week, leading the worship music for the Bible camp he is helping to run.
- Give thanks for the calling God has placed upon Luke Hake and John & Rachel Clifford to serve the Lord in foreign lands. Pray for continued good health for all of them, continued zeal in sharing the gospel, and wisdom in how they live, relate, and serve in their respective mission fields.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luncheon and Farewell to Luke Hake, Luke will be heading back to central Asia on August 12th. We would like to have a time to bid him farewell and have a prayer time for him before he leaves. On Sunday, August 4th we will have a hot dog lunch after church and we would love to see everyone stay to enjoy this time together and pray for Luke. The church will provide the main meal but would like everyone to bring a dessert to share.

“Take me out to the ballgame...” New Hope night at the Frederick Keys is Fri Aug 9th. 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.** Contact Monica Laird with any questions or to order tickets, monlaird@gmail.com or (410) 963-6522.

Memorial Service for Barbara Ruch, all are invited to come join Barbara’s family as they celebrate her life on August 3, 2024. The service will be at 1:00 pm at New Hope with light refreshments afterwards.

Resting Month, next week begins the August resting month. What does this mean? This is a time to rest from regular church activities (meetings, growth groups, Sunday School, children’s church, etc.) and take the extra time you have to focus on relationship with the Lord, other congregants, your family. During this month, there will be no children’s church or Sunday school. The worship service will begin at 10:45 am but come a little early for coffee and fellowship!

Help with Communion Set-up, we are looking for some volunteers who would be interested in helping with communion set-up. Currently, there are two families that are a part of this ministry and adding one or two more, would help a lot! The main requirements would be procuring the show bread and GF bread, plus showing up early enough to set up and doing cleanup afterwards. One week helping/ observing it being done would be plenty of training. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Craig Lalley (bcralley@verizon.net) or Giny in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org).

Sunday School Link, if anyone is interested in listening to any of the previous adult Sunday school classes, they can be found on the church website at www.newhopeopc.org. Click on “Sundays” and then “Sunday School” and then “adult class.”

Nursery need, We are looking for more volunteers in the nursery! Volunteers serve either during the Sunday School or Service hours 2-3 times per quarter. Please contact Amy Wright (nursery@newhopeopc.org) by July 31 to be included in the upcoming schedule.

Pastor Francis away, next week Pastor Francis will be on vacation with his family from July 27 until August 2. If you have a pastoral need, please contact your shepherding elder.

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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)*
- ◇ *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 Jastrzembki (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 DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Ephesians 5:1-2 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.

Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 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.

Monday: Rev 12:1-2. Of what do these clothes remind you (Gen 37:9-10)? This pictures Jerusalem bringing forth the Messiah and his faithful followers. Why does the church not yet appear in such glory (v 14, 17)? What protection is hers (v 6)? Pray for New Hope, and various local and foreign churches in light of these truths.

Tuesday: Rev 12:3-6. Who is this dragon (v 9)? Who is the male child (Ps 2:9)? What is the dragon trying to do to the Savior? When did this happen? How was Satan thwarted (v 5, 1 Cor 15:20-28, Col 2:15)? Consider Satan's hatred of Jesus -and hence his faithful children. Are you on guard, and actively resisting temptation? What several comforts are yours in v 6?

Wednesday: Rev 12:6-12. What results from Jesus' victory in his death and resurrection? What confidence in Jesus do vv 10-11 provide? What challenge is found in v 11? What warning in v 12? What are you called to truth/believe in 6-12? What call to action is found? What will you do with this?

Thursday: Rev 12:13-17. What does Satan do after being defeated by Christ? How do vv 13-17 picture that? Think of some ways you see Satan's attack personally and globally. Why does the church keep escaping? What confidence does this give the believer?

Friday: Rev 12:13-17. Meditate on v 17. Do you really believe the devil is furious with the church (and you)? How does this explain persistent temptation, grievous trouble and unholiness in the church, and the like? What are we called to do (v 17, 13:10c, 14:12)? Where are your eyes (see Rev 14:1-5, 13, 19:6-8)?

Saturday: Read Ephesians 5:18-21. What characterizes those filled with the Spirit?