

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 16, 2025

Reflections

But whether men will see or not, Christ is the true sun, and the light of the world. There is no light for sinners except in the Lord Jesus.

~J.C. Ryle

For, by the preaching of the Gospel, the devil is overthrown, his kingdom destroyed, the law, sin, and death are wrested out of his hands, his prisoners are translated from the kingdom of darkness, into the kingdom of light and liberty.

~ Martin Luther

“When Jesus Christ was in the garden of Gethsemane and the ultimate darkness was coming down on him and he knew it was coming, he didn’t abandon you; he died for you. If Jesus Christ didn’t abandon you in his darkness, the ultimate darkness, why would he abandon you now, in yours?”

~ Tim Keller

Approach to God

Welcome — Dave Myers, elder

Prelude

Call to Worship — Revelation 4:11 (in unison)

¹¹ **“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”**

Praise

Hymn of Praise — O Worship the King

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der - clouds' form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise — May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus:

*May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word (CHORUS)

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims

CHORUS

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy
is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise
Your glorious Name (CHORUS)

Renewal

Song of Confession — We Have Not Known Thee

We have not known Thee as we ought,
Nor learned Thy wisdom, grace and power;
The things of earth have filled our thought,
And trifles of the passing hour.
Lord, give us light Thy truth to see, and make us wise in knowing Thee.

We have not feared Thee as we ought,
Nor bowed beneath Thine awesome eye,
Nor guarded deed and word and thought,
Remembering that God was nigh.
Lord, give us faith to know Thee near, and grant the grace of holy fear.

We have not loved Thee as we ought,
Nor cared that we are loved by Thee;
Thy presence we have coldly sought,
And feebly longed Thy face to see.
Lord, give a pure and loving heart to feel and know the love Thou art.

We have not served Thee as we ought, alas, the duties left undone,
The work with little fervor wrought, The battles lost or scarcely won!
Lord, give the zeal, and give the might, for Thee to toil, for Thee to fight.

When shall we know Thee as we ought,
And fear and love and serve aright?
When shall we, out of trial brought, be perfect in the land of light?
Lord, may we day by day prepare to see Thy face and serve Thee there.

Confession of Sin — Ephesians 5:5-14

⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Assurance of Pardon — Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Offering* — *Hebrews 11:24-26* ²⁴*By 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 — I Come by the Blood

You are the perfect and Righteous God whose presence bears no sin
You bid me come to Your holy place.
How can I enter in? When Your presence bears no sin?
Through Him who poured out His life for me, the atoning Lamb of God
Through Him and His work alone, boldly come.

*I come by the blood, I come by the cross,
Where your mercy flows from hands pierced for me
For I dare not stand on my righteousness
My every hope rests on what Christ has done
And I come by the blood.*

You are the high and exalted King the One the angels fear
So far above me in every way. Lord, how can I draw near?
To the One the angels fear?
Through him who laid down his life for me
and ascended to your side
Through him, through Jesus alone, I boldly come. (chorus)

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Genesis 1:3-13

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Sermon — And It Was So...

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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And It Was So...

Genesis 1:3-13

1. Views of Creation

2. God Speaks (v. 3)

3. The Result: Order, Beauty, Truth, Life (vs. 3-13)

Closing Hymn — Let Us Love & Sing & 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."

Benediction

Postlude

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

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This 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

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Becky Wood, Dustin Mixon (early team)
Gene Wood, Laura Caruso (late team)
SS Nursery Kim Hanlin, Gingy Socash

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Dan & Lily Godoy, Jacob Mendez
Children's Church: Annie Kim, Matt Festog
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Lance Duvall
Nursery On-call: Elaina Hake
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

Today

Youth Mission Trip Meeting, immediately following the worship service.
Session Meeting, 7:00 pm in C8

Tuesday

Wednesday

Evening Adult Bible Study, 6-7:30 pm, includes pizza dinner at 6:00 pm

→ **Christianity Explored**, in the sanctuary building

→ **GEMS & CSB**, in sanctuary building

→ **Youth Group**, 6-8 pm in C8

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

→ Study on Colossians-Philemon, 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).

Thursday

Ladies' Night Out, 6:00 pm at Manalu Restaurant. See announcement page for additional details.

Saturday

Men's Ministry Discussion Group, 8-10 am in the sanctuary building
Deacons Conference, Leesburg, VA

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for our elders as they meet this week. Pray that they oversee the flock of New Hope that they will be men committed to prayer and study of the scripture with humble, servant hearts. Give thanks for their leadership and love for the Lord.
- Pray for the men who are training to become elders at New Hope and pray that the Lord would make their calling sure. Pray that He will raise up more men for leadership particularly in the diaconate.
- Pray for the upcoming diaconal conference in Leesburg this weekend.
- Pray that the marriages at New Hope are loving, God-focused, mutually service oriented and honoring.
- Pray for wisdom and clarity for those who are overseeing the budget process at New Hope. Give thanks for the many committee members from the various committees that are working so hard on this process.
- 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.
- Pray that the churches in the Frederick area will be God-fearing and committed to preaching the truths of the gospel.

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 God for all of the interest in the internships that John runs and that they are expanding capacity! Pray that they will be wise in how best to care for their family in addition to a slew of interns.
- 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.
- Continue to pray Kristen and Thanos as they serve the Lord in Greece. Pray that the Lord would continue to provide for all of their needs as they look for ways to tell others about Him.

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.

Ladies' Night Out, Ladies Night out this month will be on February 20th at Manalú Italian Restaurant (5227 Presidents Court) at 6pm for dinner, with dessert to follow at Rachel Neahusan's house (4838 Amesbury Way, Jefferson Maryland 21755) at 8 pm. There will be three spots marked in front of the townhouse 4838 and a visitor spot. All other spots are marked visitor or blank around the townhomes. Please RSVP to LauraBeth at LauraBeth.panchal@gmail.com or text 571-209-8226 by **Wednesday February 19th**. Thank you!

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 TODAY 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, on Saturday March 29 at 10:00 am we will be having a ladies' brunch with the theme "Perfect Peace." We will be looking for ladies to sign up to decorate a table as well as sign up to bring some brunch food. Be on the look-out for a sign up sheet next week!

Youth Hang Out and Game Night, Friday March 7, 6:30 to 8:30 come and play games and hangout with your friends in the youth room. Games will be supplied but feel free to bring or organize your own. Bring snacks to share, and a friend or two. Parents are welcome to drop off and pick up or stay and hang out themselves. RSVP appreciated to Monica for planning but not required, feel free to just show up. To RSVP or with questions, Monica Laird 410 963-6522 or monlaird@gmail.com

Approved for Membership, the New Hope session is pleased to announce that Dave & Sue Schmidt and Josue, Luz & Pablo Rodriguez have been approved for membership and will be joining New Hope soon.

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 It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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 1:3-13. Note all the times God acts in these verses. How many times do you read “and God said”? What happens when God speaks? What does this reveal about God’s character? How does this compel us to worship him (Rev 4:11)? What does this tell you about God’s power (Heb 1:3)? What would change in you if you really believed God was this powerful?

Tuesday: Gen 1:2 says the earth was “without form,” or “disordered.” What three ways does God order the earth to prepare it for life in Gen 3:3-13? Just like God pushed back the darkness, how does Jesus bring a deeper light into the darkness (Jn 1:4-5)? Think of a few specific ways Jesus casts brighter light on the character of God.

Wednesday: Look at Gen 1:3-27 for its literary beauty. Count the number of times you read “and God said,” “it was good/very good.” Can you see the parallel pattern of forming (days 1-3) and filling (days 4-6)? Call to mind some of the most beautiful sunsets/clouds you’ve ever seen. How does Jesus form beauty out of ashes (Is 61:3, Phil 4:8, Eph 5:26-27)? Pray for more of this.

Thursday: Gen 1:3-13. God’s end goal was not simply a “formed” earth, but a “filled” earth. Ponder details of the lush earth God has made as described in vv 11-13. How is this lush landscape later pictured for God’s re-creative work (Ps 1:3, Is 35:1ff, 61:3, Rev 22:1ff). How has union with Jesus empowered you to be “alive” and “fruitful” (Jn 15:5)? How are you doing with that?

Friday: Gen 1:3-13. Can you see any parallel between how God creates the world, and how he re-creates in Christ (e.g. Ezek 37:1-4, 2 Cor 5:17, John 3:3, 5, 20:22)? Praise God for his saving work in you! Pray that God would do this in our local and foreign missions.

Saturday: Gen 3:14-31. How does God fill the earth?