

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

October 27, 2024

Reflections

...then I grasped that the righteousness of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise..

~ Martin Luther

If Christ appear in the likeness of an angry judge, or of a lawgiver, that requireth a strict account of our life past, then let us assure ourselves that it is not Christ, but a raging fiend.

~ Martin Luther

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Missions Moment — Outreach Committee

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 28:7-9 (responsive)

⁷ The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

⁸ **The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

⁹ **Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

Prayer of Adoration followed by Lord's Prayer

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.

Praise

Songs of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise,
Come all, and tune
your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows
of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice;
Oh Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come those whose joy
is morning sun,
And those weeping
through the night,
Come, those who tell
of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love
will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.
(chorus)

Come young and old
from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full
or empty hands;
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries
through ev'ry age:
"Our God is all in all." (chorus)

I Want to be Where You Are

How sweet the place
where You dwell, O Lord
My soul longs and faints for You
My heart sings out
a loud song of joy
For I have known the living God

*I want to be where You are, O Lord
I want to be where You are, O Lord
I'd rather have
just one day with You
Than be anywhere else*

There's no good thing
that You will withhold
From those who live to follow You
I'd rather be Your servant, O God
Than have the riches of this world

Those who follow You
Go from strength to strength
Those who trust in You
are filled with joy
Those who trust You
Go from strength to strength
Those who trust in You
are filled with joy

Renewal

The Object of Our Faith (Assurance of Pardon) — Hebrews 11:39-12:3

³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Living by Faith (Confession of Sin) — Hebrews 11:23-29

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

Offering* — *1 Chronicles 16:34* ³⁴ *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**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

Grace Unmeasured

Grace unmeasured, vast and free
That knew me from eternity
That called me out before my birth
To bring You glory on this earth
Grace amazing, pure and deep
That saw me in my misery
That took my curse
and owned my blame
So I could bear
Your righteous name

*Grace paid for my sins
and brought me to life
Grace clothes me with power
To do what is right
Grace will lead me to heaven
Where I'll see Your face
And never cease to thank You
for Your grace*

Grace abounding,
strong and true
That makes me long
to be like You
That turns me from
my selfish pride
To love the cross
on which You died
Grace unending all my days
You'll give me strength
to run this race
And when my years
on earth are through
The praise will all belong to You.
(chorus)

Have Your Way with Me O God

Have Your way with me, O God
In the temple of my heart
Let reverent love and holy awe
Be lifted unto You
The truth my inmost being claim
Til sin and shadows flee away
Teach my feet to love Your ways
And run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord
Sin's pleasures I cannot afford
They left me destitute and poor
Now all I want is Christ
A passion for the gospel burns
To love Your bride, the holy church
Wash me with
Your blood and Word
Til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way
I look to You for strength and faith
I need Your presence
and Your grace
To persevere this hour
Complete in me
what You've begun
Keep me by Your sovereign love
In my weakness, Spirit, come
And fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me
You bled for all who would believe
Let my life become a seed
And give me grace to die
Display through my
surrendered life
Your selfless love and sacrifice
Until Your glory fills the sky
Be praised and glorified

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:16

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For 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. ¹³ Therefore 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ **In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;**

Sermon — Use Your Shield!

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — The Church's One Foundation (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

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

Use Your Shield!

Ephesians 6:16

1. The Soldier's Shield
2. The Devil's Flaming Darts
3. Using the Shield of Faith

Closing Hymn — The Church's One Foundation

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

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Dustin Mixon, Becky Wood (early team)
Gene Wood, Laura Caruso (late team)
SS Nursery: Dennis Caruso, Elisa Godoy

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Dawn Myers, Katie & Micah Poortenga
Children's Church: Michelle Williams, Eliana Hake
Sound: Mark Nichols
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Rayann & Mike McGlamary (early team)
Matthew Layman, Dan Bull (late team)
SS Nursery: Laura VanDelden, Monica Laird

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Cynthia Wintermyer, Rosemarie Festog, Lizzie Ochs
Children's Church: Talia Wright, Jessie VanDelden
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call: Mary Troxel
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today **Reformation Day Service**, 6 pm at Bethel OPC in Leesburg

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.

Thursday **Helping Trip to North Carolina leaves**

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

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for the group of folks who are leaving this week to go help those who have been ravaged by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina. Pray for their safety as they travel and work in difficult circumstances. Pray that they will have opportunity to share the gospel with those around them. Give thanks for their willing, servant hearts!
- Pray that we will be a people who seek to align our lives with how Christ lived His life while we trust in God's promises. Pray that we will hold tight to and value fully those promises, confident in His goodness and perfection.
- Pray for our country in light of the upcoming election. Pray for peace, for love for one another, and for truth.
- 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 and for their work with Short-term missions. Pray that the many short term missions available for this coming year will be well staffed and well funded. Praise God for the many opportunities to share the gospel all over the world.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Give thanks for their joyful commitment to their work and the people of Rwanda. Pray for John as he looks ahead to the summer internships and pray for Rachel as she loves and serves her family while working to develop relationships with those around her.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he ministers in Central Asia. Give thanks that all is well with his Visa! Pray, too, that he would have wisdom and would be able to balance his time wisely while finding refreshment in the Word each day.
- Pray for Kristen and Thanos who are serving the Lord in Greece. Give thanks for their new partnership with Kypseli Church as they have joined the church staff team and will have local oversight, accountability and support. Pray that they will be able to build good relationships and discern well which outreach opportunities to commit their time to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby with more details included. See Monte Festog (festogm@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

Operation Christmas Child is an annual shoebox collection ministry where shoeboxes filled with school supplies, games, toys, and other useful items for children are collected and distributed each year by Samaritan's Purse. The ministry is used to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to children and their families throughout the world. It has reached millions of families for over 20 years. Your donation of a shoebox filled with items for a boy or girl in age groups 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 will provide a gift to someone who otherwise would have nothing. Moreover, it provides an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. **Collection week is 18-25 November so please have shoebox donations at New Hope by 24 November. Contact Colin Brooks for more information: colin.brooks2@gmail.com**

General Fund giving through 9/30/2024

Budget: \$103,940.68

Actual: \$102,461.13

Variance (deficit): -\$1,479.55

Ministry Highlights

We are highlighting one or two ministries in the bulletin each week 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!

Sunday School

The session of New Hope believes that Sunday school is an important part of the life of the church and is a way to help the congregation grow in faith and understanding of the scriptures. New Hope provides Sunday school for all ages beginning in Preschool (age 3). Sunday school is divided into trimesters following the resting month schedule. During the resting months of April, August and December there is no Sunday school. The elementary Sunday school (PS-MS) uses Great Commissions Publications for their curriculum is. If a child attends Sunday school regularly, they will receive teaching of the whole Bible at least 2 times. High School classes are aimed to prepare students for faith and life after high school. Adult classes alternate between study of Bible books, practical classes, theology, etc.

Kim Jernigan oversees the elementary Sunday school program and the edification committee oversees the High school and adult classes. Teachers for all ages are always needed but you must be a member to be a teacher (helpers need not be members). Please talk to Kim Jernigan if you are interested in teaching PS-MS or Pastor Francis/elder Dave Myers if you are interested in teaching high school or adult classes.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Ephesians 6:13-15 ¹³ Therefore 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. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

Westminster Confession 14.3 (of Saving Faith) This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed, and weakened, but gets the victory: growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance, through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith.

Monday: Eph 6:16. Why is the devil called “the evil one”? What does that say about his designs? What kinds of fiery arrows does the devil shoot at Christians (e.g. thoughts, desires, temptations, attacks, etc.)? Why (e.g. Luke 22:32)? Can you name a few specific fiery arrows Satan regularly shoots at you? Pray for strength to resist.

Tuesday: Eph 6:16. How did the following aspects of the shield help in battle: huge size, thick iron rim at top, big knob on front, water-soaked skin cover? How would you feel it? Read Gen 15:1, 2 Sam 22:3, 31, 36. Who is your shield? Imagine you carried this shield all day today -and every arrow of the devil bounced off it. How would that change your day?

Wednesday: Eph 6:16. The shield of faith is us exercising our trust in God, putting what we know to be true to work. How has Paul prayed for this in Eph 1:19, 3:16-17, 20-21? Consider how Shadrach, David, Esther, and the church rested in God’s power and what it resulted in (Dan 3:17f, 1 Sam 17:45, Est 4:16, Acts 4:29-31). Where will you exercise your trust in God’s power?

Thursday: Eph 6:16. We are to exercise a lively trust in God’s promises. What are some of those promises (e.g. Mt 7:11, 1 Cor 10:13, Phil 1:6, 4:19, 2 Cor 4:17)? Do you have an especially meaningful promise? How does God’s promise of steadfast love help David in times of despair and doubt (Ps 42:5, 7, 8-11)? Live “on” a certain promise today. Pray it a lot.

Friday: Eph 6:16. What are some false shields you sometimes use? How helpful are they in sickness, disappointment, loss? Your faith is only as reliable and helpful as the trustworthiness of its object. Who is the object of our faith? Where is he now (Heb 12:2, Rom 8:34)? How is He sufficient to help us resist “all” the flaming darts of the evil one? Let’s trust in him! Let’s ask him for help!

Saturday: Read Eph 6:17. How do you think the helmet of salvation helps you stand against the devil’s schemes?