

WELCOME!



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

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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 6, 2024

Reflections

"...a man will be justified by faith when, excluded from righteousness of works, he by faith lays hold of the righteousness of Christ, and clothed in it appears in the sight of God not as a sinner, but as righteous."

~ John Calvin

There is another righteousness which Paul calls the "righteousness of faith" – Christian righteousness. God imputes it to us apart from our works; it is passive righteousness, as the others are active. For we do nothing for it, and give nothing for it. We only receive it. ... Human beings by nature will examine their own righteousness. We defend ourselves before all threats by recounting our good deeds and moral efforts. The troubled conscience has no cure for its desperation and feelings of unworthiness unless it takes hold of the forgiveness of sins by grace, offered free of charge in Jesus Christ.

~ Martin Luther

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Isaiah 59:14-17 (responsive)

¹⁴ Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away;
for truth has stumbled in the public squares,
and uprightness cannot enter.

¹⁵ **Truth is lacking,
and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.
The LORD saw it, and it displeased him
that there was no justice.**

¹⁶ He saw that there was no man,
and wondered that there was no one to intercede;
then his own arm brought him salvation,
and his righteousness upheld him.

¹⁷ **He put on righteousness as a breastplate,
and a helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.**

Praise

Hymn of Praise — Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood,
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation
Threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood,
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood,
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us,
Now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood;
You are worthy, Lamb of God."

Prayer of Adoration

Song 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)

Renewal

Confession of Sin — Philippians 3:4-8

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Assurance of Pardon — Philippians 3:8-11

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Offering* — *Hebrews 11:24-26* ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

**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

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest
whose name is Love
Whoever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heaven
He stands
No tongue can bid me
thence depart
No tongue can bid me
thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

Blessed Assurance

Come, Holy Spirit, my soul assure
Relieve my fears that I no more
May doubt the love of Christ for me
That my debt is paid,
that I've been made free
O Comforter, in me reside
When the tempter speaks
be my faithful Guide
Show Your promise is
for me secured
For the battle be
my heavenly sword

*Blessed assurance;
Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste
of glory divine!
Heir of salvation,
purchase of God
Born of His Spirit,
washed in His blood*

Illumine me with the Savior's light
To dispel my thoughts
in the blackest night
In darkest hour to my soul reveal
The wounds which all
my sorrows heal
Impress that seal, His image leave
And by Your pow'r
to His grace I'll cleave
Until faith be sight
and prayer be praise
When beholding Jesus
face to face (chorus)

BRIDGE

This my story, this my song
Born of Spirit, washed in Blood
This my story, this my song
In my Savior I belong

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:10-14

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...

Sermon — The Breastplate of Righteousness

~ 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 — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

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

Closing Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found; dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Edward Mote, 1834

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Rayann/Mike McGlamary (early team)
Chris Boyles, 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, Rayann McGlamary
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Mary Troxel
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers
Communion Set-up: Claire Hall

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Matthew Layman (early team)
Tim Howell, Jackie Plowman (late team)
SS Nursery: Amy Wright, Ron Socash

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Betsy Lalley, Elaina Hake, Audrey Kim
Children's Church: Giny Socash, Matthew Festog
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Kelsey Roberts
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Poortenga

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Tuesday** **Men's Wing/Pizza Night**, 6:15 pm, see announcement page for details
- 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
- Dinner & Bible Study**, 6-7:30 at the church, includes dinner and nursery and bible study for all ages
 → **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 overflow room
 Women's Prayer Brunch, 10:00 am at New Hope Church

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis as he is away on study leave next week. Pray that the study is invigorating and the time refreshing. Pray, too, for his family during his absence.
- Pray for the people who have been so badly affected by last week's hurricane and subsequent flooding. Pray particularly for those grieving lost loved ones and those who have lost all of their worldly possessions.
- Pray for the Wednesday Bible studies this week. Give thanks for all who attend and pray that faith will grow during these time of study of God's Word. Give thanks for all who teach and lead and longingly care for the people at New Hope.
- Pray for Calvin Wright and Talia Poortenga as they prepare for their upcoming wedding. Pray that the Lord would bless their union and that all the plans underway would work out smoothly.
- Pray for fruit to come out of this weekend's youth retreat for all who attended. Give thanks for Monica Laird for her organizational skills and for those who help chaperone (Ann Burden, Hannah Foster, and Jared Neahusan).
- 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 our mission of the month, the OPC Short-term Missions and Disaster Response who's mission is to help churches and mission fields find individuals and teams to assist them with short-term ministry projects, to help mobilize the church to respond to disasters, and to encourage the church to grow in service. Pray for David Nakhla, the administrator of this team, as he leads and serves the denomination in this way and makes plans to help people after the recent hurricane.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray particularly for them as Kigali is experiencing a rare, but deadly virus at the moment. Pray for wisdom in knowing how best to navigate life in the midst of uncertainty and not giving way to anxiety and fear.
- 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 for Benny Boyed as he is currently in Nepal and trying hard to leave the country in the midst of terrible flooding.

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.

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.

Pastor Francis away, Pastor Francis will be away next week on study leave. He will be with a couple of men who are accountability partners with him. They will be doing sermon analysis, a book study, and accountability. Please pray for him and his family during this time away. If you have a pastoral concern, please contact your shepherding elder.

Men's Night Out, This Tuesday, October 8, is men's night out for the men of New Hope. Please join us for dinner and a time of fellowship beginning around 6:15 PM at Ledo Pizza in the Weis Festival shopping center at 490 Prospect Blvd in Frederick.

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!

Welcome Team Ministry: The Welcome Team ministry consists of about 20 ushers and greeters who have been tasked to welcome members and visitors, to be available to answer any and all possible questions pertaining to church and/or Sunday morning activities, and generally make people feel welcome. Ushers make coffee every Sunday morning prior to Sunday school beginning, they help take up the offering, they help seat people as needed, and they are the first line of security for the church. The greeters man both sets of doors and greet each person who enters, giving out bulletins, with an eye out for any visitors that may need help or to be greeted.

The welcome team also invites folks new to the church to fill out visitor information cards so that they can be contacted either by one of the welcome team leaders or the pastor. The hope is to create a welcoming and inviting place at New Hope for all who attend. If you are interested in being a part of the welcome team, please contact Monte Festog.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Ephesians 6:13 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.

Heidelberg Catechism 60. How are you righteous before God? Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ; so that, though my conscience accuse me, that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God, and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all evil; notwithstanding, God, without any merit of mine, but only of mere grace, grants and imputes to me, the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ; even so, as if I never had had, nor committed any sin: yea, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me; inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a believing heart.

Monday: Read Eph 6:14 about the breastplate and Isaiah 59:1-4, 14, 15, 20. What's wrong with God's people in Isaiah? What does God do about it? How does Isaiah inform our understanding of Ephesians 6:14? Why is God's action essential for salvation, and why is this such good news?

Tuesday: Eph 6:14. How does Rom 3:21-24 explain what the breastplate of righteousness is? To whom is our sin imputed (reckoned, counted)? What does Christ impute to us (Phil 3:9)? This is called double imputation. How complete is Christ's payment? How full is the righteousness he gives you? Reflect on the catechism above.

Wednesday: Eph 6:14. Think about times Satan, others, and yourself have made you feel guilty. How do you often respond, even if you really are guilty (e.g. argue, blame, excuse, how can you even be a Christian)? How does having Jesus' complete and perfect forgiveness change this (Rom 8:1, Gal 5:1)? How does it change your response to sin?

Thursday: Eph 6:14. Do you ever compare yourself to others? Why? How does that make you feel? Satan (others, self) often highlights our unworthiness and shame, and we easily counter with comparison (or despair). How does the breastplate of righteousness help us fight this (see Phil 3:7-9, Zech 3:4-5)?

Friday: Eph 6:14. How does the breastplate of righteousness help you when you feel filthy? What is God's perspective? Since the believer wears Christ's perfect record, and his/her sinful record is fully paid, how are we respond (Rom 6:17-18, Phil 3:10a, Rom 12:1)?

Saturday: Read Jonah chapter 1. Where do you see God's sovereign hand?