

WELCOME!



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

# Morning Worship

September 22, 2024

## Reflections

<sup>22</sup> *“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!*

*For I am God, and there is no other.*

<sup>23</sup> *By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:*

*‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’*

~Isaiah 45:22-23

<sup>11</sup> *The greatest among you shall be your servant.* <sup>12</sup> *Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

~Matthew 23:11-12

<sup>6</sup> *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”* <sup>7</sup> *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* <sup>8</sup> *Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.* <sup>9</sup> *Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom.* <sup>10</sup> *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

~James 4:6-10

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## Approach to God

Welcome — Joel Poortenga, elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship — Colossians 1:15-20 (responsive)**

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup> **For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.** <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,** <sup>20</sup> **and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

# Praise

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## Songs of Praise

### Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names  
Of wisdom love and pow'r  
That mortals ever knew,  
that angels ever bore,  
All are too poor to speak  
your vast and priceless worth,  
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

*Jesus, your name is glorious,  
Our Prophet, Priest, and King.  
Jesus, you're reigning over us  
And forevermore  
your praises we will sing.*

Great Prophet of my God,  
My tongue would bless your name,  
Through You the joyful news  
Of our salvation came.  
The long-awaited news  
of ev'ry sin forgiv'n  
Of hell subdued and  
peace with Heav'n. (chorus)

Jesus my Great High Priest,  
You shed your blood and died,  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside.  
Your pure and precious blood  
For all my sin atoned  
And now it pleads  
before the throne. (chorus)

### When I Consider (based on Ps 8)

When I consider your heavens  
The works of your fingers  
The moon and the stars  
What is man that you are  
mindful of him  
That you care for him?

*O Lord our Lord  
how majestic your name  
In all the earth  
O Lord our Lord  
how majestic your name  
In all the earth.*

You have made him a little lower  
Than the heavenly beings  
And crowned him with glory  
You have made him a ruler  
Over the works of your hands and  
set everything under his feet  
You set everything under his feet  
(chorus)

Bridge  
Your enemies  
they challenge your rule  
They raise their fists to you,  
sovereign Lord  
But you have set your glory  
above the heavens  
From the lips of children  
you have ordained praise

## **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.*

# Renewal

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## Confession of Sin — Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

<sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

<sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:14-16

<sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

<sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

**Offering\*** — *Matthew 6:19-21: <sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup>but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*\*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

## All Glory be Forever

We had turned from God  
to sin's disgrace  
We chose the path to hell  
Perfect law of God  
condemned our race  
For all in Adam fell  
But the righteousness  
of God appeared  
And the world found hope again  
For the Righteous One  
has come down to bear  
All the curse of sin and death

*Now to Him Who's seated  
on the throne*

*All glory be forever  
Oh, the depths of wisdom,  
grace, and power  
All glory be forever,  
All glory be forever*

Every bond of sin that held us fast  
Is left in Jesus' grave  
We've been freed from all that gripped  
our past  
From Satan's rule and reign  
We've been raised to life to breathe  
His grace  
As captives now reclaimed  
All our guilt is gone,  
all our strivings ceased  
We're alive to seek His fame  
(chorus)

Now our future's fixed,  
our journey clear  
God will not let us go  
Every trial that tempts  
our hearts to fear  
He'll use to give us hope  
All creation groans as we await  
What our eyes have longed to see  
Every pain and evil  
we've long endured  
Will be crushed by Christ our King  
(chorus)

## Our Song from Age to Age

Oh God of power, living Word  
The One who made the stars  
Who with Your glory filled the earth  
From dust made beating hearts  
You loved us when we fell away  
Poured mercy on our souls  
And promised grace  
would come to save  
To loose death's iron hold

*You are our song from age to age  
Our voices unite  
to recount Your praise  
Again and again  
You are our song from age to age  
We will proclaim  
Your pow'r to save, again and again*

Oh God of promises fulfilled  
The God who took on flesh  
Who did all that the Father willed  
Was humbled unto death  
You bore our cross of sin and shame  
Endured our agony  
With gladness  
we now bear Your name  
And worship at Your feet

Oh God, who surely guides our steps  
Through tempests and through trials  
Our Shepherd King, Your way is best  
Though tears now veil our eyes  
Your steadfast love, our perfect hope  
Our eyes are fixed on grace  
We have no doubt  
You'll lead us home  
To finally see Your face

Oh God of all of history  
Enthroned in realms of light  
What eyes of faith have strained to see  
Will one day fill our sight  
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns  
Before the Savior's feet  
And sing as all the heav'ns resound  
For all eternity

# Commitment

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## Congregational Prayer

*Children ages 4-5 are welcome to go to children's church at this time at parents' discretion.*

## Sermon Text — Philippians 2:1-11

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. <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.

## Sermon — Embracing the Humble Mind of Christ

~ Pastor Charles Biggs

## Closing Song — May the Mind of Christ My Savior (page 8)

## Benediction

## Postlude

*You are invited to come pray with the prayer team up front after the worship service.*

# **Embracing the Humble Mind of Christ**

Philippians 2:1-11

## Closing Song — May the Mind of Christ My Savior

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,  
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,  
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,  
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;  
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,

by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.  
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.  
• that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.  
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.  
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925

ST. LEONARDS 8.7.8.5.  
A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; alt. 1990

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### Ministry Highlights

Over the next several weeks, we are going to highlight one or two ministries in the bulletin to help folks know about the various ministries in the church, who oversees them, and how they function. Please take some time to read these highlights so that you will have more knowledge and know if maybe you might want to serve in any of them!

**Nursery:** Our nursery is equipped to care for children ages 0-3 years. We have a child protection policy that we follow to ensure that our children are well cared for and protected and all volunteers are background checked. Each Sunday we have 2-3 adult volunteers in the nursery and 1-2 junior helpers (10 years +). We provide childcare during Sunday school and the worship service. We are always looking for helpers in the nursery! Contact Amy Wright ([amy.r.dewit@gmail.com](mailto:amy.r.dewit@gmail.com)), interim nursery coordinator, for more information or to volunteer!



# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Dustin Mixon, Becky Wood (early team)  
Gene Wood, Sue Bridenbaugh (late team)  
SS Nursery: Elizabeth Jones, Jordan Roberts

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Jared Neahusan, Michelle & Lillian Williams  
Children's Church: Joy Nichols, Emma VanDelden  
Sound: Ed Wright  
Live Stream: Lance Duvall  
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley  
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

## Serving Next Week

## 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Wayne Greenfield, Mary Troxel (early team)  
Chris Lear, Laura Caruso (late team)  
SS Nursery: Dan Godoy, Ronnie Socash

## 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Annie Kim, Joel Poortenga, Cora & Ian Kim  
Children's Church: Amy Wright, Jack Socash  
Sound: Craig Lalley  
Live Stream: David Ochs  
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird  
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

**Today** Fellowship Meal, today following the worship service!

**Monday** Edification Meeting, 7:00 pm in C8

**Tuesday** Trustee Meeting, 7:15 pm in C8

**Wednesday** **Women's Bible study**, 10 am at the church, no childcare, studying Joseph's life  
**Women's Bible study**, 10 am at Amy Wright's home, childcare provided, studying Exodus.  
**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

# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks for Pastor Biggs as he shares with us today about his work as regional home missionary and as he brings us God word. Pray for the Lord's blessing on him and his family and their ministry.
- Pray for the Edification committee as they meet this week and lead the church in the church in Christian education and fellowship.
- Pray for the trustees as they meet this week. Pray for unity, wisdom, and clarity as they serve the church body and help to manage the church's finances and physical property.
- Give thanks for all that serve for the Wednesday night dinner and Bible study. Pray that many will attend this Wednesday and take advantage of the time to fellowship and learn more about the Lord.
- Pray for the upcoming youth retreat, for those that attend, for the chaperones, and for the speaker, Dan Adams. Give thanks for this opportunity for our youth.
- 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. Pray for those who are mourning in particular this week.

## **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 that the Lord will raise up folks from New Hope to serve in these missions.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with those in our sphere. Pray that when these opportunities come, we will share boldly and with grace.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our missionaries of the month: the missionaries serving the Lord in Uruguay. Pray particularly for Stephen and Catalina Payson in Montevideo. Pray that the Lord would bless the new church planting effort in the Maldonado region and that He would raise up gifted and qualified Uruguayan men for the pastor office.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for wisdom for them to know what areas of ministry to start investing more in and also for the mid-week Bible study they have started to be a blessing to those that attend.
- Pray for Luke Hake as he ministers to the people in central Asia. Pray that the issues surrounding his visa will be resolved quickly and that he won't have any more problems with it.
- Pray for the work of the regional home missionary, Charles Biggs, and the church plants in the presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. Pray, too, for the growth of core groups and that mature believers and unbelievers to come to these church plants.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Retreat!** The New Hope Youth retreat is Fri Oct 4-6 at White Sulphur Springs Retreat Center about 30 mins away from Bedford PA. We will leave New Hope Friday afternoon and return to New Hope Sunday late morning. The cost will be \$130 per student and includes lodging, food, and transportation. There will be funds available to offset the cost for families that need it or for families sending multiple students. Any retreat questions can be directed to Monica Laird (410) 963-6522 or [monlaird@gmail.com](mailto:monlaird@gmail.com).

**Ladies Prayer Brunch,** Dear Ladies: You are invited to a New Hope Praise and Prayer Breakfast on Saturday October 12 at 10:00 am. We will enjoy a delicious brunch and then spend time using the Psalms to guide us in a time of prayer and praise. Please come and be encouraged by time spent lifting up his name and our petitions to our gracious heavenly Father. Please sign up to bring a brunch item. Hope to see you there. Any questions reach out to Ann Burden, Joy Nichols or Rosemarie Festog.

**Your Feedback Is Requested!** The elders of New Hope are asking for your feedback and input regarding resting months and the later start time for our Sunday Worship services. Both of these were decisions we decided to try out for a time to see whether they had a positive impact on the life of the church. We would appreciate if you could complete the following (brief) survey to help us evaluate the benefits and downsides of these two practices. If you are not able to do the electronic survey, you can simply write your thoughts in an email and send it to the elders through Dennis Caruso ([clerk@newhopeopc.org](mailto:clerk@newhopeopc.org)), or by speaking to one of the elders. Here is the survey link: <https://forms.gle/E3unndptPaBVnC8KA>. Thank you!

**Treasurer Update,** by Eleese Layman

Did you know that you can give financially to New Hope in ways beyond cash and check on Sunday morning? Check out the "Alternative Giving" document from 9/20's Friday News or ask me for more information!

We began a new fiscal year on 7/1/2024. Here are our General Fund giving numbers through 8/31/2024:

Budget: \$67,082.58

Actual: \$68,104.40

Variance (surplus): \$1,021.82

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Memory Text** — Ephesians 6:11 <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

**Heidelberg Catechism 55:** What do you understand by “the communion of saints?” First, that all and every one, who believes, being members of Christ, are in common, partakers of him, and of all his riches and gifts; secondly, that every one must know it to be his duty, readily and cheerfully to employ his gifts, for the advantage and salvation of other members.

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**Monday:** Phil 2:5. What attitude does God want you to have (vv 1-4)? Think about areas where you struggle to have this attitude. Paul doesn’t just say “stop it, be different.” What does he say (vv 5ff, Rom 12:1-3)? Rework a time of pride, rivalry in light of Christ’s attitude and work. How does being united to Christ (“in Christ”) give you the strength you need to do this?

**Tuesday:** Phil 2:6-7. Have you ever grasped after position, reputation, respect, etc? If anyone had that right, it was Jesus as true God (v 6). Instead of grasping after the glory that was his, how did he make himself nothing (v 7, 8)? Why did he do this (Heb 2:17-18)? Where do you demand your rights, recognition, and admiration? In contrast, ponder the glory of Christ in vv 6-7. What place is there for pride in us? How does this move you to humility?

**Wednesday:** Phil 2:7-8. There is little as shocking as this phrase: Christ the servant.” Read John 13:1-17, noting especially vv 13-15. Let this text move you to a prayer of adoration and thanks, confession. How will you “do just as I have done to you” (15)?

**Thursday:** Phil 2:5-11. What do you learn about the one person (v 5, 11) and two natures (v 6, v 8) of Jesus Christ? Did Christ retain his full divinity while on earth (Col 1:19, 2:9, Heb 1:3)? Of what then did he empty himself (v 7)? God took on human nature and bodily form to save sinful, rebellious man. How are vv 10-11 a fitting response? Are they your response?

**Friday:** Phil 2:9-11. If Phil 2 ended at v 8, what impression might you be left with about Jesus, and God’s presence or lack thereof? Was God inactive in Christ’s suffering? What was the result of his suffering? How does Paul himself receive encouragement from this “exaltation later” to humbly press on during suffering now (Phil 3:11, 20-21, 2 Tim 2:9-13)? How does this unmerited but glorious future free us to humble minds and service now (Mt 18:4)? Pray for the Spirit’s help in this attitude and action.

**Saturday:** Read Ephesians 6:14. Why do you think the belt of truth is first?