

# 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!

Wi-Fi Network: <u>Sanctuary</u> (no password) -OR- <u>NewHope</u> (password: "Letusin!")

We have hearing aid assist devices available in the Narthex. See a greeter.



#### **GIVE ONLINE**

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### **WELCOME**

PRELUDE: Prepare Thyself, Zion
Johann Sebastian Bach, Bereite dich, Zion, Christmas Oratorio



## CALL TO WORSHIP: Zechariah 9:9a, 10b, 17a

### INVOCATION

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (TH 194)

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (TH 216)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he... <sup>10</sup> ...his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!

# **OFFERING & OFFERTORY:** Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

### German, 16th century, Tr. Theodore Baker, M. Praetorius

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter When half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.



**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (TH 195)

# **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SERMON:** "Don't Rush to the 'Good Stuff!'"

Sola Scriptura

Matthew 1:1-19
Rev. Richard L. Burguet

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! (TH 198)

BENEDICTION

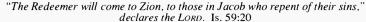
**POSTLUDE** 

SERMON NOTES:

### **SERMON REVIEW**

"The Point Of No Return" (2 Kings 21:1-18)

Last week Senior Pastor Richard Burguet said the principle of this scripture shows us that our fathers aren't always the determining factor in our spiritual journey. God-fearing King Hezekiah's 12-year-old son Manasseh was the polar opposite. He reigned for 55 years and was more evil than any of the kings of Judah and Israel recorded in scripture, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites, nations that worshipped everything God abhorred (vv.1-9). Manasseh was shaped by the evil influences of the world and the surrounding pagan nations, and in a sense was the anti-Christ, becoming the god of the people and getting them to follow his evil ways. His most egregious act was placing a carved Asherah pole that worshipped the pagan god Baal in the heart of the temple in Jerusalem where God said he would place his name forever. God had had enough (vv.10-16) and said he would bring disaster upon Judah and Jerusalem for their sin which provoked him to anger from the day their forefathers came out of Egypt. He said everyone who hears of it what he will do will be shaken, that Jerusalem will be measured by plumb line used against Syria and the house of the evil Ahab, that Jerusalem will he wiped out and turned upside down, and that he would forsake the remnant of his inheritance and hand them over to their enemies where they would be looted and plundered for the evil they had done. It proves a life of godlessness does not produce much fruit and will only lead to a point of no return. We are not to test God's limitless patience, but know that he will judge us (see Hebrews 10:26-31). We need to have a sense of urgency by turning from evil practices and fall into the hands of the living God.





# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers. Rev. 17:14



Polish carol Paraphrased by Edith M. G. Reed, ca. 1925 W ZLOBIE LEZY 8.7.8.7.8.8.7. Traditional Polish melody Arr. in *The Kingsway Carol Book* 

# Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4



# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7



- Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.
- So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

### - REFLECTION -

## **EVERYDAY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1-2**

### Paul David Tripp | September 26 Devotional

In Jesus, God has fulfilled the greatest promise of all: his promise that a Messiah was coming.

The book of Matthew provides us with one of the most familiar accounts in the Bible of the birth and infancy of Jesus:

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel'" (Matt. 2:1-6)

Don't let the familiarity of this account cause you to rush over its hope-giving glory. When Herod went to Old Testament scholars to inquire where the promised Messiah was to be born, they had no problem answering. They immediately quoted Micah 5:2. Now, pause and think about this for a moment. It's not just that the Messiah's birth was promised in a general, nonspecific way. The promise of God, made through the prophet Micah many generations before, was specific- down to the exact town in which he would be born. The King of kings wouldn't have a regal birth in a royal palace in Jerusalem, with an adoring court at his cradle. No, the hope of the world would be born in the town of Bethlehem to a mother and father who were far from the royalty of that day.

Every detail of Jesus's birth was part of God's plan before the foundations of the earth were set in place. So the promises and prophecies of his birth were detailed and specific. God is not like a fortune teller, delivering a safe, generic prediction. No, these promises were made by the Lord of heaven and earth, who rules everything, everywhere, all of the time. You see, the promises of God are only as good as the extent of his sovereignty, because he can guarantee the delivery of his promises only in situations over which he has rule. Because he rules everything, everywhere, all of the time, however, his promises are specific and rock-solid.

The specificity of God's promise about where the Messiah would be born is a picture of how infinitely confident God is in his own ability to do whatever he has said he will do, wherever he said he will do it, and whenever he knows the time is right. You can bank on and build your life upon the promises of God. He has the power, willingness, and authority to do everything he has promised to do. It is so good to know today that you can absolutely trust that he will do what he has said he will do.

For further study and encouragement: Micha 5:1-6

### **PRAY THIS WEEK:**

**MISSIONS PARTNERS:** From Don Cobb in Aix-en-Provence, FR: "I started with a new group of five young people (one of whom is a pastor) at the middle of September, meeting once a week. This session will go until the end of January. Please pray that the Lord would work in my life, first of all, that I would be able to lead others as the Holy Spirit continues His work of transforming me into the likeness of Jesus Christ! Pray for the original five young men, as well as those who have since joined, that this would be a powerful means of growth for them, and a help for them to become disciple-making disciples themselves!"

CFL PRESBYTERY: For Good Shepherd in Ocala and pastors Michael Rauls and David Kelly.

**NEW HOPE:** That as we begin the Advent season, our hearts would be prepared to celebrate the coming of our Savior King.

**LAKESIDE COVENANT:** For Lakeside as they prepare for particularization.

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF KHERSON, UKRAINE:** For God's continued protection and provision for Vova, Max and his family, and the Holy Trinity Church family, and preservation of the church building. That as the war drags on, seemingly endlessly, you'll give those who have remained there strength and courage to continue to endure and serve those around them.

### YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

### **General Fund**

(Budget)	(\$427,829)
Contributions	\$432,107

### **IMAGES**

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#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

2 Franz Frank, Randall Van Meggelen

4 Donna Isaacson

13 Bruce May

18 Anne Burguet

27 Rachel Graves

#### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

5 Donna & Merrill Isaacson 18 Josh and Hannah Overfield



### **TEACHING ELDER:**

Rev. Richard L. Burguet, Senior Pastor

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