

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

September 29, 2024

Reflections

*Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*
~ Isaiah 11:5

If you are in Christ, you are eternally safe, complete. Are you rejoicing in these things? But, oh, that we might especially realize the victory! For we are still in the flesh and there are still the world, the flesh and the devil to contend with. We are timorous mortals, we faint and we shiver, and we are alarmed, and the devil can terrify us. We must learn to believe this truth.

~ Martin Lloyd-Jones

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 86:8-13 (responsive)

⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹ **All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.**

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

¹¹ **Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**

¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ **For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

Praise

Hymn of Praise — Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

1. Come, let us sing un - to the Lord new songs of
2. The great sal - va - tion of our God is seen through
3. He called to mind his truth and grace in prom - ise
4. All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to

praise with sweet ac - cord; for won - ders great by
all the earth a - broad; be - fore the hea - then's
made to Is - rael's race; and un - to earth's re -
him, with shouts re - joice; with voice of joy and

him are done, his hand and arm have vic - t'ry won.
won - d'ring sight he has re - vealed his truth and right.
mot - est bound glad tid - ings of sal - va - tion sound.
loud ac - claim let all u - nite and praise his name.

5. Praise God with harp, with harp sing praise,
with voice of psalms his glory raise;
with trumpets, cornets, gladly sing
and shout before the Lord, the King.
6. Let earth be glad, let billows roar
and all that dwell from shore to shore;
let floods clap hands with one accord,
let hills rejoice before the Lord.
7. For lo, he comes; at his command
all nations shall in judgment stand;
in justice robed and throned in light,
the Lord shall judge, dispensing right.

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Only a Holy God

Who else commands
all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make
every king bow down?
Who else can whisper
and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God

What other beauty
demands such praises?
What other splendor
outshines the sun?
What other majesty
rules with justice?
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him,
the One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy,
forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory
consumes like fire?
What other power
can raise the dead?
What other name
remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God (chorus x2)

Who else could rescue me
from my failing?
Who else would offer
His only Son?
Who else invites me
to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God,
only my Holy God (chorus x2)

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)

Renewal

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 1:13, Romans 1:16

¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Confession of Sin — Psalm 15

O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;

³who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

⁴in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

⁵who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things shall never be moved.

Offering* — *Proverbs 14:31* ³¹Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

**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

O Great God

O great God, of highest heav'n, occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r.

Let no vice or sin remain, that resists Your holy war,

You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forever more.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,

Did not know Your love within, Had no taste for heaven's joys.

Then Your Spirit gave me life, Opened up Your Word to me,

Through the gospel of Your Son, Gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life, That's dependent on your grace,

Keep my heart and guard my soul From the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised with my every Thought and deed,

O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me.

(repeat last 2 lines)

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:13-14

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...

Sermon — The Belt of Truth

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who bore my pain
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all To love and follow Him

Benediction

Postlude

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

The Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:13-14

1. Wear Your Belt
2. What is the Belt?
3. Do You Really Need a Belt?

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

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

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Rayanne/Mike McGlamary (early team)
Matthew Layman, Dan Bull (late team)
SS Nursery: Amy Wright, Elaina Hake

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Joy Nichols, Cath Howard, Micah VanDelden
Children's Church: Talia Poortenga, Rayanne McGlamary
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Mary Troxel
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice
Communion Set-up: Claire Hall

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Tuesday **Session Meeting**, 7:00 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.

Fri-Sun **Youth Retreat at White Sulphur Springs**

Saturday **Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, 8-10 am in the overflow room
Women's Prayer Brunch, 10:00 am at New Hope Church
Evangelism Conference, Leesburg from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for session as they meet this week. Pray for wisdom, unity, and clarity as they lead the church spiritually and shepherd the flock of believers.
- Pray for the upcoming youth retreat and all that are attending. Pray for safety in travel and while they are there, for growth in faith and understanding of scripture, and closer relationships with one another. Pray, too, for Dan Adams in his role as speaker.
- Pray for the men who are in elder training. Pray for their learning and that God would make their calling sure.
- Give thanks for our musicians and music leaders who give of their time and talent to lead the church in musical worship. Pray that God would bless their efforts and give them joy in their service.
- Praise God for those who teach Sunday school and children's church and are able to share the truths of the scriptures each and every week. Pray for biblical seeds to be planted so that gospel fruit will grow in the lives of all who hear.
- 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.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for all of the missionaries that are sent out by the OPC throughout all the world. Give thanks for the funds that enable these missionaries to be financially supported, for the OPC missions oversight board that gives them accountability and spiritual/emotional support, and for the calling God has placed upon these men and women to share the good news with all that don't know Him.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda and look for ways to reach those in their sphere of influence who don't know Christ.
- Give thanks that Luke Hake's visa issues have been resolved and that he is enrolled in new language learning classes. Pray that God would continue to sustain him and provide for all of his needs.
- Pray for the upcoming evangelism/church planting seminar that Charles Biggs, our regional home missionary, is organizing. Pray that many will attend and be stirred up for compassionate, no-nonsense outreach as individuals, congregations, and families. Pray for the gospel will go out in amazing ways in our area!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Youth Group Event, There is a youth group multi-church event, Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 4:00pm to 8:30pm at New Hope. There will be dinner, devotions, gaga ball, games, fellowship, and more. It is for all youth from 6th-12th grade or a couple years older. Parents are welcome to stay. Please dress for active indoor and outdoor activities and RSVP. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Emma (emmagvand@gmail.com) or Samantha (samanthavd36@gmail.com) VanDelden.

Church Planting and Evangelism Seminary, Saturday, October 5th at Bethel OPC in Leesburg, VA from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Peter Lee and Rev. Chris Byrd will be the speakers. There will be a catered lunch afterward at 1:15 pm. Contact Pastor Francis if you are interested in attending.

Consider Your Neighbor!, some Sundays it has been quite full at New Hope and sometimes latecomers have a hard time finding a place to sit (especially when people are standing while singing). As you find your seat on Sunday mornings, consider sitting more toward the middle so that if we are full, the empty seats are more obvious. Thank you for considering this!

Men's Retreat, mark your calendars, men, for the upcoming Men's Retreat. It will be held at New Hope from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on November 9th. More details will be forthcoming. See Monte Festog (festogm@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

New Members Class, Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Francis at pastor@newhopeopc.org.

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!

Children's Church, our children's church ministry is one that is geared toward children ages 4-5 and takes place during the sermon time of the worship service. As children age out of being in the nursery (for ages 0-3), they are invited to then begin attending children's church but are not required to do so. New Hope's greatest desire is to have all age groups worship together in the sanctuary but we know that it can be hard for young children to sit and listen for such a long time period. When children reach age 4 and leave the nursery, the hope is that they can begin to learn to participate in the worship service, sing songs, pray, etc. During the children's church time, they learn a lesson that is geared toward their age but they practice and learn about all the aspects of the worship service so that they can more easily transition to fully participating in the worship service by the age of 6. Their lessons come from Great Commissions Publications (our Sunday school curriculum publisher). There are always 2 people in the children's church classroom (one teacher, one helper), they are served an allergen-free snack, and they often color or do a craft. Parents are required to pick up their children immediately following the worship service. Children's church does not meet during the resting months of August, December, and April but the church does provide activity bags during those months to help the children participate and listen during the sermon. Volunteers to help in children's church are always needed. You must be a member of New Hope to teach and helpers have to be at least 10 years old. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rachel Neahusan at rappachel@gmail.com.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Ephesians 6:12 ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Westminster Confession 1.1 ...Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal Himself, and to declare that His will unto His Church; and afterwards for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which makes the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing His will unto His people being now ceased.

Monday: Eph 6:10-14. Why does v 14 begin with “therefore” (v 11, 12)? How does this battle complicate the obedience of ch 4-6:9? Do we already have the armor we need (6:11, 1:3-15)? Contrast the soldier’s “stand” with spiritual sleeping or slouching. Read 1 Thess 5:5-6 and 1 Pet 4:3. How can you be more awake?

Tuesday: Eph 6:14 “having fastened on the belt.” What was the soldier’s belt for? How did it signify preparation, freedom from hindrance, and confidence? What does that mean spiritually (Luke 12:35, 40)? Are you ready to do spiritual battle with the devil’s lies? Do you see your life as a spiritual battle? Are you looking to your captain (Heb 12:1-3)?

Wednesday: Eph 6:14. To what does the belt of “truth” refer (Eph 1:13, Jn 8:31-32)? Consider how “the truth” saves you (John 8:31-32, 44-47 -note especially the contrast with the devil’s lies); sanctifies you (Jn 17:17-18); helps you resist the devil (1 Pet 1:13, 5:9). Why do you think the belt of truth is first?

Thursday: Eph 6:14. What does this verse call you to do with the truth? How can you strap on, or appropriate the truth? Are you growing in your understanding of doctrine, and study of God? Are you working that through into a holier life? Can you think of lie the devil often tempts you to believe? Find a scripture truth to counter it. Memorize it.

Friday: Read Genesis 3:1-6 in light of Eph 6:14. How did Satan work? What truth should Eve have put on? What lie did Satan use with Peter and Jesus in Mt 16:21-23? How did Jesus counter it with truth? Where does Satan tempt you with doubts about God’s goodness, your needs for comfort and happiness, and a pain-free life? What truth are you believing?

Saturday: Read Ephesians 6:10-14. What is the breastplate of righteousness?