

WELCOME!



Worship ~ 10:45 am

Morning Worship

December 1, 2024

Reflections

You're called. You're kept. Now press on. Because it is his calling from all of eternity and his keeping through all of time that provides the basis for the encouragement to run another hundred yards. ~ Alistair Begg

Look around and be distressed. Look inside and be depressed. Look at Jesus (our Joy) and be at rest. Corrie Ten Boom

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship

 — Ephesians 1:3-6 (responsive)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. **In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

Praise

Song of Praise

Come Praise & Glorify

Come praise and glorify our God the Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

To the praise of Your glory

To the praise of Your mercy and grace

To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us, the myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill (chorus)

Come praise and glorify our God for we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal the Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise, to God, the Three in One (chorus)

Prayer of Adoration

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)

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Your Hand Upon Me

O Lord, you have searched me and you know my ways
You perceive all my thoughts from afar
Your hand is upon me wherever I go
Before I form each word you already know

*If I rise on the wings of the dawn, you are there
If I rest on the far side of the sea,
Your love hems me in both behind and before
You have laid your hand upon me, You have laid your hand upon me*

Where can I flee from your presence O Lord
If I sleep in the depths you are there
Your day will consume all the shadows of night
The dark cannot hide from your brilliant light.

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 4:1-3, 5:1-2

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.

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.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Offering* — John 3:16 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.

**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

He Who is Mighty

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
to those who sit in death’s shadow
The sun on high pierced the night
born was the Cornerstone

PRE-CHORUS

*Unto us a Son is given,
unto us a Child is born*

CHORUS

*He Who is mighty has done a great thing
Taken on flesh, conquered death’s sting
Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame,
Holy is His name*

Oh, the freedom our Savior won
the yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave, now by grace
no more condemnation

BRIDGE

Now my soul magnifies the Lord
I rejoice in the God Who saves
I will trust His unfailing love
I will sing His praises all my days

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:21-24

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. ²² I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

²³ Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

Sermon — Four Parting Gifts

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

New Hope Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are forsaking their sins and trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive communion with us. The bread served today is gluten free.

Closing Song — Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Benediction

Postlude

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

Four Parting Gifts

Ephesians 6:21-24

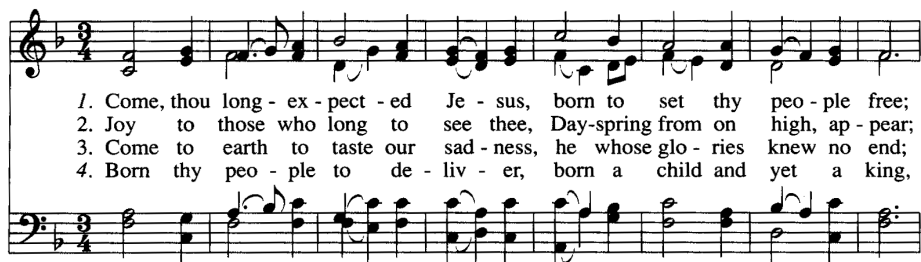
1. Encouragement

2. Peace

3. Love with Faith

4. Grace

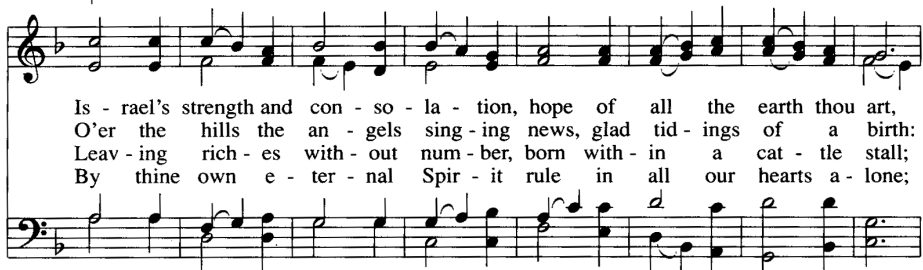
Closing Hymn — Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Rayann/Mike McGlamary (early team)
Matthew Layman, Dan Bull (late team)
Toddler Nursery: Jordan Roberts, Katie & Micah Poortenga
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Mary Troxel
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog
Communion Set Up: Ed & Amy Wright

Serving Next Week

10:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Chris Boyles (early team)
Tim Howell, Jackie Plowman (late team)
Toddler Nursery: Steve Hake, Annie, Audrey, & Kemper Kim
Children's Church: No Children's Church
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Give thanks that we have been called by God and also kept by God. Pray that we will press on and run the race with endurance with our eyes fixed on Jesus because of what He has done for us.
- Give thanks for the peace, love, and grace that our heavenly Father has given to us through faith in Christ Jesus.
- Pray that during this month of December, as we anticipate Christmas and the joy that comes from celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus, His first advent, that we are mindful that we are awaiting His second advent. Pray that we will be ever watchful, ready for the day that He comes.
- Pray that during the upcoming resting month, we will have rich relational opportunities and will look for share the hope we have with those around us.
- Pray for those who find the holiday season difficult and lonely. Pray particularly for those who have lost loved one this year. Pray that God will bring joy and contentment to them, that the church will be mindful and gather them in, and that they will cling to Christ in the midst of difficulty.
- 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 that the Lord will raise up folks from New Hope to serve in these missions.
- Pray that God will compel us as a church and individually to proclaim the truths of the scripture to the dying world around us.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, John Clifford and his wife, Rachel, and their family, as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for John as he has reached out to several churches and suggested some theology classes he could offer while they wait on accreditation at the Bible college. Pray for patience and perseverance as they await answers about this exciting prospect.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he ministers in Central Asia. Pray for the man that is his language teacher who is intrigued by the Word of God as Luke uses it for his language learning. Pray that Luke has opportunity to share the gospel with him and that this man's heart will be softened to the words of truth.
- Pray for Kristen and Thanos who are serving the Lord in Greece. Pray for Kristen as she is in Greek language learning and for all that this type of study entails. Pray, too, for provision for Thanos who is taking classes at the Bible college.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Christmas Party, save the date! Saturday, December 14th at Gingy Socash's home at 7:00 pm. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share and a \$10 wrapped gift (if you want to play the swap game). Address: 591 Over Ridge Drive, Frederick, MD

Ladies' Thursday Night Zoom Bible study will be starting a new topic in January, using the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. We meet most Thursdays except LNO from 7 - 8:30. If you want more information or are interested in joining, contact Monica Laird for details at (410) 963-6522 or monlaird@gmail.com.

CareNet Needs, CareNet Pregnancy Center is in need of clothes donations (new or used) for boys and girls sizes 0-5T (bigger sizes most needed). Donations of these clothes can be dropped off at the center or brought to church to give to Sue Bridenbaugh who volunteers there on Mondays.

"Hark the New Hope Youth Group Sings": All New Hope Youth (MS and HS) are invited to "Sing and Eat" on Sun Dec 15th. After church, we will eat a brown bag lunch that each of us has brought, leave New Hope to go Christmas caroling at a nearby neighborhood and then return to New Hope for Christmas food and fun. We expect to be done around 3:30/4:00. If you want to participate, dress for the weather, bring a treat to share, and your own brown bag lunch. RSVP to Monica Laird monlaird@gmail.com or (410) 963-6522 so we can figure out transportation to the neighborhood.

Blessing the Cliffords, this Christmas, New Hope will be helping to meet the needs of our "in house" missionary John Clifford and his family in Rwanda. In Rwanda. It is hard to get a number of things and Rachel Clifford's sister will be traveling to visit them in January. So we are asking folks in the church to help bless them by filling a couple of suitcases that will go over to them with her.

- Christmas Cards — please fill out or make your own Christmas card from your family to send in the suitcase. Consider adding a note or a picture of you or your family.
- Purchasing items on the Clifford's "wish list" and bringing them to church to be put in the suitcase. The wish list will be sent out via email. If you do buy anything, please mark the item as "purchased). If you don't have email, please ask Gingy for a list.

It is important to note that NONE of the above donations will be tax deductible. And no checks written to New Hope will be able to be used for this.

Christmas Flowers, Help decorate the church with fresh flowers by buying some to be displayed in the sanctuary. You can buy any of the following for \$10 a plant that you will then be able to take home with you after the Christmas Eve service: Poinsettias in 6 inch pots, Pink or Pink/White; Christmas Cactuses in 4.5 inch pots, various colors, mostly Pink, Purple or White; Cyclamen in 4.5 inch pots, various colors, mostly Pink, Purple or White. To order flowers, please contact Julie Wesolek (juliewesolek@gmail.com) or Gingy in the office (admin@newhopeopc.org) and indicate your choices of flowers.

"Got Books?" On Wednesday Nights, starting in January, the Youth will begin a study of the Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Some youth may have a copy at home that they can bring, but we would like to have some copies available in case someone doesn't have one or their personal copy forgotten/lost. If you have a copy collecting dust that you would allow us to use, please put it in my mailbox. If you want to be assured it gets returned to you, please put your name in it. Any questions, reach out to Monica Laird monlaird@gmail.com or 410 963-6522.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:17-18 ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Heidelberg Catechism 65: Since then we are made partakers of Christ and all his benefits by faith only, whence does this faith proceed? *From the Holy Spirit, who works faith in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and confirms it by the use of the sacraments.*

Monday: Eph 6:21-22. What does Paul want Tychicus to tell the Ephesians? How would that encourage them? “Encourage” can mean “instill courage.” How would hearing how Paul was appropriating for himself all the spiritual blessings (1:3-13) in Christ instill courage in them? How can you hearten a missionary or fellow Christian?

Tuesday: Eph 6:23. Paul prays peace on the Ephesian church. What peace in Christ was already theirs (2:14, 16)? How was that vertical peace to extend horizontally (e.g. 2:14, 4:2-3, 29)? If God were to oxygenate the peace you have in Christ, what would that look like? Praise God for the church -a unique community of (increasing) peace.

Wednesday: Eph 6:23. Skim through Ephesians and note the word “love.” Consider the source of love (1:4-5, 3:17-19). If you prayed for God to oxygenate your love for him, how might he answer? What specific relationship and in what way is God calling you to love more deeply (5:1-2, 25, 4:15)?

Thursday: Eph 6:23. If faith is something you either have or you don’t, how can faith increase? Must faith be rooted in knowledge to grow? If you were to deeply believe Eph 3:17-19, how would that deepen your love for Christ? How would it shape your view of self? How you treat fellow saints? How would deeply believing 3:20 bolster your obedience?

Friday: Eph 6:24. Review grace in Eph 2:5. How can you cherish Jesus’ grace more? Can you remember his mercy more quickly? Can you call to mind an evidence of his unmerited favor for every day this week? According to v 24, what is Paul’s point in praying that God oxygenate these gifts? Will you pray that for you and New Hope? How can you help the church grow in these things?

Saturday: What is your favorite verse in Ephesians? Use it as a foundation for a prayer.