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All Current Streams:

· www.nhccftl.org/streams

Sunday Morning Worship (10:00 am)

·www.nhccftl.org/sunam

The AfterChurch (12:00 pm)

·www.nhccftl.org/after

Wed. Night Bible Study (6:30 pm)

·www.nhccftl.org/acts

Stream Library

·www.nhccftl.org/streamed



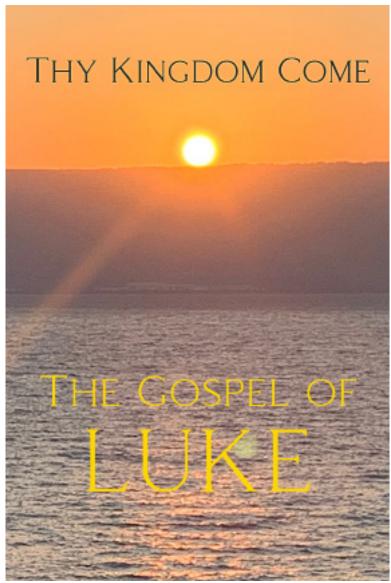
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Worship Service December 8, 2024

Announcements

Call To Worship: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Moment In The Word: Psa. 97:6-9 Deacon Frank Medina

Singing Together:

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

"Away in a Manger"

Responsive Reading: Psa. 115:1–11

Prayer For The Gathering

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Friendship Time

Offertory & Special Music: "God With Us"

** Dismissal of Children's Church

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:20-23

Prayer For Illumination

Message: "Destroying Altars"

Prayer For Understanding

Response Song: "His Name is Wonderful"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)"

Discipleship Opportunities

The AfterChurch

Immediately after the Service
On campus & streamed*

Seeking Deeper Illumination...

from God's Word.

Wednesday Night Bible Study On campus and streamed at

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Youth Group

On campus from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 6th – 12th grade

J.A.M. Club

On campus from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. K – 5th grade

Ladies' Prayer Meeting

Third Saturday of each month. 9:00 a.m. in the Library. Women praying for women

Prayer Needs

Sherry Shoemaker Bobbie Sayre Stacy Cox Anita Orsini Jan Vermaas Ken Vander Kodde Anna & Paul DaCosta Donna Weyd

Prayer Chain: prayer@nhccftl.org

Birthdays

Alva Leo	December 2
Freddy Montilla	December 3
Dominick Lucien	December 7
Sadie Aviles	December 8
Sonja Timmer	December15
Alina Cox	December16
Edie Huisinga	December 18
Paul DaCosta	December22
Jackie Swanson	December 25
Jeannie Tanis	December 27
Maureen Guerra	December 30

Anniversaries

Joey & Fran Russo	December 7
Josh & Jacinth Pierre	December 14
Freddy & Egle Montilla	December 17
Bob & Sonia Timmer	December 21

This Week...

8	Worship Service AfterChurch	10:00 a.m. 11:45 a.m.
9	Prayer for Unsaved Loved Ones	6:30 p.m.
11	JAM Club Youth Group Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
14	Men's Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

We Thank Those Who Serve Today

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Sound Booth	Bob Timmer Anita Orsini
Ushers	Steve Shoemaker Bill Slager
Greeter	Frank Medina
Treats	Cindy Buckley
Nursery	Matilde Tolmos

^{*} Check the back page for streaming links!

Announcements

Welcome to NewHope Community Church!

Offerings -

- Today's tithes will support the ministries of New Hope Community Church.
- Today's Special Offering is for: the Technology fund.
- Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: the A/C Replacement fund.

Giving Opportunities -

- Offering Boxes are located at the back of the church. Please drop your offerings as you exit or enter the Sanctuary.
- · Online Giving can be made at www.nhccftl.org/give

Tithes and Offerings -

11/28 Special: \$ 545.00 12/1 General: \$8,913.80 12/1 Special: \$ 500.00

Special Funds Schedule -

12/08/24 Technology Fund 12/15/24 A/C Replacement 12/22/24 ARK Fund 12/24/24 Benevolence 12/29/24 Haiti Thrift Store 12/31/24 Benevolence

The Haiti Item of the Month for

December: Disposable Bed Pads, also known as Incontinence Bed Pads (for seniors, adults, and kids). Although we highlight a different item each month, we accept all items on the Haiti Wish List at any time! Thank you for your generosity.

Please - no food or drink in the sanctuary.

Prayer for Unsaved Loved Ones: will meet tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast: The men will gather Saturday morning, December 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, followed by Bible Study and discussion. All men are invited...

The Share an Ornament:

Everyone is invited to bring a special ornament to grace our Christmas tree. All ornaments should be either basic colorful ones or those with a religious Christmas theme, but please, no Santa Claus or other secular holiday themed ornaments. Paint pens are available on the sign-up table in the Narthex to write your name and year on it and then hang it on the tree!

Wings of Hope Gift Boxes: are now available on the Missions table, along with instructions. Simply take a boy or girl box or both boxes, fill with the items listed on the instructions. Place your box(es) under the Christmas tree in the lobby no later than Sunday, December 22th. All gift boxes will be shipped and distributed to the At Risk Kids (ARK) that we support in Haiti. Our goal is to send 200 boxes!

Scripture Reference: Luke 18:20-23 (ESV)

Luke 18:20. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'"

Luke 18:21. And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth."

Luke 18:22. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Luke 18:23. But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

Synopsis: "Destroying Altars"

In this message we will continue to make our way through the "living parable" of Jesus' encounter with a rich, young ruler, focusing on the high drama of their meeting. In response to the man's question concerning what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus recites a carefully abbreviated and ordered list of commandments he must keep. Seeming to ignore the young man's self-righteous claim to have kept them all, Jesus concentrates on what He knows is the young man's idol—his great wealth. We will carefully analyze the reason Jesus required the man to divest his wealth before following Him and why the man went away sad. We will also answer several other poignant questions that arise from the text and are particularly relevant in a modern context. But ultimately we will realize that our God is a Jealous God who will not allow His people to worship other gods, but requires all those who will follow Him to destroy their altars and worship Him alone!

"Destroying Altars" - Luke 18:20-23

- I. Introduction, Ex. 20:3-5; Judg. 6:25-26; Luke 16:13.
- II. Exposition of the text, Luke 18:20-23.
 - A. Context
 - The extended discussion of the Kingdom of God.
 - 2. The encounter, vs. 18-19.
 - a. Revisiting the ruler.
 - b. Revisiting the address.
 - c. The tone of the question.
 - d. Jesus' profound response.
 - i. The significance of the question.
 - ii. Jesus statement of "goodness".
 - B. Exposing the idol of the rich young ruler.
 - 1. The standard of "goodness", vs. 20.
 - a. Revealing the "standard of goodness", Matt. 5:17-19.
 - b. Turning to the Law.
 - i. Noting the choice of commandments.
 - 1) Noting the ones excluded.
 - a) All the commandments concerning God.
 - b) One commandment concerning humanity, Ez. 20:17; Col. 3:5.
 - 2) Noting the ones included.
 - ii. Noting the order.
 - c. How this relates to "goodness".
 - i. The concept of "perfect goodness", Luke 18:19.
 - ii. A thematic question concerning the Law.
 - iii. Determining the real reason for the Law, Psa. 14:3.
 - 2. The ruler's self-righteous reply, vs. 21.
 - a. An exalted view of himself.
 - b. Worshiping the universal and timeless god.
 - 3. Jesus drives to the heart of goodness, vs. 22.
 - a. Putting into perspective.
 - b. The stunning condition.
 - i. Give your wealth to the poor.
 - 1) The nature of his wealth.
 - 2) The problem of family.
 - ii. Treasure in heaven.

- iii. Following Christ.
 - 1) A mode of repentance.
 - 2) An example from the early church, Acts 4:34–35; Eph. 2:10.
- 4. The sad epilogue, vs. 23, Luke 12:34; Mark 10:22.
- III. Application
 - A. Answering questions raised by the text.
 - 1. Is it necessary to be poor to follow Jesus?
 - 2. Why did Jesus require this man to give away his wealth?
 - 3. Why did Jesus allow the man to walk away, Psa. 50:10-11?
 - 4. Is Jesus saying there are conditions to salvation?
- 5. Is wealth the only god that blocks the Kingdom of God? IV. Conclusion

Notes		

Worship Songs December 8, 2024

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift Your Name on high.

Lord, I lift Your Name on high, Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
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> Lord, I lift Your Name on high, Lord, I lift Your Name on high, Lord, I lift Your Name on high! (Repeat 2 more times)

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Moment in the Word: Psa. 97:6-9

Psa. 97:6. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Psa. 97:7. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods!

Psa. 97:8. Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

Psa. 97:9. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose for many That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for Joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory; Praise the One who makes us one.

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still thro' the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats,
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds,
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours,
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay; The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus – no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Responsive Reading: Psa. 115:1-11

[Pastor:] Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

[Congregation:] Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"

[Pastor:] Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

[Congregation:] Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.

[Pastor:] They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.

[Congregation:] They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

[Pastor:] They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.

[Congregation:] Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

[Pastor:] O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

[Congregation:] O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

[All:] You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

God With Us

Who are we that You would be mindful of us? What do You see that's worth looking our way?

We are free in ways that we never should be. Sweet release from the grip of these chains.

Like hinges straining from the weight, My heart no longer can keep from singing.

All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified:
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song.
The debt is paid, these chains are gone.
Emmanuel, God with us.

Lord, You know our hearts don't deserve Your glory; Still You show a love we cannot afford.

Like hinges straining from the weight, My heart no longer can keep from singing.

All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified:
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song.
The debt is paid, these chains are gone.
Emmanuel, God with us.

Such a tiny offering Compared to Calvary; Nevertheless, We lay it at Your feet. (Repeat)

All that is within me cries
For You alone be glorified:
Emmanuel, God with us.
My heart sings a brand new song.
The debt is paid, these chains are gone.
Emmanuel, God with us.

His Name is Wonderful

His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord; He is the mighty King, Master of everything, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd; the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him, His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

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Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, God incarnate, here to dwell. Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Praise His name, Emmanuel.

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