

WELCOME!



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

# Morning Worship

November 10, 2024

## Reflections

*The only way to overcome Satan is by keeping to the word of God in its entirety.*

~ John Calvin

*“But as God would have it, while Appolyon was fetching his last blow, thereby to make a full end of this good man, Christian nimbly stretched forth his hand for his sword, and caught it saying, ‘Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall I shall arise’, and with that gave him a deadly thrust, which made him give back, as one that had received a mortal wound. Christian, perceiving that, made at him again, saying, ‘Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.’ And with that Appolyon spread forth his dragon wings, and sped him away.”*

~ John Bunyan from Pilgrim’s Progress

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## Approach to God

**Welcome** — Pastor Francis VanDelden

## Prelude

### Call to Worship — Psalm 19:7-14 (responsive)

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

<sup>8</sup> **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;**

**the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

<sup>9</sup> **the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;**

**the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey

and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> **Moreover, by them is your servant warned;**

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup> **Who can discern his errors?**

**Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me!

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**

**be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

# Praise

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## Songs 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)

### Join All the Glorious Names

Join all the glorious names  
Of wisdom love and pow'r  
That mortals ever knew,  
that angels ever bore,  
All are too poor to speak your vast  
And priceless worth,  
Too poor to set my Savior forth.

*Jesus, your name is glorious,  
Our Prophet, Priest, and King.  
Jesus, you're reigning over us  
And forevermore  
your praises we will sing.*

Great Prophet of my God,  
My tongue would bless your name,  
Through You the joyful news  
Of our salvation came.  
The long-awaited news  
of ev'ry sin forgiv'n  
Of hell subdued  
and peace with Heav'n. (chorus)

Jesus my Great High Priest,  
You shed your blood and died,  
My guilty conscience seeks  
No sacrifice beside.  
Your pure and precious blood  
For all my sin atoned  
And now it pleads  
before the throne. (chorus)

## Prayer of Adoration

# Renewal

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## Confession of Sin — Hebrews 4:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 4:14-16

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Offering\*** — *Ecclesiastes 5:10* <sup>10</sup> *He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity.*

*\*You can give on-line at the New Hope website: [www.newhopeopc.org](http://www.newhopeopc.org) and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

## Response in Song

### King of Grace

We have come to a throne of grace  
Where our mighty Savior perfects our praise  
Where wrath and judgment have been put away  
Where not a trace of all our sin remains

*You're the King of grace unending,  
to Your open arms we run  
You're the King of Grace unending  
And we rest in Your unfailing love,  
And we rest in Your unfailing love*

We have come to a throne of grace,  
Where our Prince of Peace ever lives to pray  
For those his sacrifice has bought and saved  
Where saints and angels sing eternal praise (chorus)

## **Show Us Christ**

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit,  
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth

## **CHORUS**

*Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory, through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses, Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave Riches for the needy soul, come speak to us today

## **BRIDGE**

Where else can we go, Lord, where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life

## **Commitment** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Congregational Prayer**

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

### **Sermon Text — Ephesians 6:17**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, **and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...**

### **Sermon — The Spirit's Powerful Sword**

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

# **The Spirit's Powerful Sword**

Ephesians 6:17

1. The Spirit's Powerful Sword

2. Use Your Sword Defensively

3. Use Your Sword Offensively

# Closing Song — A Mighty Fortress

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
do us, we will not fear, for the God hath willed his  
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - veil - ing. For still our an - cient foe  
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;  
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

## Benediction

## Postlude

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

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING

## Serving Next Week

### 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Chris Boyles (early team)  
Tim Howell, Jackie Plowman (late team)  
SS Nursery: Kim Hanlin, Gingy Socash

### 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Cath Howard, Joel & Lorena Poortenga  
Children's Church: Karen Ochs, Jacob Mendez  
Sound: Ed Wright  
Live Stream: Isaac Wright  
Nursery On-call: Laura VanDelden  
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

## Serving Next Week

### 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Marc Quist, Colin Brooks (early team)  
Mark & Sally Rice (late team)  
SS Nursery: Jordan Roberts, Joel Poortenga

### 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Elisa Godoy, Jared Neahusan, Jonah Wright  
Children's Church: Dennis Caruso, Meg Quist  
Sound: Lance Duvall  
Live Stream: John Godoy  
Nursery On-call: Amy Wright  
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Tuesday**      **Edification Meeting**, 7:00 pm in C8
- 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.
- Saturday**      **Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, 8:00-10:00 am  
                         **Game Night**, 6:00 pm at the church, see announcement page for details.
- Sunday**      **Dessert & Report from Asheville Group**, 6:30 pm at the church. Bring a dessert to share!



# COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

## **Our Church Family**

- Pray for the edification committee that is meeting this week. Pray that as they lead the church in Christian Education and all fellowship-related activities, they would be wise, thoughtful, and committed to deepening understand and knowledge of scripture for all ages at New Hope. Give thanks for Amy Wright and her leadership on this committee.
- Pray for the provision of a new Children's Care Coordinator at New Hope. Pray that the Lord will lead the right person to the job soon.
- Give thanks that the group that went to Asheville had such a positive and blessed trip. Praise God for keeping them safe, for providing opportunities for them to serve and help, and for the generosity of God's people as they gave needed items and funds.
- Give thanks for the Word of God that is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. Pray that God will give us wisdom and understanding so that we will know the hope of His calling.
- Continue to pray for our country after the election. Pray that those who are struggling with this will be comforted knowing that God is still sovereign and still good. Pray that those excited by the outcomes will remember that our true hope can only be found in Jesus and His promises.
- 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 the outreach committee as they seek to provide opportunities for folks to share the gospel with others.

## **Missionaries & Others**

- Pray for our mission of the month, Worldwide Outreach. Pray particularly for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension which serves congregations and presbyteries of the OPC and is committed to evangelism and church planting. Pray that the Lord would grow the OPC to be fruitful in reaching the unconverted as well as establishing healthy, vibrant churches.
- Pray for John and Rachel Clifford and their family as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for wisdom and discernment as they grapple with the often untenable restrictions the Rwandan government has put on the churches and the repercussions of this. Give thanks that the deadly virus that was spreading has been contained.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake as he ministers in Central Asia. Pray that he would have wisdom and would be able to balance his time wisely while finding refreshment in the Word each day.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. 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](mailto:colin.brooks2@gmail.com)**

**Thank offering**, every year the OPC has a Thank Offering that funds Worldwide Outreach. For the next few weeks you will see flyers available near the bulletin box that will give you more information as well as a contribution envelope. A collection for the Thank Offering will take place on November 17 & 24. If you want to give to the Thank Offering via check, please write the check out to New Hope Church and include "thank offering" in the memo line. If giving cash, please put it in an envelope and write "thank offering" on the envelope.

**Mailboxes**, several new mailboxes have been added for those who are regularly attending New Hope Church. Please check to see where yours is! If you don't have one and would like one, please email Gingy in the office at [admin@newhopeopc.org](mailto:admin@newhopeopc.org)

**Men's Night Out**, This Tuesday, November 12, will be men's night for the men of the church. Please join us for dinner and a time of friendship and conversation beginning around 6:15 PM at Ledo Pizza in the Weis Festival shopping center at 490 Prospect Blvd in Frederick. And bring a friend...

**Ladies' Christmas Party**, save the date! Saturday, December 14th at Gingy Socash's home at 7:00 pm. Stay tuned for details!

**Game Night**, Are you "board"? Are you "game" for some fun? If so then come to New Hope's Game Night! Saturday 11/16/24 6 -9 pm. Family friendly games and drinks provided. Feel free to bring your favorite game, a snack to share, and your friends and neighbors. Any questions, contact Monica Laird 410 963-6522 or [monlaird@gmail.com](mailto:monlaird@gmail.com)

**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!

**Dessert and NC Trip Report**, come out on November 17th at 6:30 pm for a report and slideshow from the team that went to Asheville to assist in the clean-up after hurricane Helene. Bring a dessert to share!

**Paid Position Available: Part-Time Children's Care Coordinator at New Hope OPC**

Join our church staff as the Children's Care Coordinator, where you'll play a vital role in shaping a nurturing environment for New Hope's kids! You'll recruit, train, and support nursery team leaders and volunteers while creating a safe and engaging space for children. You'll significantly assist in volunteer scheduling and oversee the continued implementation of our Child Pro-

tection Policy, ensuring all volunteers working with New Hope's children and youth ministries are adhering to policy standards. If you're a New Hope member who is passionate about children's ministry and thrives on leadership, collaboration, and organization, we want to hear from you! To apply, submit an informal resume along with a short note detailing why you are interested in this role to Elease Layman at [elease.layman@gmail.com](mailto:elease.layman@gmail.com).

*Job type:* Part-time, salaried (including paid training)

*Pay range:* \$2,400 to \$4,800 annualized salary, commensurate with experience

*Approx. time commitment:* 1 to 4 hours weekly, with variability

*Application deadline:* November 15, 2024

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### **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 you might want to serve in any of them! This week we are going to highlight and give a broad overview of the five main committees of the church.

**Sound Team,** As a team, they strive to provide New Hope with a sound quality that is not distracting from worship, but as an enhancement to sharing God's message. They make sure that the musicians and instruments are well blended and not too loud or soft by having a thorough understanding of the sound board. They provide hearing assistance for those who need it. They make sure anyone speaking has microphones and they maintain all the sound equipment. They record the sermon so that it can be listened to on the website. And lastly, any Sunday School class that is taught in the Sanctuary is also audio recorded and stored on the website. If you have interest in being on the sound team, please talk to Lance Duvall or Ed Wright.

**Live Stream,** for the past several years, we have livestreamed the worship service each week and any special services that should be broadcast (funerals, weddings, Christmas Eve., etc.). There is a team of live stream techs who operate this ministry and make sure that the cameras are positioned well, that all parts of the service are captured, and that it sounds well for those watching at home. If you are interested in being on the live stream team, please contact Lance Duvall.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Memory Text** — Ephesians 6:16-17 <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

**Westminster Confession 1.5 Of the Holy Scripture:** [There are many] arguments whereby [the Bible] does abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

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**Monday:** Eph 6:11-12, 17. Consider moments of darkness through history: Gen 6:5, 1 Kings 19:9, Rev 12:17. Where do you see the dark lord's power and influence in the world, our country, our city, your relationships, and your life? Cry out about these things to the one who is greater than he who is in the world (John 16:33, 1 Jn 4:4).

**Tuesday:** Eph 6:17b. Among the armor, what is unique about the sword? What does the sword represent? Why is the sword "of the Spirit" (2 Tim 3:16, 2 Pet 1:19)? Why else (Eph 1:18)? If the Spirit both supplies and empowers the Word, how reliable and dependable is it? How can you better live in full confidence of this truth?

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:17b. God intends the sword of the Spirit to be used for defense. How do you see Jesus do this in Mt 4:1-4? Where are you commonly attacked? Have you found Scripture to counter this attack? What is the sin (love, motivation, idol) under that sin? What Scriptures can you use to defend against the root sin?

**Thursday:** Eph 6:17b. How are Christians to use the sword offensively? Look over Acts 2:37-41. How do you see the Spirit empower the Bible's truth here? What effect does it have? Who can you pray for that the Spirit enlivens by the Word? Are you seeking to share the gospel with someone for their good, and God's glory? Remember, the Spirit uses the Word, and it is Him doing the work. We need to be faithful.

**Friday:** Eph 6:10-17. What has been most helpful to you from the armor of God? What has God provided for you? What is your responsibility with each item? God would have you resist the devil, stand firm in faith, and overcome (see Rev 2:7, 11, 21:7). Press on! Fight hard! Keep looking to Jesus in faith.

**Saturday:** Read Titus 2:11-13. What does grace do here? Pray for tomorrow's service.