



*AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH
AND DWELT AMONG US...*

JOHN 1:14

Worship Service
December 14, 2025

Announcements

Call To Worship: "Bless the Name of Jesus"

Welcome And Invocation To Worship

Moment In The Word: Psa. 30:4-5 .Deacon Frank Hackett

Advent Responsive Reading: "Joy"

Singing Together:

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"Joy to the World"

"Hail to the King"

Responsive Reading: Psa. 100:1-5

Prayer For The Gathering

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Friendship Time

Offertory & Special Music: "Mary, Did You Know?"

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

Scripture Reading: Zeph. 3:17; Phil 4:4; John 5:11

Message: "Following the Flow of Joy"

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 & 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

Alva Leo	December 2
Freddy Montilla	December 3
Dominick Lucien	December 7
Sadie Aviles	December 8
Sonya Timmer	December 15
Alina Cox	December 16
Edie Huisinga	December 18
Jackie Swanson	December 25
Jeannie Tanis	December 27
Maureen Guerra	December 30

Anniversaries

Joey & Fran Russo	December 7
Freddy & Egle Montilla	December 17
Bob & Sonja Timmer	December 21

This Week..

14	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	AfterChurch	11:45 a.m.

17	JAM Club	
	Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
	Adult Bible Study:-	
	"The Acts of the Apostles"	

20	Ladies' Prayer	9:00 a.m.
	Ministry Meeting	

We Thank Those Who Serve Today

Sound Booth	Bob Timmer
	Anita Orsini
Ushers	Steve Shoemaker
	Bill Slager
Greeter	Frank Medina
Treats	Cindy Buckley
Nursery	Alexis Evans-Morris

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.

Next Sunday, our special offering will be for: the Haiti Thrift Store 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 –

12/6	Special	\$ 4,624.07
12/7	General:	\$ 6,345.00
12/7	Special:	\$ 402.00

Special Funds Schedule –

12/21	Haiti Thrift Store
12/24	Sanctuary
12/28	Technology
12/31	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....**

Ladies' Prayer Ministry: will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 20th. Look for an email this afternoon, asking for prayer requests.

Wings of Hope Gift Boxes: Please place your box(es) under the Christmas tree in the lobby by Christmas Eve. All gift boxes will be shipped and distributed to the At Risk Kids (ARK) that we support in Haiti.

Haiti Boxing Day Schedule:

We are consistently receiving enough donations of boxing material to box every other month. Right now we need a minimum number of boxes for pickup, so every month is not feasible. The schedule is listed below:

January 5, 2026
March 2, 2026
May 4, 2026

Scripture Reference: Zeph. 3:17; Phil 4:4; John 5:11 (ESV)

Zeph. 3:17. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Synopsis: "Following the Flow of Joy"

As our Advent season continues, we come to the celebration of the JOY we have in Christ. And those are the operative words: "In Christ". In this message we will turn once again to Scripture to help us understand the nature of true Christian joy and why more Christians are not "joyful". Towards that end we will use three verses to help us follow the flow of Joy. Starting with God, we will learn of His joy as expressed in the prophecy of Zephaniah. We will discover what brings God joy and how His joy is manifest in the perfect obedience of His Son Jesus Christ. We will then turn to Paul's letter to the Philippians to learn that God's joy is a supernatural gift of the Holy Spirit and therefore our rejoicing must be "in the Lord". Finally we will turn to the Gospel of John where Jesus emphasizes the only way to experience God's joy is to "abide in Him". Through these verses we will follow the flow of Joy from the Father, through the Son and the Spirit to the church. Ultimately, we will realize the straight-forward principle that the more we live for and in Christ, the greater joy we will experience.

"Following the Flow of Joy" – Zeph. 3:17; Phil 4:4; John 5:11 (ESV)

- I. Introduction, 1Pet. 1:3–4.
- II. Exposition of the text, Zeph. 3:17; Phil 4:4; John 5:11.
 - A. Context
 - 1. The ministry and times of Zephaniah, Zeph. 1:12, 3:14–15.
 - 2. The immeasurable love of God.
 - B. The Flow of God's Joy.
 - 1. Focusing on God's joy.
 - a. When God rejoices.
 - i. The intertwining of God's love and joy.
 - 1) God's joy is not a magnification of human joy.
 - 2) God's joy is not grounded in the emotions.
 - 3) God's joy is in His elect.
 - 4) God's joy is self-contained.
 - 5) God's joy is superlative.
 - 6) The fullness of God's joy, 1John 1:5.
 - 7) God's joy is unconditional.
 - ii. An extraordinary joy.
 - 1) The meaning of "rejoice".
 - 2) The meaning of "gladness".
 - 3) The meaning of "exult".
 - 4) The meaning of "loud singing", Isa. 12:6.
 - iii. God's joy in His sovereign will, Deut. 28:63; Isa. 53:10; Ezek. 33:11; Prov. 3:12.
 - b. Probing the nature of God's joy.
 - i. Things that don't bring the Lord joy, Psa. 5:4, 147:10, Psa. 51:16; Prov. 11:20, 12:22; Isa. 1:11, 65:12.
 - ii. Things that do bring the Lord joy, Prov. 11:20, 12:22; Psa. 37:23, 51:6, 147:11.
 - 2. The manifestation of God's joy, John 14:9, 15:11, 17:13; Isa. 53:3; Col. 1:19; Heb. 12:2; Luke 10:21.
 - 3. Christian joy is a gift of God, Phil 4:4.
 - a. The gift of the Holy Spirit, Gal. 5:22.
 - b. Joy is supernatural.
 - 4. Dwelling in the midst of joy.
 - a. Another analogy.
 - b. Abiding in Christ, John 15:11.
 - i. The analogy of the Vine and the branches, John 15:1–11.
 - ii. There is JOY in the Vine.
 - 1) True joy can only be found "in Christ".
 - 2) The joy of discipline, James 1:2–4.
 - 3) The joy of bearing fruit.
 - 4) Joy is found in obedience, Deut. 6:5; John 15:10.
- III. Conclusion, Phil. 1:21; Matt. 6:33.

Notes

Worship Songs
December 14, 2025

Bless the Name of Jesus

Bless the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
Sing unto the King of Israel.

Bless the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
Sing unto the King of Israel.

And I sing glory, glory,
Glory to His name forever.
Glory, glory,
Glory to His name.

Bless the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
Sing unto the King of Israel.

Bless the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
Sing unto the King of Israel.

And I sing glory, glory,
Glory to His name forever.
Glory, glory,
Glory to His name.

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Moment in the Word: Psalms 30:4-5

Psalms 30:4. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalms 30:5. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Advent Responsive Reading: Joy

[Pastor:] Though the times were dark and foreboding when the prophet Isaiah lived, and the people of God suffered greatly, the Lord promised a day when a Redeemer would come and turn the people's tears into shouts of joy...

[Congregation:] You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. (Isa. 12:1)

[Pastor:] "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

[Congregation:] For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." (Isa. 12:2)

[Pastor:] With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isa. 12:3)

[Congregation:] And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. (Isa. 12:4)

[Pastor:] "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. (Isa. 12:5)

[Congregation:] Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." (Isa. 12:6)

[Pastor:] All Creation rejoices at the coming of the Christ child, who is Immanuel--God with us. But the prophet Zephaniah tells us that God himself also rejoiced on this day!

[Everyone:] The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zeph. 3:17)

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;
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.

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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!

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Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow.
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Hail to the King

Bright morning star, King of all days,
reign in our hearts, and
ride on our praise.
You are crowned in majesty.

Awaken us now, set us ablaze,
let Your kingdom come.
Let Your name be raised,
hear the song of the redeemed,
be exalted as we sing.

Hail to the King, hail to the living Word.
Let praise arise, heaven and earth,
sing praise to the Lamb
seated on the throne;
power and strength are Yours alone.
Hail to the King. Hail to the King.

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Responsive Reading: Psa. 100:1-5

[Pastor:] Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

[Congregation:] Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

[Pastor:] Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

[Congregation:] Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

[All:] For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

Mary, Did You Know?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God?
Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear,
The dead will live again,
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Was Heaven's perfect Lamb,
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great, the Great I AM?
Oh, Mary, Mary, did you know?

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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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