

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

February 9, 2025

Reflections

The power of God manifests itself and works in us through the written Word and through the Holy Spirit. He works in my personality, affects my will, and creates desires and longings within me.

Suddenly I am aware of a desire to read the Word, or a desire to pray to God. It is the result of the working of God the Holy Spirit generating a prayer, or stimulating me to some other activity. He is constantly stimulating my will and giving me power to act.

As Isaac Watts reminds us, 'His power subdues our sins'. He is working in us constantly; His Spirit 'breathes upon the Word' and enlightens our understanding, which in turn moves our hearts and stimulates our wills.

~ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Deuteronomy 32:2-4, 10-13
(responsive)

² May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew,
like gentle rain upon the tender grass,
and like showers upon the herb.

³ **For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
ascribe greatness to our God!**

⁴ **“The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice.**

A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.

¹⁰ **He found him in a desert land,
and in the howling waste of the wilderness;
he encircled him, he cared for him,
he kept him as the apple of his eye.**

¹¹ Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young,
spreading out its wings, catching them,
bearing them on its pinions,

¹² **the LORD alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.**

¹³ **He made him ride on the high places of the land,
and he ate the produce of the field,
and he suckled him with honey out of the rock,
and oil out of the flinty rock.**

Praise

Songs of Praise

Lord Most High

From the ends of the earth (*echo*)
From the depths of the sea (*echo*)
From the heights of the heavens (*echo*)
Your name be praised.
From the hearts of the weak (*echo*)
From the shouts of the strong (*echo*)
From the lips of all people (*echo*)
This song we raise Lord...

Throughout the endless ages,
You will be crowned with praises, Lord most high...
Exalted in every nation, Sovereign of all creation,
Lord most high, we magnify.

Prayer of Adoration

Because We Believe

We believe in God the Father (*echo*)
We believe in Christ the Son. (*echo*)
We believe in the Holy Spirit. (*echo*)
We are the Church and we stand as one. (*echo*)

Holy, holy, holy is our God.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King.
All glory and honor are His to receive;
To Jesus we sing, because we believe.

We believe in the Holy Bible. (*echo*)
We believe in the virgin birth. (*echo*)
We believe in the resurrection, (*echo*)
That Christ one day, will return to earth. (*echo*)

We believe in the blood of Jesus. (*echo*)
We believe in eternal life. (*echo*)
We believe in the blood
that frees us. (*echo*)
To become the Bride of Christ. (*echo*)

Sing

Did you draw a breath as the dawn awoke
And does your heart still beat?
Is the mighty Word of the living God upholding you?
Then sing, O sing

Has the Father's love filled your longing heart
With grace for every need?
Come and lay your burdens at Jesus' feet
And find new strength to sing, O sing

*Morning and evening! Everything breathing must sing, O sing!
All of creation rise up and praise the King of kings and sing!*

Has the Son of God died to take away your sin and set you free?
Has the Conqueror trampled over death?
Is Christ enthroned? Then sing, O sing! (chorus)

On the final day when the Lord on High returns in majesty
We will bow in wonder before the Lamb
And evermore the saints will sing! Yes, evermore the saints will sing!
(chorus)

Renewal

Assurance of Pardon — 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin — Responsive Reading of the Law (as a rule of Gratitude)

Leader: Hear, O people of God, the law which the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

***People:* Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.**

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Leader: The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

***People:* We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.**

Leader: You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

***People:* Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

***People:* We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.**

Leader: You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

***People:* This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The first part of the law is this great commandment:

***People:* That we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.**

Leader: The second part of the Law calls us to love our neighbor. You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

***People:* As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.**

Leader: You shall not murder.

***People:* We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.**

Leader: You shall not commit adultery.

***People:* We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

Leader: You shall not steal.

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People: We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

Leader: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

People: We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

Leader: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

Leader: Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

People: For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!

Offering* — *Ecclesiastes 5:10* ¹⁰He 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 and click on the green "give" button in the corner.*

Response in Song

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said,...

Sermon — The Spirit Gives Life

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — Spirit of the Living God (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

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

The Spirit Gives Life

Genesis 1:1-3

1. Without Form and Void
2. The Spirit and Word Give Life
3. Do you Have Light and Life?

Closing Hymn — Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,

The second system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The third system of the hymn consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the top staff.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Brian Burden, Chris Boyles (early team)
Jackie Plowman, Tim Howell (late team)
SS Nursery Mary Troxel, Lauren Mendez

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Elaina Hake, Talia Wright, Levi VanDelden
Children's Church: Giny Socash, Samantha VanDelden
Sound: Mark Nichols
Live Stream: John Godoy
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley
Prayer Team: David & Kathleen Porter

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Marc Quist (early team)
Mark & Sally Rice (late team)
SS Nursery Amy Wright, Ronnie Socash

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Megan Quist, Rachel Neahusan, Jonah Wright
Children's Church: Dennis Caruso, Emma VanDelden
Sound: Ed Wright
Live Stream: Isaac Wright
Nursery On-call: Annie Kim
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Tuesday

Men's Wing & Pizza Night, 6:15 pm at Ledo's Pizza

Wednesday

10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Studies

- "Living in Light of Inextinguishable Hope, The Gospel according to Joseph," 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).

Saturday

Men's Ministry Discussion Group, 8-10 am in the sanctuary building

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray that the Spirit of the Living God would fall fresh upon us so that we can be conformed into people that can be used to help further the Kingdom of God and give praise and honor to Him.
- Give thanks for the men's ministry that is thriving at New Hope. Pray that God would continue to bless the work that is being done and help grow the men at New Hope into strong, compassionate leaders for the Lord.
- Pray for those who struggle with worry or anxiety. Pray that the God would enable them to cast all their anxiety on Him, the one who loves and cares perfectly.
- Continue to pray for our Sunday school program and the teachers that give so much of their time to this endeavor. Pray that through Sunday school many will have a great understanding of the scriptures and will be solidly grounded in their faith.
- Pray that the Lord would provide more folks to serve on the Outreach Committee. Pray that New Hope would be moved to sharing the gospel with those who don't know Him.
- 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, 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.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionary of the month, Heero Hacquebord, who is serving the Lord with his family in Ukraine. Praise God for the growth of the L'viv church and the ten people in the new members class. Pray that the Lord would continue to grow the church in Ukraine so that the gospel can be heard by those in desperate need of hope and a saving faith.
- Pray for John Clifford and his wife, Rachel, and their family, as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Praise & prayer for John as he has begun seminary style classes with a group of men where 25 attended the onboarding ceremony, and first teaching sessions, which was a very good turnout. Pray for John as he prepares to teach and for the attendees to be blessed and able to come consistently.
- Pray for Luke Hake who is a missionary in Central Asia. Pray that the Lord would help him find the housing he needs and that Luke would rest secure on God's goodness and provision in all areas of his ministry. Give thanks that the southern part of the region has been approved as a viable un-reached group so that they can begin to build a team to work there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPC Winterlight Youth Retreat, All young people grades 8th-12th are invited to attend Winterlight Youth Retreat on February 21-22, 2025 at Covenant OPC in Sinking Spring, PA. This retreat will be a wonderful time of fellowship with other youth, along with excellent teaching from Rev. Filipe Schulz. Register online at philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight for \$20.

Men's Night Out, This Tuesday, February 11, will be 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.

Boardwalk Chapel Mission Trip, Calling all youth grades 8th - 12th interested in going on our Boardwalk Chapel Mission Trip. The dates for the trip are July 5-12. Please stay after church on Feb 16 for a brief information meeting. Questions contact Ann Burden at annburd6656@gmail.com or text at 240-446-6656

Ladies' Brunch...Save the Date! New Hope Ladies : save the date for a Ladies Brunch on Saturday March 29 at 10:00 am. Details to come.

Nominations for Elder & Deacon, nominations for elder and deacon are always open! On the welcome center there are nominating forms that include a list of qualification questions to help you discern if someone might be qualified to be an elder or deacon. If there is someone you would like to nominate for elder or deacon, please talk to them first and see if they are willing to undergo training. Then, fill out the nominating form and give it to one of the elders.

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!

Growth Groups meet throughout the area. They include worship, Bible study, fellowship, prayer and mission. They offer fellowship, encouragement, support, and accountability. Growth Groups are the backbone of our fellowship and the congregation is encouraged to be a part of one! Below you will see the list of growth groups, their general dynamics, and when they meet. Several are likely meeting today! If you are interested in trying out one of these growth groups, contact the growth group leader to make sure they ARE meeting!

- ◇ *Planted Deep (previously known as the Senior Growth Group), meets the 1st Sunday of the month in the overflow room after church. Mostly older congregants. Contact Jackie Plowman*

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- (301.834.6489).
- ◇ *Pilgrims' Table, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays in the overflow room after church. Mostly couples & singles in their 50s & older. Contact Dave Myers (304.820.2814)*
 - ◇ *Fruitful & Multiplying, meets the 2nd & 4th Sundays after church in various homes around 1:00 pm to share a meal and study. Mostly couples with children. Contact Joel Poortenga (828.489.6624) or Steve Ochs (240.422.4130)*
 - ◇ *East Frederick Growth Group, meets 2nd and 4th Friday evenings to share a meal, fellowship, study & prayer. Adult group. Alternating hosts. Contact Dennis Caruso (240.285.0019).*
 - ◇ *Ballenger Bereans Growth Group, meeting the 2nd Sunday from 6-7:30 & the 4th Sunday at 5:30 for a potluck meal. Mixed ages, couples, singles, & children. For more information contact Kelsey Roberts (301.233.4816)*
 - ◇ *Shepherd's Watch, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Festog home, adults only. Contact Monte Festog (301.471.9424)*

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Genesis 1:1-2 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Westminster Confession 4.1 Of Creation It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days; and all very good.

Monday: Gen 1:2. “Without form” means disorder, chaotic, not fit for life (see Dt 32:10). How do days 1-3 of creation bring order to this disorder (v 4, 6, 9)? God created order out of disorder. This side of the fall, what might a disordered life look like? How does God bring order into the church’s/your life? Do you live a well-ordered life?

Tuesday: Gen 1:2. “Void” means empty, unfilled, uninhabited (Is 45:18). How does God fill this void in the last 3 days of creation (vv 14-14, 28)? God brings life into the dark world. How does Jesus give fallen people life (John 20:31)? God loves life. What does Jn 10:10 mean that we have life “abundantly”?

Wednesday: Gen 1:2. Using Deut 32:4, how is the hovering eagle like the Holy Spirit in Gen 1:2? God creates the universe by the life-giving power of the Spirit -praise him (Ps 33:6)! Can you think of other passages that refer to the Spirit’s life-giving work? Reflect on the things Deut 32:10-14 paints as the Spirit’s life-giving, flourishing work.

Thursday: Gen 1:2, 3a. “Without form and void” come up together in Jer 4:23, Is 34:11. What is the context in both? What is the grim reality for all who refuse to come into the light of Jesus? Can you connect Gen 1:3 “and God said” to John 1:1-5? How do we gain life in Jesus (2 Cor 4:6)? Are you looking into “the face of Jesus”? How does this produce life and order in you?

Friday: Gen 1:2. What is the final crown of the Word and Spirit’s life-giving work (Rev 22:1-5)? In the meantime, how are we to keep in step with the Spirit, produce life, and rich fruit (Gal 5:16-26)?

Saturday: Read Genesis 1:3-10. Consider the power of God’s word.