

WELCOME!



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

Morning Worship

March 23, 2025

Reflections

"Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven."

~ Randy Alcorn

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."

~ Jeremiah 29:7

Approach to God

Welcome — Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Psalm 24 (responsive)

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

² for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³ **Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?**

⁴ **He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**

⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

⁷ **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Praise

Hymn of Praise — Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Re - joyce, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
5. Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
• keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Prayer of Adoration followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison

Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, for yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Songs of Praise

Greater Than We Can Imagine

Every day we'll bless You
and praise Your name
And on Your glorious splendor
we will dwell
On Your wondrous works,
Lord, we'll meditate
And of Your awesome power
we will tell
We'll speak of Your salvation
and Your abundant goodness

CHORUS

*Because You are greater
than we can imagine
You are too beautiful
for us to fathom
Oh, You are great,
and greatly to be praised*

Every generation
shall sing Your worth
And magnify Your mercy
and Your grace
We'll sing about the Savior
who came to earth
To bear the sins of those
He came to save
You fill our hearts with wonder
We'll worship You forever

Ancient of Days

Though the nations rage,
kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King,
reigning over all
So I will not fear
for this truth remains:
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain
and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night
overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure
and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days
(chorus)

Though I may not see
what the future brings
I will watch and wait
for the Savior King
Then my joy complete
standing face to face
In the presence
of the Ancient of Days (chorus)

Confession of Sin — 1 Peter 4:8-11, Matthew 25:21

⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the

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strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Assurance of Pardon — 1 Timothy 1:15-17

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Renewal _____

Offering* — 2 Corinthians 9:8 *¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.*

**You can give on-line at the New Hope website: www.newhopeopc.org and click on the green “give” button in the corner.*

Song of Response — Cling to Christ

Father, I can come to You and boast of deeds I’ve done
In my pride I strive to earn the favor Christ has won
He alone pleads my acceptance, all my works aside
So I come with empty hands, and I cling to Christ

Father, I can go astray and battle needless fears
Voices tell me I’m condemned and that I can’t draw near
But Your Spirit calls me homeward with Your words of life
Jesus bore my every sin, so, I cling to Christ

BRIDGE

*It’s more than I can do To keep my hold on You
But all my hope and peace Is that You cling to me*

Father, all my earthly aims in time will turn to dust
Let me learn that loss is gain for those who know Your love
All the treasures of this world will never satisfy
You alone are endless joy. So, I cling to Christ

Commitment

Congregational Prayer

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

Sermon Text — Genesis 1:28-31

²⁸And 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." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Sermon — Steward God's Creation Well

~ Pastor Francis VanDelden

Closing Song — Have Your Way with Me, O God (page 8)

Benediction

Postlude

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

Steward God's Creation Well

Genesis 1:28-31

1. God's Direction
2. The Steward's Cultivation
3. The Steward's Protection

Closing Song — Have Your Way With Me, O God

Have Your way with me, O God
In the temple of my heart
Let reverent love and holy awe
Be lifted unto You
The truth my inmost being claim
Til sin and shadows flee away
Teach my feet to love Your ways
And run the way You choose

Have Your way with me, O Lord
Sin's pleasures I cannot afford
They left me destitute and poor
Now all I want is Christ
A passion for the gospel burns
To love Your bride, the holy church
Wash me with Your blood and Word
Til I am sanctified

Holy Spirit, have Your way
I look to You for strength and faith
I need Your presence and Your grace
To persevere this hour
Complete in me what You've begun
Keep me by Your sovereign love
In my weakness, Spirit, come
And fill me with Your power

Jesus, have Your way with me
You bled for all who would believe
Let my life become a seed
And give me grace to die
Display through my surrendered life
Your selfless love and sacrifice
Until Your glory fills the sky
Be praised and glorified

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Serving This Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Mary Troxel, Monte Festog (early team)
Jackie Plowman, Laura Caruso (late team)
SS Nursery: Elisa Godoy, Heath Koops

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Jacob Mendez, Talia Wright, Micah Poortenga
Children's Church: Joy Nichols, Elaina Hake
Sound: Craig Lalley
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Betsy Lalley
Prayer Team: Dave & Dawn Myers

Serving Next Week

9:30 am

Welcome Team: Giny Socash, Wayne Greenfield (early team)
Chris Lear (late team)
SS Nursery: Amy Wright, Ron Socash

10:30 am

Toddler Nursery: Brittney Koops, Elisa Godoy, Lizzie Ochs
Children's Church: Annie Kim, Matt Festog
Sound: Mark Nichols
Live Stream: Johannes Haasbroek
Nursery On-call: Monica Laird
Prayer Team: Cath Howard, Cynthia Wintermyer

THIS WEEK AT NEW HOPE

- Monday** **Edification Meeting**, 7:00 pm in C8
- 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
- Ladies' Brunch**, 10 am until noon, in the sanctuary building. See announcement page for details

COMMUNITY IN PRAYER

Our Church Family

- Pray for Sue Bridenbaugh and her family as they grieve the loss of John this past week. Pray for God's hand of comfort, trust, and continuing peace. Give thanks for the 67 years of marriage Sue & John had and for the hope found only in Christ that has marked their life together. Praise God that John knew the Lord and is with his Savior even now!
- Pray for wisdom for the men who have gone through elder training (Monte Festog, Tim Howell, and Mark Rice) and pray that God would uphold them and make their calling sure.
- Pray for the Edification Committee that is meeting this week. Pray for wisdom as they look head to the spring Sunday school trimester and lead the church in Christian education and fellowship.
- Pray for wisdom and unity for the board of trustees that are meeting this week. Give thanks for Connor Freeman and his leadership as president of this board.
- Pray for the Youth Task Force that is meeting this week and seeking to find ways to strengthen and build up youth ministry.
- Pray for Kelsey Roberts who is expecting a new little one. Give thanks for this precious new life and pray for good health for both mom and baby.
- 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.
- Pray for opportunities to engage with people about the gospel and for boldness to speak when the opportunities arise.

Missionaries & Others

- Pray for our missionaries of the month, the OPC foreign missionaries. Pray particularly for the missionaries and missionary associates serving in Uganda: Mike & Jenn Kearney, Fred & Kalin Lo, Christopher & Cloe Verdick, Josh & Danielle Grimsley, Tina DeJong, Travis & Bonnie Emmett, Lead Hopp, and Beatrix Taverne. Pray that the Lord would sustain them in their ministry, protect them from the arrows of the evil one, provide for all of their needs, and give them joy in the work that God has called them to.
- Pray for John Clifford, his wife, Rachel, and their children as they serve the Lord in Rwanda. Pray that the Lord would give them wisdom as they look ahead to the upcoming internship class and decide how to structure their time and family needs.
- Continue to pray for Luke Hake who is a missionary in Central Asia and Kristen & Thanos who are serving in Greece. Pray that God would give them wisdom and strength for each day, provide for all of their needs, and have opportunities to share the gospel.

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. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table.

General Fund giving through 2/28/2025

Budget: \$300,095.63

Actual: \$300,603.32

Variance (surplus): \$507.69

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 (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 and 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 1:29 ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Belgic Confession article 2: How God is made known to us? *We know him by two means: first, by the creation, preservation and government of the universe; which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, wherein all creatures, great and small, are as so many characters leading us to contemplate the invisible things of God...*

Monday: Read Gen 1:28-30. What does it mean to “have dominion”? How is having dominion a way of bearing God’s image? What implications do the following have for caring for the environment: the earth is the Lord’s (Ps 24:1); God’s treatment/care for the earth (e.g. Gen 1); mankind as a steward (or vice-regent) over it?

Tuesday: Gen 1:28-30. The command to care for the earth comes right after the verse about a world teeming with people. How is caring for the earth ultimately about loving people? Can you give specific examples? What goal is tied up with man’s brains and brawn in this cultural mandate (Gen 2:8, Rev 22:1-2 -consider the city)?

Wednesday: Consider Gen 1:28-30 in light of this comment: “Earth did not bring forth its riches, resources, fruit automatically. Mankind and his labor are key to unlocking its potential.” How do you see this throughout the bible in cultivation and development (e.g. Gen 4:20-22, 9:20, Jb 28:1-5, Jn 15:1-2)? Where do you “cultivate and develop” in your work, at home, in leisure activities? Give thanks for cultivators and developers.

Thursday: Gen 1:28-30. God gives “all” to mankind. How does this imply loving future generations by caring well for the earth (e.g. Dt 22:6)? After the fall into sin, plants, animals, and the earth (in the fullest sense) have been exploited, polluted, wasted, and consumed. Give specifics in each of these. Where are you prompted to change? Consider Jesus in Jn 6:12. Do you excel in caring for the environment?

Friday: How many times is “every” mentioned in Gen 1:28-30? God gave all to mankind so they could flourish. After the fall man is given to selfishness, even with the environment. What has God given to change that (Jn 6:48-51)? How does Jesus’ selflessness, and his love, free you to care for the environment, and love your neighbor in a selfless way?

Saturday: Gen 1:31. This is the climactic “it was good.” What are some implications of God declaring good both his creation, and body-soul-mankind?