

# WELCOME TO NEW HOPE

We are so glad you found your way here today. To our members and returning visitors, welcome back! To those of you who are new, welcome! There are a couple of things you might like to know.

First, New Hope Presbyterian is a Bible-believing congregation seeking to worship and serve God in response to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, we believe gathered worship is the central event in the church's life together: it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also recognize that for some of you this is the first time (or the first time in a long time) in a more structured service of worship that calls for you to participate so actively. Relax! Everything you need is both printed in the Worship Guide you are holding and up on the screen. We encourage you to turn off the auto-pilot and join us in vibrantly and enthusiastically praising God, confessing, singing, and hearing the Scriptures. Worship is for all of God's people. Enjoy the service!

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#### WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide **EVENTIDE (MONK) William H. Monk** 

## — GOD'S GLORY—

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:19- 24

Leader: <sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Unison: <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

Leader: <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Unison: 23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## INVOCATION

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (TH 53)

## — OUR GUILT & GOD'S GRACE —

## **READING OF THE LAW**

#### Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

## **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Our Father, we have sinned in word and deed. Our secret desires have not been aligned with your holy calling in our lives. We are often selfish, impatient and rude to those you have placed in our lives. We have grown weary of doing good and for this we repent. Cleanse us from our sin and help us to look up to you for healing and strength. Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

#### MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Hear now, O Church, who testify to the world as the ambassadors of Christ Jesus. We have been made clean. As the angel of the Lod touched the unclean lips of Isaiah and made the man whole in word and deed, readying him to do his will, he has done the same for us by the cleansing touch of his Son Jesus Christ. In him, the disparity between our word and deed is made right. In him, our unkindness in action and in thought has been forgiven. Serve now in the purity of the King to speak the Gospel through the actions of justice, mercy, grace and love.

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** Gloria Patri (Greatorex) (TH 735)

#### PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION



# — OUR GRATITUDE —

## **GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY:** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring) **J.S. Bach, John B. Dykes, arr. Cindy Berry** 

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** Only a Holy God

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH DISMISSED

**SERMON:** "Setting Your Mind On Things Above"

Colossians 3:1-17 Rev. David Kelly

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: Lamb of God

## -GOD COMMUNES WITH US-

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

<sup>\*</sup> Catholic: universal- one church across all times, places, and peoples.

## **Guidelines for Reception of the Lord's Supper:**

The Lord's Supper, also called "Communion" or "the Eucharist," is the ultimate family meal for Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus to partake of this sacrament— those who have believed the Good News, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing with the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus and His people, the Church: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." - 1 Cor. 11:27-29

## Reflection for Those Not Partaking:

Prayer for a Search for Truth: "Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me into the life You promise."

Prayer for Awakening: "Lord Jesus, I have heard teaching from the Bible and have been in church for years, but very little of this seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what You are saying. Unnerve me with the bad news. Captivate me with the good news. Make what is familiar seem new."

Prayer for Belief: "Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the Cross, and offering me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord."

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## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** May the Mind of Christ My Savior (TH, 644)

## **BENEDICTION**

Hymn and Prayer-Book, John C. Kunze; Psalm 136:1

Leader: May the body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting

People: Amen!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good!

People: And His steadfast love endures forever!

**POSTLUDE** 

Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2



# Gloria Patri

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Ps. 29:2



2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX) Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

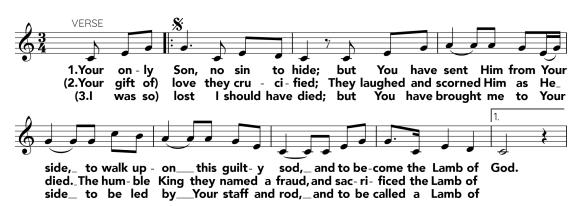
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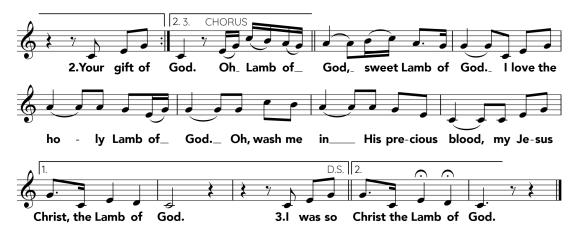




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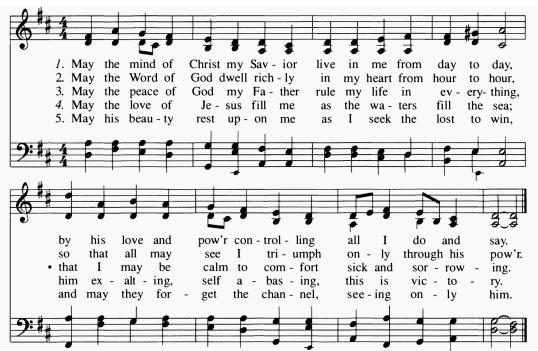


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# May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5



SERMON NOTES:	

## **SERMON REVIEW**

## "The Christmas That Almost Wasn't" (2 Kings 2:1-11)

Last week Senior Pastor Richard Burguet emphasized that these passages show us how the covenant promise of God is tied to the promise of the seed and the coming of the Messiah. They are the foundation upon which we can understand all God's promises, who he is, and that his providential plan will not be thwarted or ever fail. These are desperately evil times in Judah. Athaliah, the mother of Ahab and Jezebel's step-mother, has seized the throne and ordered the extinction of all David's descendants, including her own grandchildren. She fails when Jehosheba steals her brother King Ahaziah's infant son, Joash, and hides him and his nurse for six years to keep the line of David from being broken. In actuality, she is the one who saved Christmas! God placed her in just the right place at just the right time, as he does with those who repent and return to him. We have to ask ourselves if we're willing to stand up for God and preserve his plans and covenant as Jehosheba did. Joash takes the throne at age seven and is set aside to carry on God's word, his plan, and his covenant promises. All evil (including Athaliah) is removed, and reformation. restoration, and revival are restored to Judah, which had been led astray. This epitomizes that God is a god of second chances and not a god of failure for those willing to repent and uphold the gospel. God reforms and cleanses repentant sinners like us because he loves us and is a forgiving god for those who truly repent and return to him. Even though we often fail, God does not. He can work through us and others like Joash. At Christmas, think of Jehosheba and others who've helped save Christmas.

### **PRAY THIS WEEK:**

**MISSIONS PARTNERS:** From Fred and Sheila Reid in Tokyo: (Praise God that they are seeing fruit after 8 years as missionaries in a very spiritually dark foreign culture ruled by shamanism.) "We absolutely love our friends here, as they do us! This is a huge starting point. We're not just sharing our lives with them; we're sharing the incredible truth of our Heavenly Father and the love and care of our Savior, Jesus. Our friends listen because they know we're here for the long haul, to live among them. We're planting the seeds, and we truly believe God will bring these seeds to life through needing and weak missionaries—like Sheila and me! Incredible."

**CFL PRESBYTERY:** For Springs Presbyterian in Dunnellon and RE Ken Habedank.

**NEW HOPE:** For those in our congregation who are dealing with illness or injury or facing diagnoses.

**LAKESIDE COVENANT:** From Matt Matulia: "For our Fall discipleship ministries to get off the ground and running in an effective way and for them to be fruitful for our people."

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF KHERSON, UKRAINE:** Praise and thanksgiving to God for His mercy and grace in continuing to protect Holy Trinity Church as well as all of their other sister churches and their Pastors throughout Ukraine, including those located near frontlines. May the Lord continue to sustain, give strength and grace to our brothers and sisters in these very uncertain and dangerous days as they minister with Christ's love to those around them. Please continue to pray for God to intervene in the war-end negotiations. May our leaders not lean on their own understanding, but rather seek the wisdom of God.

#### YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

#### General Fund

(Budget)	(\$273,083
Contributions	\$260,186

#### **IMAGES**

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#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1 Vianne Stormant, Dan Read
7 Tresa Schmidt
10 Ujesh Moman
17 Carolyn Costello
25 Nadine Wheeler, Jim Barnes

#### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

5 Dave and Lynda Jacobs

8 Dan and Karen Read

9 Randy and Robin Somers

11 Ryan and Christi Stormant

19 Richard and Anne Burguet
23 Al and Lacretia Stewart

30 Kenn and Mary Hall



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