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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

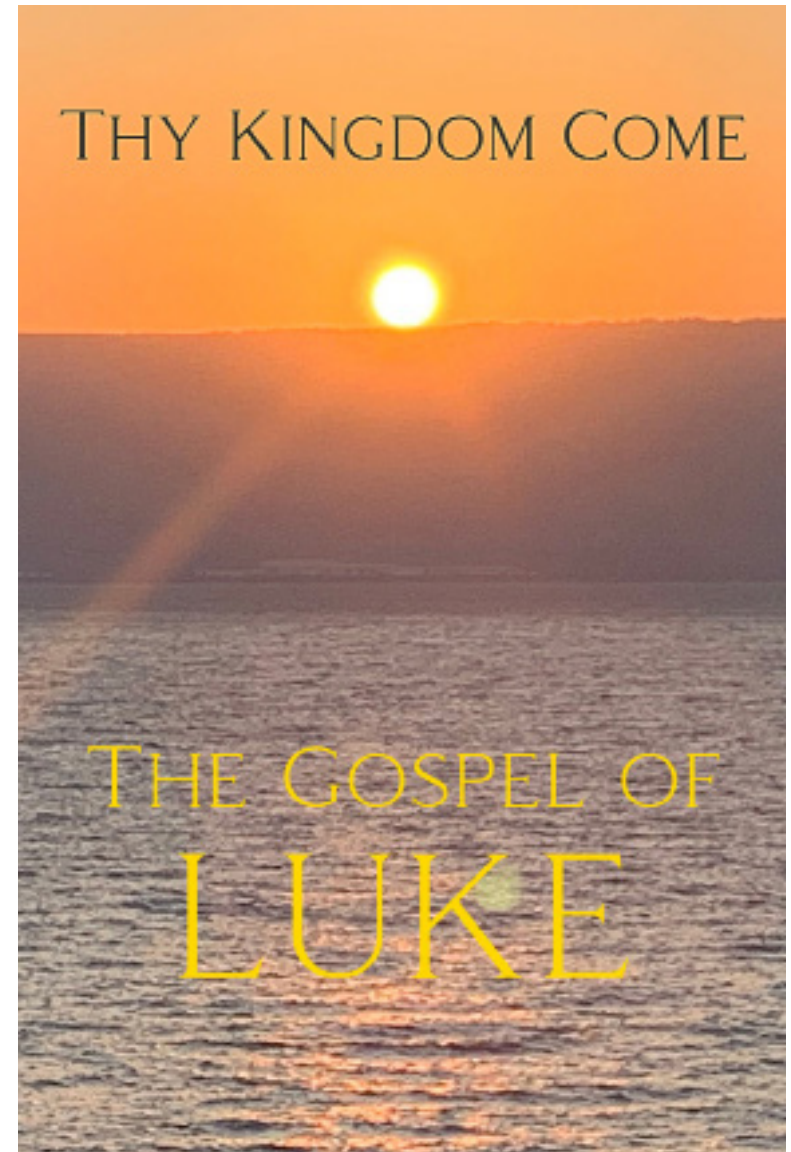


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Worship Service
November 23, 2025

Announcements

Call To Worship: "And Can It Be?"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Moment In The Word: Psa. 28:1-2, 6-7 Elder Freddy Montilla

Singing Together:

"Will Praise Thee"

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

"Christus Victor (Amen)"

Responsive Reading: Isa. 55:1-13

Prayer For The Gathering

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Friendship Time

Offertory & Special Music: "In Tenderness He Sought Me"

****Dismissal of Children's Church**

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:6-12

Message: "Listening to God's Silence"

Prayer For Understanding

Response Song: "Give Thanks"

Benediction

Choral Benediction: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Discipleship Opportunities

The AfterChurch

Immediately after the Service

On campus & streamed*

*Seeking Deeper Illumination...
from God's Word.*

Wednesday Night Bible Study

On campus & 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 Ministry

Third Saturday of each month.

9:00 a.m. in the Library

Women praying for women

** Check the back page for streaming links!*

Prayer Needs

Sherry Shoemaker

Bobbie Sayre

Donna Weyd

Alva Leo

Prayer Chain: prayer@nhccftl.org

Birthdays

Mitou Lucien	November10
Janet Sessa	November13
Frances Russo	November16
PJ Rogers	November20
Donna Weyd	November21
Devyn Comer	November25
Denise Prohaska....	November26
Jackie Knowles	November29
Theodore Rosa	November30

Anniversaries

Jephthe & Mitou Lucien November30

This Week..

23	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	AfterChurch	11:45 a.m.
29	Christmas Decorating	9:00 a.m.

We Thank Those Who Serve Today

Sound Booth	Bob Timmer Anita Orsini
Ushers	Steve Shoemaker Bill Slager
Greeter	Frank Medina
Treats	Cheryl Comer
Nursery	Dora Medina

Announcements Welcome to New Hope Community Church!

Offerings –

• Today's tithes will support the ministries of New Hope Community Church.

• Today's Special Offering is for: the Major Building Repairs fund.

Thanksgiving's special offering will be for the Benevolence fund.

Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: the Major Building Repairs 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 –

11/16 General: \$ 4,758

11/16 Special: \$ 220

Special Funds Schedule –

11/27 Benevolence
11/30 Major Building Repairs
12/7 Major Building Repairs
12/14 Major Building Repairs
12/21 Haiti Thrift Store
12/24 Sanctuary
12/28 Technology
12/3 A/C Replacement

Nursery:

Infants to 3 yrs
Children's Church:
Ages 4–5th grade;
Dismissed at Special Music.

Please – no food or drink
in the Sanctuary....

JAM Club, Youth Group and the Adult Bible Study: are cancelled for Wednesday, November 26th.

Join us for a Thanksgiving Worship Service: this Thursday at 10 a.m.

Christmas Decorating: is planned for 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 29. We need volunteers to decorate the tree, the narthex and the sanctuary. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

Christmas Tea: It's not too late to make Christmas cookies for the Tea to be held on December 6. Cookies should be delivered to the church between 5–8 p.m., Friday, December 5 or between 10–11 a.m., Saturday, December 6. If you can help with this, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Wings of Hope Gift Boxes: are now available on the table under the narthex TV, along with instructions. Simply take a boy or girl box or both boxes, and fill them with the items listed on the instructions. Place your box(es) under the Christmas tree in the lobby after November 29, but no later than Sunday, December 21st. 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!

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Luke 23:12. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

“Synopsis: “Listening to God's Silence”

When Pilate learned that Jesus was a Galilean, he sent Him to Herod Antipas to be tried. Herod was ecstatic because he had long wanted to meet this famous Prophet and be entertained by His supernatural powers. A short review of Herod Antipas' weak character and moral degeneracy will help us visualize the scene that follows. For much to Herod's disappointment, Jesus not only refused to perform for him-- He would not utter a single word. We will analyze the significant fact that unlike the other judges in these legal proceedings (Pilate and the Sanhedrin) Herod's trivial and insincere desire for entertainment is the only time Jesus refused to say anything at all. When Jesus does not fill the silence with words or entertainment-- Herod fills it himself by mocking Jesus, dressing Him up in shining clothes and returning Him to Pilate. We will find in this a deeply damaging model that has been picked up by the church over and over again in the years to follow. When people demand that God entertain them with His supernatural Presence, quite often the response is silence. And rather than listening to and learning from that silence, they try to fill it with their own words, entertainment, and energy-- and then pin God's name on it. Like Herod, they gain nothing from the encounter, because they fail to listen to God's silence.

"Listening to God's Silence" " – Luke 23:6-12 (ESV)

- I. Introduction: Elijah at Mount Carmel, 1Kings 18:21, 26-29.
- II. Exposition of the text, Luke 23:6-12.
 - A. Context
 - 1. The legal proceedings.
 - 2. The transcendent King, Luke 23:3.
 - 3. Pilate and the Chief Priests as examples.
 - B. Jesus and the interview with Herod.
 - 1. Grasping at straws, vs. 6-7.
 - a. Why Pilate sent Jesus to Herod.
 - b. Getting reacquainted with Herod Antipas.
 - 2. Herod's delight, vs. 8.
 - a. Herod's persistent anxiety, Luke 9:7-9; Matt. 14:1-2.
 - b. A strange emotion, Matt. 2:10; John 20:20.
 - c. Seeking a sign.
 - i. As an "antiphrasis".
 - ii. For all the wrong reasons.
 - 3. The disappointing interview, vs. 9.
 - a. Questions devoid of content, Matt. 6:7.
 - b. A deafening silence, Isa. 53:7; Matt. 26:62-63, 27:12-14.
 - c. A scathing commentary, John 8:44, 18:36-37; Matt. 23:15.
 - 4. A dramatic comparison, vs. 10.
 - 5. Filling the silence, vs. 11.
 - a. Mocking Jesus with contempt, Luke 7:31-32.
 - b. Dressing Jesus up.
 - 6. An unholy alliance, vs. 12.
 - a. Probing the relationship.
 - b. The ultimate irony, Matt. 10:34-36; Eph. 2:16-18; Rev. 5:9.
- III. Application
 - A. A few examples.
 - B. The underlying lesson for the church.
- IV. Conclusion, Isa. 55:11.

Notes

Worship Songs
November 23, 2025

And Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above;
So free, so infinite His grace.
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.
(Refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light.
My chains fell off; my heart was free.
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
(Refrain)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine;
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown, thro' Christ, my own.
(Refrain)

Moment in the Word: Psa. 28:1-2, 6-7

Psa. 28:1. To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Psa. 28:2. Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

Psa. 28:6. Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Psa. 28:7. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

I Will Praise Thee

I will praise Thee, I will praise Thee,
With my whole heart, I will praise Thee.
For Thou hast multiplied Thy mercies unto me,
I will sing praises unto Thee.

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord,
When they hear the words of Thy mouth.
Yes, they shall sing of Thy ways, O Lord,
For great is Thy glory.

I will praise Thee, I will praise Thee,
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Yes, they shall sing of Thy ways, O Lord,
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I will praise Thee, I will praise Thee,
With my whole heart, I will praise Thee.
For Thou hast multiplied Thy mercies unto me,
I will sing praises unto Thee.

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.

I will praise Thee, I will praise Thee,
With my whole heart, I will praise Thee.
For Thou hast multiplied Thy mercies unto me,
I will sing praises unto Thee.

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Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men—
Oh You rescue the souls of men.

Refrain

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for—
Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor Comforter Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way—
Oh we hopelessly lost the way
(Refrain)

Almighty infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne—
Oh we're falling before Your throne
(Refrain)

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Christus Victor (Amen)

O Most High, King of the ages,
Great I AM, God of wonders,
By the blood You have redeemed us,
Led us through mighty waters,
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won. Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, dwelling among us.
Son of Man sent for sinners.
By Your blood You have redeemed us.
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior,
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels,
In the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High, King of the nations,
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor,
On that day who will not tremble?
When You stand, Christ the Victor,
Who was, and is, and is forever.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels,
In the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.

Amen, amen, amen; Amen, amen, amen; Amen, amen, amen.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne,
Be blessing, honor, glory, power,
For the battle You have won. Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue,
We join the anthem of the angels,
In the triumph of the Son.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Sing the victory of the Lamb!
Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Isa. 55:1-13

[Pastor:] Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

[Congregation:] Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

[Pastor:] Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

[Congregation:] Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

[Pastor:] Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

[Congregation:] Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

[Pastor:] let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

[Congregation:] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

[Pastor:] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[Congregation:] For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

[Pastor:] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

[Congregation:] For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

[All:] Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

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.

In Tenderness He Sought Me

In tenderness He sought me,
Weary and sick with sin,
And on His shoulders brought me
Back to His fold again.
While angels in His presence sang
Until the courts of heaven rang.

Refrain

O the love that sought me!
O the blood that bought me!
O the grace that brought me to the flock,
Wondrous grace that brought me to the flock!

He washed the bleeding sin-wounds
And poured in oil and wine;
He whispered to assure me,
"I've found thee, thou art Mine;"
I never heard a sweeter voice;
It made my aching heart rejoice! (Refrain)

He pointed to the nail prints,
For me His blood was shed,
A mocking crown so thorny
Was placed upon His head:
I wondered what He saw in me
To suffer such deep agony. (Refrain)

I'm sitting in His presence,
The sunshine of His face,
While with adoring wonder
His blessings I retrace:
It seems as if eternal days
Are far too short to sound His praise. (Refrain)

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
(Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;":
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
(Repeat)

Give thanks!
Give thanks!

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Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me,
Bless His holy name.
(Repeat)