

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

## WELCOME!

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 blue visitor card if you are visiting and place it in the offering box or give to a greeter

### 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**

October 13, 2024

#### Reflections

"If God is not sovereign, then God is not God." ~R.C. Sproul

"People treat God's sovereignty as a matter of controversy, but in Scripture it is a matter of worship."

~ J.I. Packer

"A consciousness of our powerlessness should cast us upon Him who has all power. Here then is where a vision and view of God's sovereignty helps, for it reveals His sufficiency and shows us our insufficiency."

~ A.W. Pink

# **Approach to God**

### **Welcome** — Steve Hake, elder

#### **Prelude**

## Call to Worship — Psalm 121 (responsive)

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever

#### **Praise**

# Hymn of Praise — I Sing the Mighty Power of God



# **Prayer of Adoration**

## Song of Praise

#### I Will Rejoice in the Lord (Hab.3)

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord.

Renew them in our day, In our time make them known; In wrath remember mercy.

And I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
I will rejoice in the Lord!
Again I say rejoice!
I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will rejoice in the Lord!

Though the fig tree does not bud And there're no grapes on the vines, Though the olive crop fails And the fields produce no food, Though there're no sheep in the pen, And no cattle in the stalls.

Yet I will rejoice...

Lord, in your presence who can stand?
My deeds before you are as filthy rags.
There's nothing I can bring but a heart full of sin.
Yet through the mercy of Your Son
I can enter in.

So I will rejoice...

#### **Psalm 150**

You made the starry hosts,
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky
with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne,
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord Sing His greatness, all creation Praise the Lord Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths From furthest east to west Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust, in love, Your Spirit breathed You formed us in Your very likeness To know Your wondrous works To tell Your mighty deeds To join the everlasting chorus (chorus)

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out All heaven hear the sound of worship Let every nation bring its honors to the King A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord Sing His greatness, all creation Praise the Lord Raise your voice, you heights and all you depths From furthest east to west, you distant burning stars All creatures near and far From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord

#### Renewal-

#### Confession of Sin — Proverbs 3:5-7, Romans 12:16

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

<sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

<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.

### **Assurance of Pardon** — Romans 8:26-30

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**Offering**\* — Proverbs 3:9 <sup>9</sup> Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce...

<sup>\*</sup>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 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!

#### Commitment

## **Congregational Prayer**

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

#### Sermon Text — Jonah 1:7-17

<sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, "Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." <sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

<sup>11</sup>Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. <sup>12</sup>He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you." <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore they called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." <sup>15</sup>So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. <sup>16</sup>Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

**Sermon** — The God of the Impossible

~ Pastor Josue Rodriguez\*

Closing Song — Psalm 46 (page 10)

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

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

\*see biography on page 11

# The God of the Impossible —

Jonah 1:7-17

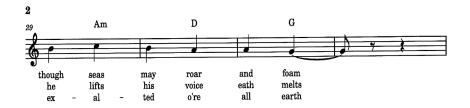
1. The God of the Storm

2. The God of the Mission

3. The God of Salvation

# Closing Hymn — Psalm 46







#### INTRO/INTERLUDE

Keys play octaves, EG pick octave





#### Pastoral Biography of Josue Rodriguez

Josue Rodriguez, a native of Puerto Rico, is a dedicated engineer turned ordained pastor, driven by a genuine passion for serving and proclaiming the awe-inspiring Gospel of Christ in Spanish and English. After over seven years as a bi-vocational pastor, he decided to step away to fully devote himself to his beloved family. Josue finds joy in delving into theology, treasuring moments with friends, and creating lifelong memories with his cherished family. A loving husband of 23 years to Luz Rodriguez and a proud father of Ariana L. and Pablo J., Josue's journey is a testament to his unwavering commitment to faith, family, and the pursuit of spreading the transformative message of the Gospel.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Matthew Layman (early team)

Tim Howell, Jackie Plowman (late team)

SS Nursery: Amy Wright, Ron Socash

<u>10:30 am</u>

Toddler Nursery: Betsy Lalley, Elaina Hake, Audrey Kim

Children's Church: Gingy Socash, Matthew Festog

Sound: Ed Wright

Live Stream: Isaac Wright Nursery On-call: Kelsey Roberts

Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Poortenga

Serving Next Week

<u>9:30 am</u>

Welcome Team: Marc Quist, Colin Brooks (early team)

Mark & Sally Rice (late team)

SS Nursery: Amy Wright, Dan Godoy

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Dawn Myers, Brittney Koops, Jessie VanDelden

Children's Church: Dennis Caruso, Samantha VanDelden

Sound: Lance Duvall Live Stream: John Godoy Nursery On-call: Monica Laird

Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

# 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 Jo-

seph's life

Women's Bible study, 10 am at Amy Wright's home, childcare provided,

studying Exodus.

**Thursday** Ladies' Night Out, at the Derby Restaurant followed by dessert at Ann

Burden's home. See announcement page for details.

Saturday Men's Ministry Discussion Group, 8-10 am in the overflow room

## COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

#### **Our Church Family**

- Give thanks for Pastor Josue Rodriguez who is bringing God's word to us today. Pray that he will powerfully teach the truth, and display the holiness and goodness of God.
- Pray for the people who have been so badly affected by the recent hurricanes and flooding. Pray that those who love the Lord will be instruments of compassion and hope in these difficult times, drawing people to faith in God.
- Praise God that He is who He is and that He can calm the storms, rescue from death, and give grace and salvation. Give thanks that we have such a loving, powerful, perfect God!
- Pray for Darleena Hartman as she continues to recover from her hip surgery. Give thanks that she is at home!
- Pray for Calvin Wright and Talia Poortenga as they prepare for their upcoming wedding. Pray that the Lord would bless their union, that Christ would be at the center of their marriage, and that all the plans underway would work out smoothly.
- 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 for opportunities to share the gospel with people in our sphere of influence and for boldness and wisdom to act when those opportunities arise.

#### **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month, the OPC Short-term Missions and Disaster Response. Pray particularly for the hurricane relief fund that has been set up to help the churches and people within the affected region and that people will give generously to it.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for their church situation and their spiritual nourishment as they seek the Lord's wisdom for how best to proceed. Give thanks that God is providing potential ministry opportunities for them.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he ministers in central Asia and seeks
  the Lord's guidance on his next steps. Pray for him as he works on language learning and building relationships with those around him.
- Pray that God will raise up men to be pastors in Quebec as there is an
  urgent need for men to fill the pulpits and shepherd the people of God in
  this area of Canada. The fields are ready for harvest but the workers are
  few.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- 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.
- Ladies' Night Out, Thursday, October 17th at The Derby Restaurant and Bar (83 Old National Pike, New Market, MD) at 6pm and dessert to follow at Ann Burden's house (4408 Noah Court, Mt Airy) at 8 pm. Please RSVP to LauraBeth Gillette via email <a href="mailto:LauraBeth.panchal@gmail.com">LauraBeth.panchal@gmail.com</a> or text 571-209-8226.
- Ladies' Hike, Saturday, October 26th. Meeting at Karen Ochs' home (908 Chestnut Street, Frederick, 21703) at 10:00 am and hiking to Annapolis Rock. If you are interested in going, please RSVP to Ann Burden at annburd6656@gmail.com

#### **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!

#### Men's and Women's Ministries

We are thankful that we have so many ministries that include everyone in the church but are also grateful for the ministries that are exclusive to men and to women. In these ministries, there can be deeper accountability and sharing that is hard to do in mixed gender settings. We have several options within men's ministry and women's ministry that include learning, sharing, and fellowship. Both of these ministries fall under the

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headship of the Edification Committee. The Edification Committee oversees all the ministries that involve church fellowship and Biblical education (Bible studies, Sunday school, etc.).

Women's Ministry: New Hope has a women's leadership team that consists of Ann Burden, Rosemarie Festog, and Joy Nichols. These ladies help to facilitate most of the activities that are provided for the women in the church. What are some of these activities? Currently on the New Hope calendar is a Women's Prayer Brunch (usually there are 2-3 Saturday brunches that are planned each year), a monthly Ladies' Night Out (a restaurant is picked to go to and then one of the ladies hosts dessert), a Christmas Party, and a fall hike.

Also exclusive to women are some Bible studies. There are 3 women's Bible studies at New Hope. Two meet on Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. One of those Bible studies is hosted by Amy Wright and typically meets at her house with babysitting included. The other one of those Wednesday morning studies meets at the church property in unit C8 and does not include childcare (Jackie Plowman is the contact person). The third women's Bible study meets on Thursday evenings via zoom at 7:00 pm. (Monica Laird is the contact person).

If you are interested in being a part of any of the women's activities or would enjoy organizing an activity, please talk to one of the women on the leadership team.

Men's Ministry: We have a few things that are exclusive to the men of the church and they are well attended and meaningful to those who go. There is a monthly Men's Night Out that is a wing and pizza dinner at Ledo's pizza that is organized by David Porter. There is also a weekly men's discussion group that Monte Festog organizes that meets from 8-10 am every Saturday morning at the church. Also on the church calendar is a Men's Retreat that will take place on a Saturday in November (check the announcement page for details.) If you are interested to helping to promote more men's activities or would like more information about what is available to the men at New Hope, please contact Monte Festog.

# DAILY DEVOTIONS

No Daily Devotions for this Week