

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 23, 2025

Reflections

Leisure is not an activity, it's an attitude of mind. It's stepping outside strenuous effort and creating enough stillness so that it becomes possible to contemplate and enjoy things as they are.

~ Josef Pieper

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

~ 1 Timothy 6:17

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 136:1, 4-9 (responsive)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

⁴to him who alone does great wonders,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁵to him who by understanding made the heavens,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁶to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁷to him who made the great lights,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁸the sun to rule over the day,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

Prayer of Adoration

Praise

Songs of Praise

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

You made the starry hosts,
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening sky
with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne,
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord
Raise your voice, you heights
and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath,
Praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust,
in love, Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your
very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus
(chorus)

Let symphonies resound,
let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound
of worship
Let every nation bring
its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness,
all creation Praise the Lord
Raise your voice,
you heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west,
you distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore,
sing out forevermore

Let everything that has breath,
praise the Lord

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 — Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Assurance of Pardon — Romans 8:31-35

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Offering* — *1 Chronicles 29:12* ¹² *Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.*

**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 — The Lord Is

The depths of Your grace, Who can measure?
You fully supply all I need
To restore my weary soul again and again
And lead me in Your righteousness and peace

You're with me through every dark valley
There's nothing that I have to fear
You are there to comfort me again and again
Protecting me, assuring me You're near

*The Lord is, The Lord is my shepherd
The Lord is, The Lord is my shepherd
I shall not want*

You gave Your own life for my ransom
So I could rejoice at Your side
You have shown Your faithfulness again and again
There's nothing good that You will not provide

I will dwell in Your house All the days of my life
I will dwell in Your house All the days of my life

Hymn of Response — His Eye is on the Sparrow

Unison r

1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, why should the shad-ows
2. "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
3. When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-

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come, why should my heart be lone-ly and long for
hear, and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my
rise, when songs give place to sigh-ing, when hope with-

heav'n and home, when Je - sus is my por - tion?
 doubt and fear; tho' by the path he lead - eth,
 in me dies, I draw the clos - er to him,

My con - stant friend is he: his eye is on the spar - row,
 but one step I may see; his eye is on the spar - row,
 from care he sets me free; his eye is on the spar - row,

and I know he watch - es me; his eye is on the
 and I know he watch - es me; his eye is on the
 and I know he cares for me; his eye is on the

spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
 spar - row, and I know he watch - es me.
 spar - row, and I know he cares for me.

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Genesis 1:14-26

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Sermon — God Fills the Earth

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Hymn — Our Song from Age to Age (page 10)

Benediction

Postlude

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

God Fills the Earth

Genesis 1:14-26

1. The True God

2. God Fills the Earth

3. Filled with Beauty

4. God Tends the Earth

Closing Hymn — Our Song from Age to Age

Oh God of power, living Word
The One who made the stars
Who with Your glory filled the earth
From dust made beating hearts
You loved us when we fell away
Poured mercy on our souls
And promised grace would come to save
To loose death's iron hold

*You are our song from age to age
Our voices unite to recount Your praise
Again and again
You are our song from age to age
We will proclaim Your pow'r to save
Again and again*

Oh God of promises fulfilled
The God who took on flesh
Who did all that the Father willed
Was humbled unto death
You bore our cross of sin and shame
Endured our agony
With gladness we now bear Your name
And worship at Your feet (chorus)

Oh God, who surely guides our steps
Through tempests and through trials
Our Shepherd King, Your way is best
Though tears now veil our eyes
Your steadfast love, our perfect hope
Our eyes are fixed on grace
We have no doubt You'll lead us home
To finally see Your face (chorus)

Oh God of all of history
Enthroned in realms of light
What eyes of faith have strained to see
Will one day fill our sight
With all the saints we'll lay our crowns
Before the Savior's feet
And sing as all the heav'ns resound
For all eternity (chorus)

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This 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

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Monte Festog, Rayann McGlamery (early team)
Dan Bull, Matt Layman (late team)
SS Nursery Elizabeth Jones, Mary Troxel

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Brittney Koops, Man & Kemper Kim
Children's Church: Talia Wright, Jack Socash
Sound: Kim Hanlin
Live Stream: David Ochs
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash
Prayer Team: Monte & Rosemarie Festog
Communion Set-up: Ed & Amy Wright

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Tuesday** **Trustee Meeting**, 7:30 pm in C8
- Wednesday** **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).
- Saturday** **Men's Ministry Discussion Group**, 8-10 am in the sanctuary building

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Pastor Francis and his family that they will be able to balance their time and energy in this busy season of life.
- Pray for the trustees as they meet this week. Pray for unity, clarity, wisdom, and discernment as they lead the church in all financial and building issues.
- Give thanks for who God is and for His creation. Pray that we will be people who steward His creation well while finding joy and wonder in the things He has made.
- Praise God for the many people who give of their time and talent each week so that our worship service goes well and God is glorified through it. Pray that those who volunteer will be joyful in their service and encouraged by it.
- 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 our sister churches, Good News ARP and Faith PCA, will be protected from the arrows of the evil one, will continue to preach the word of God faithfully, and will grow and thrive as they share 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 continued safety of all men from the church who are serving in the military, and pray for a swift end to the war. Pray, too, for the Hacquebord family's spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional health.
- Pray for John Clifford and his wife, Rachel, and their family, as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray for their spiritual health, for their efforts in language learning, and for work/life/ministry balance.
- 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

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 John Godoy has been approved for membership and will be joining New Hope soon.

Elder-Candidates, About a year ago Monte Festog, Tim Howell, and Mark Rice had been nominated for the office of elder. Session approved them to enter elder training, which they have now finished. Session is pleased to tell you that these men have been certified (e.g. examined in character, qualifications, desire) and have now entered a two month period of observation by the congregation. During these couple of months we urge you to get to know them, to consider them for the office of elder, to ask them questions, and to raise any concerns you may have with both them and the elders. After the two months the elders will consider any feedback, and call a congregational meeting to vote on the candidates. We hope to have a congregational forum on March 16th after church to get to know them better.

General Fund giving through 1/31/2025

Budget: \$265,832.17

Actual: \$264,570.90

Variance (deficit): -\$1,261.27

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Memory Text — Genesis 1:3-5 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.

Heidelberg Catechism 27: What do you mean by the providence of God? The almighty and everywhere present power of God; whereby, as it were by his hand, he upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed all things come, not by chance, but by his fatherly hand.

Monday: Gen 1:14-26. What is the highlight of the creation account (v 26)? How is it noted that mankind is special? Read 1 Tim 6:17. The chief end of creation is that man see God’s glory thereby. We are also to enjoy him. How is creation for man’s enjoyment? What are some specific examples?

Tuesday: Gen 1:14-25. Egypt worshipped Ra the sun god. They also had gods of darkness, sky, sea, earth, and vegetation. They were represented by dogs, snakes, cows, frogs, and gods. How do vv 14-18 argue against the sun as a god? Can you think of some modern day creature-worship (Rom 1:25)? How does having a personal, all-sovereign God give deep comfort to you?

Wednesday: Gen 1:14-26. Gen 1:2 talks about the planet as void, or devoid of life. With what does God fill each of the realms of days 1-3 on the corresponding days 4-6? How is mankind to fill the world (1:28, 2:15)? Read through Gen 1:14-16 and note words of abundance and plenty. What aspects of God’s character does a teaming world display? How is the church to “fill” the world (Eph 1:23, 3:19, Rev 7:9)?

Thursday: Read Mt 6:28-29. Now read Gen 1:14-26 in light of God’s arraying beauty in his creation. If there is no God, what is the purpose of beauty? What is its standard? As a Christian, what is the purpose of beauty? Slow down and “see” the beauty of God’s creation. Glory in Him as you glory in it.

Friday: Gen 1:14-26. On the seventh day God delights in all his creation. Consider Jer 5:24, Jonah 4:11, Mt 10:29. How much, how well, and how intimately does God care for his creation? How much more does he care for you (Mt 6:26)? Look at Rom 8:32 to see how much he cares for you. Believe that. Live today by faith in the fact that God deeply cares for you.

Saturday: Read Genesis 1:26-27. What does it mean to be made in the image of God?