

WELCOME!



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

# Morning Worship

March 9, 2025

## Reflections

*The notion that we are children of God, His own sons and daughters...is the mainspring of Christian living... Our sonship to God is the apex of Creation and the goal of redemption.*

~ Sinclair Ferguson

*It is a blessing when the adults in a church take an interest in the children. It is a blessing when parents know that the Christians around them love to be-friend and influence their children. So do your best to forge relationships with some of those little people.*

~ Tim Challies

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## Approach to God

**Welcome** — Dennis Caruso, elder

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 103:1-4, 13-14 (responsive)

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,**

<sup>3</sup> **who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,**

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>13</sup> **As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

<sup>14</sup> **For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

# Praise

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## Song of Praise

### When I Consider (Psalm 8)

When I consider your heavens, the works of your fingers  
The moon and the stars  
What is man that you are mindful of him, that you care for him?

*O Lord our Lord how majestic your name in all the earth  
O Lord our Lord how majestic your name in all the earth.*

You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
And crowned him with glory  
You have made him a ruler  
Over the works of your hands and set everything under his feet  
You set everything under his feet

Bridge

Your enemies they challenge your rule  
They raise their fists to you sovereign Lord  
But you have set your glory above the heavens  
From the lips of children you have ordained praise (chorus)

## Prayer of Adoration

## Songs of Praise

### 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)

## **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)

## **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reception of New Members\*** — John Godoy (profession of faith), Josue, Luz & Pablo Rodriguez, Dave & Sue Schmidt

**Offering\*** — *Matthew 6:2-4* <sup>2</sup>“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

*\*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.*

*\*See bios on page 11*

# Song of Response

## All That I Am I Owe to Thee

All that I am I owe to thee; Thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me.  
I give my Maker thankful praise, Whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

Ere into being I was brought, Thine eye did see, and in thy thought  
My life in all its perfect plan, was ordered ere my days began.

Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold, More precious unto me than gold!  
I muse on their infinity, Awaking I am still with thee.

The wicked thou wilt surely slay; from me let sinners turn away.  
They speak against the name divine; I count God's enemies as mine.

Search me, O God, my heart discern;  
Try me, my inmost thought to learn;  
And lead me, if in sin I stray, to choose the everlasting way.

## Commitment

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## Congregational Prayer

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

## Sermon Text — Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 127:3-5

<sup>26</sup> 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."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

## Sermon — God's Vision: Godly Children

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

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# ———— **God's Vision: Godly Children** ————

Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 127:3-5

# Prayer of Confession of Sin

## Assurance of Pardon — Hebrews 2:11-15

<sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup> And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

## Closing Hymn — Blest the Man Who Feels Jehovah

1. Blest the man that fears Je - ho - vah, walk - ing ev - er in his ways;  
2. In your wife you shall have glad - ness, she shall fill your home with good,  
3. Joy - ful chil - dren, sons and daugh - ters, shall a - bout your ta - ble meet,  
4. Lo, on him that fears Je - ho - vah shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,  
5. You shall see God's king - dom pros - per all your days, till life shall cease,

by your toil you shall be pros - pered and be hap - py all your days.  
hap - py in her lov - ing ser - vice and the joys of moth - er - hood.  
• ol - ive plants, in strength and beau - ty, full of hope and prom - ise sweet.  
for Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on shall to you his bless - ing send.  
you shall see your chil - dren's chil - dren; on your peo - ple, Lord, be peace.

## 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: Brian Burden, Chris Boyles (early team)  
Jackie Plowman, Tim Howell (late team)  
SS Nursery Jared Neahusan, Connor Freeman

### 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Lauren Mendez, Joel Poortenga, Jonah Wright  
Children's Church: Steve Hake, Isla Brooks  
Sound: Ed Wright  
Live Stream: Isaac Wright  
Nursery On-call: Annie Kim  
Prayer Team: Kathleen & David Porter

## Serving Next Week

### 9:30 am

Welcome Team: Marc Quist, Luz Rodriguez (early team)  
Mark & Sally Rice (late team)  
SS Nursery Jared Neahusan, Connor Freeman

### 10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Dan Godoy, Megan Quist, Lillian Williams  
Children's Church: Rachel Neahusan, Emma VanDelden  
Sound: Lance Duvall  
Live Stream: John Godoy  
Nursery On-call: Gingy Socash  
Prayer Team: Mark & Sally Rice

# THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Monday**      **Budget & Finance Meeting**, 7:30 pm in C8
- Tuesday**      **Men's Wing & Pizza Night**, 6:15 pm at Ledo Pizza at Weis Festival Shopping
- 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 Dustin, Jyl, James & Faye Mixon as they prepare to move to southern Maryland. Give thanks for the blessing they have been to New Hope and pray that they will quickly find a good church and community in their new home.
- Praise God for the new members at New Hope! Pray that they will all be ingrafted well into the church family and that their gifts will be used to glorify the Lord and benefit the church.
- Give thanks for all who serve in children's ministries at the church: nursery, children's church, Sunday school, Wednesday night programs, youth group, etc. Pray that we will continue to be a church that values the blessing that we have in our youngest members.
- Continue to pray for Monte Festog, Tim Howell, and Mark Rice as they are considered for eldership. Pray that the Lord would make their calling sure and that the meeting on the 16th of March would be beneficial to all.
- Give thanks for Claire Hall, our new Children's Care Coordinator. Pray that the Lord will give her wisdom, understanding, and joy in the work He has called her to do.
- Give thanks for Rachel Neahusan who oversees the Children's Church ministry and who so sweetly gives of her time and talent. Pray that God will give her all that she needs to thrive and honor Him as she serves.
- Praise God for Amy Wright's leadership as she leads the edification committee and has taken on the role of Sunday School superintendent. Give thanks that she is willing to use her gifts so well for the sake of the church.
- 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, depression, 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 missionaries of the month, the OPC foreign missionaries. Pray particularly for Octavius and Marie Delfils who are serving the Lord in Haiti. Pray for them as they work to establish a presbytery for the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Haiti. Praise the Lord for their daily protection, for the regular function of the church, and for the ability to preach the gospel without opposition from the gang members in the area.
- Pray for our "home grown" missionaries: John Clifford and his wife, Rachel in Rwanda, Luke Hake who is a missionary in Central Asia, and Kristen & Thanos as they minister in the name of the Lord in Greece. Pray that God would provide for all of their needs and give them wisdom, grace, and perseverance as they seek to serve the Lord and the people He has put in their paths.

# 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!

**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 plan to have a congregational forum on March 16th after church to get to know them better. We will have a light lunch (taco bowls & walking tacos like we did recently) and are asking folks to bring cookies for dessert.

**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!

**GEMS help needed,** Do you enjoy administrative work or are you crafty? GEMS, our Wednesday night girls' program needs you! We're looking to fill 2 behind-the-scenes roles: 1. Program leader (schedules teachers and lessons) and 2. Craft leader (plans crafts and purchases supplies). Neither role requires that you be present at the Wednesday night study. Contact Amy Wright ([Amy.r.dewit@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.r.dewit@gmail.com)) if you're interested.

**Men's Wing & Pizza Night,** Another month has come and it's time for our monthly men's night out. Please join the men of the church this Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, for our men's night out at the Ledo Pizza in the Weis Festival shopping center in Frederick. We will gather at around 6:15 PM and hope to see you all.

**Ladies' Night Out,** Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 pm. This month is going to be a theme month. We are going to do a bring your favorite casserole night. Please bring the recipe to share! It is going to be at Kim Hanlin's house (1212 Pinewood Drive, Frederick) starting at 6pm.

**New Members,** the elders of New Hope are pleased to let you know that Alexis, Yanissa, & Lucas Melendez have been interviewed for membership and will be joining the church soon.

## **New Member Bios**

**John Godoy** was born and raised in Maryland. He is a senior in high school and is aiming to go to a Christian college upon graduation. He works as a cashier at the Safeway grocery store in Walkersville and has made lots of friends while working there. Hobbies include unofficial acting, unprofessional cooking, and attempted cartoon drawing. He serves in the livestream booth and has been going to New Hope for about 5 years. Before that, he attended Knox Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Silver Spring, MD, where he was baptized.

**Josué and Luz Rodriguez** are from Puerto Rico. They met in high school and have been married for 23 years. They have two children; Ariana, who is a senior at Grove City College, and Pablo, who is a senior in high school. Josue is an engineer working at a bio pharmaceutical company in Maryland. He enjoys reading and learning about theology, and encouraging others in the faith. Luz is an epidemiologist but has been a homemaker and homeschool teacher for over 13 years. They found New Hope OPC in the summer of 2024. They look forward to serving the Lord and continue to grow in their faith within this community of faith.

**Pablo Rodriguez** is currently a senior in high school with hopes of completing his studies in Mechanical Engineering at UMBC. He grew up in a Christian home, and confessed his faith as a young teenager. He enjoys playing guitar, serving at church, and spending time with his family and friends. Pablo also likes to tend to his plants, his own private garden.

**David and Suzanne S.** recently moved to Clarksburg from Bucks County, PA. Dave grew up near Princeton, NJ, and Sue spent her childhood in Detroit, MI. They met as students at The University of Michigan and were married after graduation. They are the parents of two adult children and have been blessed with four grandchildren. Sue has taught K-12 music in both public and private schools across several states while teaching several levels of music theory courses at two universities. She has also taught piano from her home studio and continues to adjudicate piano auditions for various music teacher organizations. Dave spent several years managing corporate credit departments before launching his own consulting business in addition to writing for a number of business and industry publications. This move also gave Dave the flexibility to coach swimming, which he continues to do. Sue enjoys sewing, crocheting, gardening, and canning/freezing Summer's harvest while Dave golfs, swims and reads in his spare time. Sue has always been active in the music ministries of previous churches while Dave has served in a number of leadership and teaching capacities. They're both thankful to the Lord for guiding them to NHPC and are excited to become part of the church family in fellowship and in ministry.

# DAILY DEVOTIONS

**Memory Text** — Genesis 1:28 <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

**Congregation’s Response at Baptism:** “As [name] is baptized into Christ and becomes a member of his visible church, the whole congregation is obligated to love (him/her) and receive (him/her) as a member of the body of Christ. For “we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body,” and therefore are members of one another. Christ claims this little child as his own and calls you to receive (him/her) in love and commitment. Therefore, you ought to commit yourself before God to assist [name of child] and (his/her) parents in (his/her) Christian nurture by godly example, prayer, and encouragement in our most precious faith.”

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**Monday:** Gen 1:26-28. What is God’s vision for the earth regarding mankind (v 28)? Is God simply looking for lots of humans, or more (v 28, Jn 4:23, Rev 7:9ff)? What is the means by which this will be accomplished (v 28)? Do you think and act as his godly child? How might our common origin (Adam, Eve) be intended to shape our care and concern for one another? Do you reflect this?

**Tuesday:** Gen 1:28. How does v 28 argue against Egypt/Canaan fertility cults? What is the significant of “God blessed them” preceding v 28ff? What does v 28 command? Why? What implications does this have for married couples? What sorrows can you think of related to v 28? Pray for society to develop a high view of children and parenting, for children in tough situations, and longing and hurting adults.

**Wednesday:** Gen 1:28. Many countries have very low birth rates (US in 2022 was 1.66). What thinking/priorities may this reveal? Do you think birth control is used too easily? How does God view children (v 28, Ps 127:3-5, Mt 19:14, Mk 10:13)? How do you communicate/reflect a positive view of children (and parenting), whether your own or not?

**Thursday:** Gen 1:28, Gen 9:1, 7. After the fall God reiterates this command. Is God’s vision after the fall still “a world teeming with godly image bearers”? How does this happen in covenant families? How are parents to nurture the “godly” part? What responsibility do we all have to those not yet “children of God” (Mt 28:18ff)? How are you being faithful in that realm?

**Friday:** Gen 1:28. Because children of believers are part of the covenant community, what responsibility lies on all of us toward them (see baptism quote above)? What can this look like for seniors? Singles? Empty nesters? You? How have you observed this already functioning at New Hope? Praise God for that. How can you participate more in this grand vision of God for godly children?

**Saturday:** Gen 1:28-31. What responsibilities does God lay on man regarding creation? What are we to do with that?