

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

March 2, 2025

Reflections

You get no free pass from the sin of slander when it pertains to an enemy, a heretic, or a politician. Each of these people is made in the image of God and each of them deserves to be spoken of in a way that befits their humanity. Only ever speak of them what is demonstrably and provably true.

~ Tim Challies

But while the work of Christ for us is perfect, and it would be presumption to think of adding to it, the work of the Holy Spirit in us is not finished—it is continually carried on from day to day. We are being “conformed to the image of Christ,” and that process is in operation as we advance towards glory.

~ C.H. Spurgeon

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 8 (responsive)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

⁴ **what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ **O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Praise

Hymn of Praise — This is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Prayer of Adoration

Songs of Praise

Jesus Thank You

The myst'ry of the cross
I cannot comprehend,
the agonies of Calvary
You the perfect holy One
crushed Your Son
Drank the bitter cup
reserved for me

*Your blood has washed
away my sin, Jesus thank You
The Father's wrath
completely satisfied,
Jesus thank You
Once Your enemy now seated at
Your table, Jesus thank You*

By Your perfect sacrifice
I've been brought near
Your enemy You've made
Your friend
Pouring out the riches
of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and your kindness
know no end.

Lover of my soul,
I want to live for you. (3X)

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace
is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more
for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness,
and freedom
My steadfast love,
my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark
but I am not forsaken.
For by my side,
the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need,
His power is displayed

To this I hold,
my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley
He will lead
Oh the night has been won,
and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven.
The future sure,
the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered
for my pardon
And He was raised
to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin
has been defeated.
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath
I long to follow Jesus
For He has said
that He will bring me home
And day by day
I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy
before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete,
still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

Renewal

Confession of Sin — James 3:6-10

⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

Assurance of Pardon — John 6:38

³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.

Offering* — *Deuteronomy 8:18* ¹⁸*You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Song of Response — In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, what strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone!—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day. Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Sermon — Created in God's Image

~ 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 Hymn — The Church's One Foundation

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Benediction

Postlude

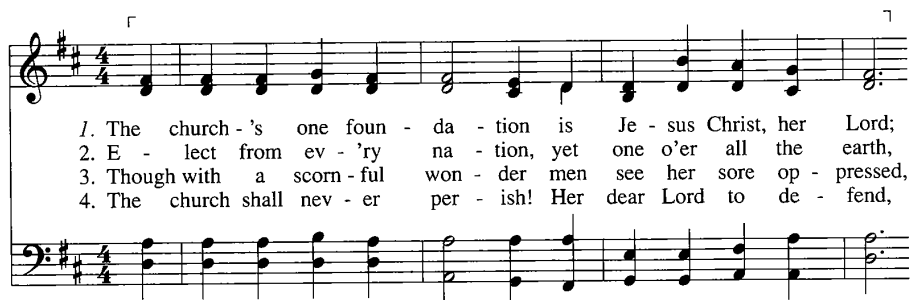
*You are invited to come pray with the prayer team up front
after the worship service.*

Created in God's Image

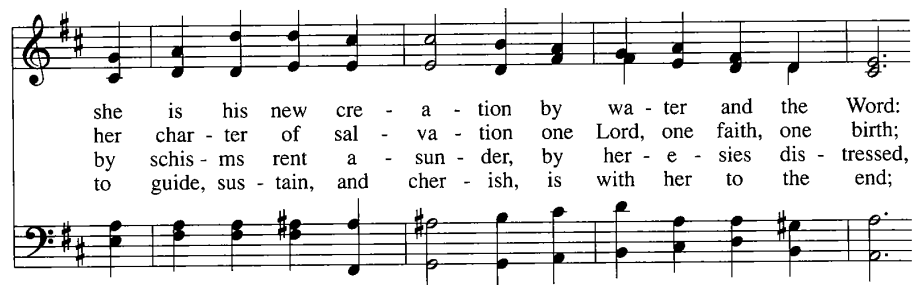
Genesis 1:26-27

1. Man *is* God's Image
2. The Image Defaced
3. The Great Restoration
4. Resplendent Image Bearers

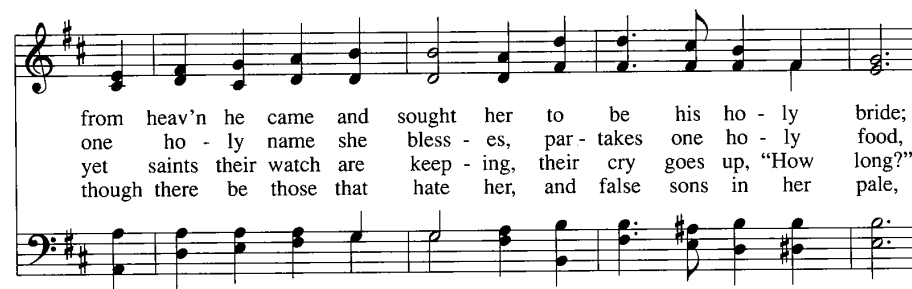
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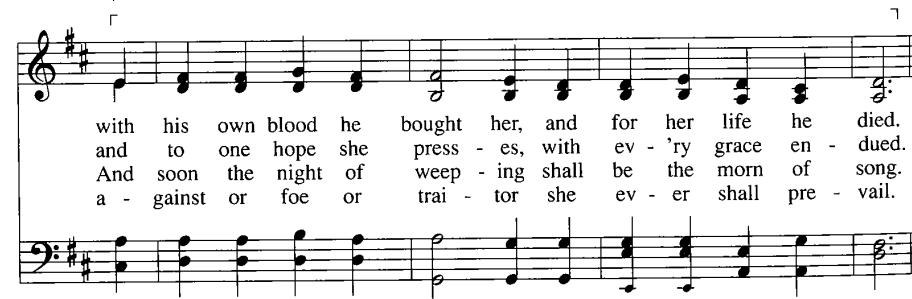
1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;



from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food;
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Rayann McGlamery (early team)
Dan Bull, Matt Layman (late team)
SS Nursery Elizabeth Jones, Mary Troxel

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Brittney Koops, Man & Kemper Kim
Children's Church: Talia Wright, Jack Socash
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: David Ochs
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog
Communion Set-up: Ed & Amy Wright

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Chris Boyles (early team)
Jackie Plowman, Tim Howell (late team)
SS Nursery Jared Neahusan, Connor Freeman

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Lauren Mendez, Joel Poortenga, Jonah Wright
Children's Church: Samantha VanDelden
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Annie Kim
Prayer Team: Kathleen & David Porter

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today **Planted Deep Growth Group**, meeting today following the worship service.

Tuesday **Session Meeting**, 7:00 pm in C8

Wednesday **10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Studies**
→ Study on Colossians-Philemon, meeting in C8, no childcare
→ Study on 1st, 2nd, & 3rd John, meeting at Amy Wright's home, child care is provided, contact Amy Wright (amy.r.dewit@gmail.com).

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 sanctuary building
Youth Game Night, 6:30 pm at the church

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for the session as they meet this week. Pray for wisdom, unity, and clarity as they lead and serve the church. Pray, too, for Monte Festog, Tim Howell, and Mark Rice as they are considered for eldership.
- Pray for Pastor Francis as he faithfully preaches the Word each week. Pray that God would strengthen, convict, and grow everyone who hears the preaching of God's Word so that they will show gospel fruit in their lives.
- Pray for the courage and compassion to view all human life as precious and sacred because all humans are created in the image of God. Pray that the words that we speak about all people will be characterized by love and charity.
- Pray that we will be a church that has a heart for reaching the lost and sharing the good news of the gospel. Pray that we will be characterized by our love for God and for each other.
- Pray for safety and protection for those who serve in our military or police force. Give thanks for them and their service.
- Give thanks that God continues to provide for all of New Hope's needs. Pray that it will be a church that is marked by joyful, faithful, and generous giving.
- 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, depression, 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 faithful, God-honoring preaching in the churches in Frederick. Pray that they will adhere to the inerrancy of the scripture and will seek to glorify God and who He is.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, the OPC foreign missionaries. Pray particularly for those working in Asia, Sam & Soo and Mike & Lili. Pray for the continued church planting labors in Asia and that the Lord would bless evangelistic efforts. Pray, too, for the church leaders and pastors that they would remain safe and able to continue teaching and preaching the gospel.
- Pray for John Clifford and his wife, Rachel, and their family, as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for their spiritual health, for their efforts in language learning, and for work/life/ministry balance.
- Pray for Luke Hake who is a missionary in Central Asia. Give thanks that he was able to find housing with teammates, even if it might be a temporary situation. Pray that he will continue to rest in the Lord's provision for all of his needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ladies' Brunch...Save the Date! New Hope Ladies, on Saturday March 29 at 10:00 am we will be having a ladies' brunch with the theme "Perfect Peace." We will be looking for ladies to sign up to decorate a table as well as sign up to bring some brunch food. Be on the look-out for a sign up sheet next week!

Youth Hang Out and Game Night, Friday March 7, 6:30 to 8:30 come and play games and hangout with your friends in the youth room. Games will be supplied but feel free to bring or organize your own. Bring snacks to share, and a friend or two. Parents are welcome to drop off and pick up or stay and hang out themselves. RSVP appreciated to Monica for planning but not required, feel free to just show up. To RSVP or with questions, Monica Laird 410 963-6522 or monlaird@gmail.com

Elder-Candidates, About a year ago Monte Festog, Tim Howell, and Mark Rice had been nominated for the office of elder. Session approved them to enter elder training, which they have now finished. Session is pleased to tell you that these men have been certified (e.g. examined in character, qualifications, desire) and have now entered a two month period of observation by the congregation. During these couple of months we urge you to get to know them, to consider them for the office of elder, to ask them questions, and to raise any concerns you may have with both them and the elders. After the two months the elders will consider any feedback, and call a congregational meeting to vote on the candidates. We plan to have a congregational forum on March 16th after church to get to know them better. We will have a light lunch (taco bowls & walking tacos like we did recently) and are asking folks to bring cookies for dessert.

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!

GEMS help needed, Do you enjoy administrative work or are you crafty? GEMS, our Wednesday night girls' program needs you! We're looking to fill 2 behind-the-scenes roles: 1. Program leader (schedules teachers and lessons) and 2. Craft leader (plans crafts and purchases supplies). Neither role requires that you be present at the Wednesday night study. Contact Amy Wright (Amy.r.dewit@gmail.com) if you're interested.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Genesis 1:26-27 ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Westminster Shorter Catechism 10: How did God create man? God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Monday: Gen 1:26-27. What is an image (see Isaiah 10:10, 11’s usage)? In what sense is Seth the image and likeness of Adam (Gen 5:1, 3)? “Man as man is the image of God.” What does this say about man’s value, dignity, and honor? How does this provide solid ground to honor and care for the weakest and most broken in the world? How can you take part in that?

Tuesday: Gen 1:26-27. One of the consequences of being an image bearer is rational thought. How do you see this in the contrast between Gen 1:22 and v 20? 2:20? How has the fall disfigured the intellect? How does Jesus begin to restore it (Col 1:15, 3:10)? How are you actively using and developing your mind and intellect?

Wednesday: Gen 1:26-27. Another consequence of being the image of God is that we reflect God in function. How do you see this in v 26, 27, 2:15? In what ways do you image God in terms of what you do? How does this bring greater dignity and value to those things? Consider how the fall, redemption, and glory alter the function-aspect of being the image of God.

Thursday: Gen 1:26-27. Relationship is another outflow of being image bearers. How do you see relationship between God and man, and man and woman in 1:26f, and 3:8-9? How does being recreated in the image of God change our relationships with other image bearers (e.g. Gen 9:6, James 3:9)? Tell yourself as you pass people today, “he/she is an image bearer of God.”

Friday: Gen 1:26-27. What will happen to believer’s image bearing in the future (Rom 8:29-30, 1 Cor 15:49)? Ponder the implications of this Lewis quote: “It is hardly possible for you to think too often or too deeply about that [potential glory] of your neighbor. The load, or weight, or burden of your neighbor’s glory should be laid on your back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken. It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship.”

Saturday: Read Gen 1:28-31. What implications does this text have for stewarding creation?