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Sunday Morning Worship (10:00 am)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/sunam](http://www.nhccftl.org/sunam)  
The AfterChurch (12:00 pm)  
· [www.nhccftl.org/after](http://www.nhccftl.org/after)  
Wed. Night Bible Study (6:30 pm)  
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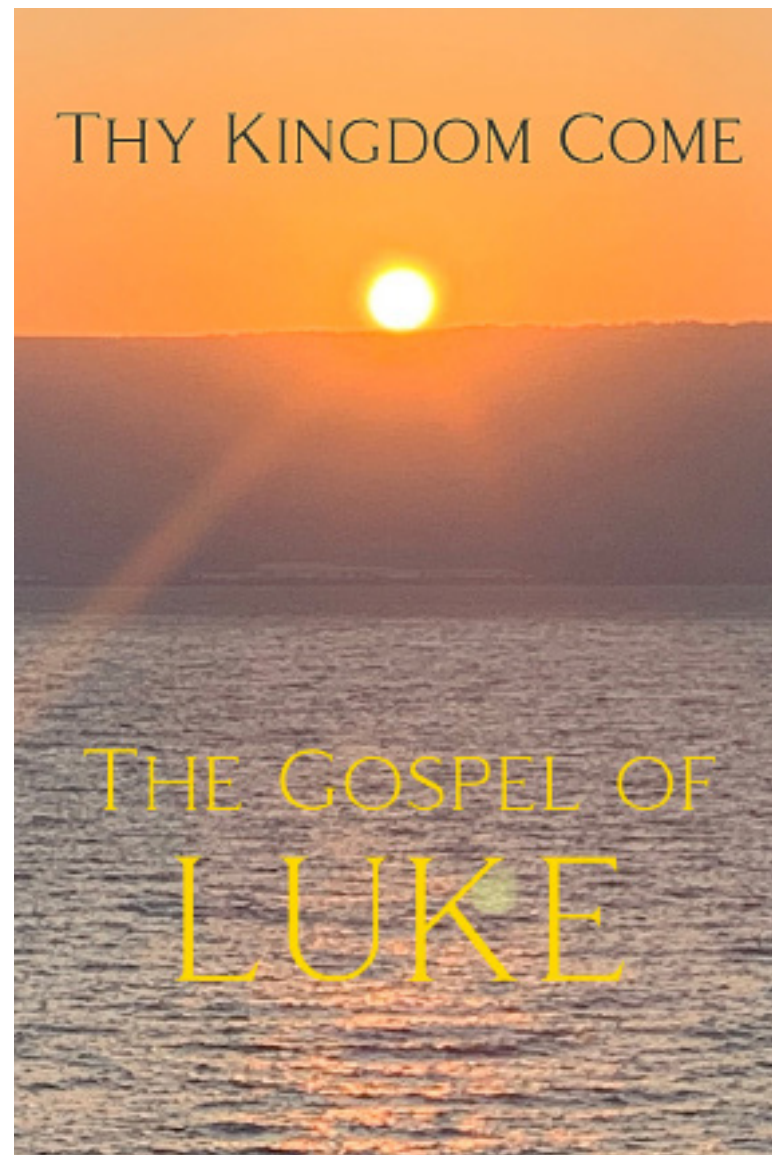


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## Worship Service January 25, 2026

### Announcements

**Call To Worship:** "Grace Greater than Our Sin"

**Welcome And Invocation To Worship**

**Moment In The Word:** Ezek. 18:29–32 Rev. Kirby Williams

### Singing Together:

"On the Altar of Our Praise"

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

"My Worth is Not What I Own (At the Cross)"

**Responsive Reading:** Ezek. 18:20–28

**Prayer For The Gathering**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Doxology**

**Friendship Time**

**Offertory & Special Music:** "He Touched Me"

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

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 23:26–31

**Message:** "Taking the "Via Simonis"

**Prayer For Understanding**

**Response Song:** "His Name Is Life"

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:** "We Worship and Adore You"

## 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

Joey and Fran Russo

**Prayer Chain:** [prayer@nhccftl.org](mailto:prayer@nhccftl.org)

### Birthdays

Bruce Eyer January 21

Razana Shoemaker January 26

Enrico Orsini January 30

Dee Miller February 2

Harmony Rogers February 3

David Medina February 5

Ellen Ferrick February 6

Linda Mateychick February 7

Jacinth Pierre February 7

Libest Larez February 8

Frank Hackett February 9

### Anniversaries

Bill & Barb Slager February 1

## This Week..

25 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
AfterChurch 11:45 p.m..

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

### We Thank Those Who Serve Today

Sound Booth	Bob Timmer Anita Orsini
Ushers	Steve Shoemaker Bill Slager
Greeter	Frank Medina
Treats	Jessica Aviles and Jeannie Tanis
Nursery	Matilde Tolmos

## Announcements Welcome to New Hope Community Church!

*Please - no food or drink  
in the Sanctuary...*

### Offerings –

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

### • 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](http://www.nhccftl.org/give)

### Tithes and Offerings –

1/18 General \$ 3,678

### Special Fund Schedule:

The Legal Defense Fund

### Nursery:

Infants to 3 yrs  
Children's Church:  
Ages 4-5th grade

*Dismissed at Special Music.*

**Ladies' Bible Study:** Signing up for the ladies' Bible study by Feb. 1 will enable you to get the workbook and have time to do the first lesson before our first meeting day. See Jeannie Tanis for the workbook.

### Kentucky School Supplies Needed:

Support mission efforts to the kids in Kentucky! Our youth mission team is collecting the following items for the outreach in Kentucky this summer:

**January:** Spiral Notebooks,  
Scissors

**February:** #2 Pencils, Handheld  
Pencil Sharpeners, Yellow  
Highlighters, Blue, Black and Red  
Pens, Large Pink Erasers

**March:** 2 Pocket Folders, Glue  
Sticks, Wooden Rulers, Pencil  
Pouches

**April:** 2 pocket vinyl folders

## Scripture Reference: Luke 23:26–31 (ESV)

Luke 23:26. And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

Luke 23:27. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him.

Luke 23:28. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Luke 23:29. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

Luke 23:30. Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

Luke 23:31. For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

## Synopsis – "Taking the "Via Simonis""

Jesus' trial is over, He has been exchanged for Barabbas and now more than likely carries the cross meant for him to His Crucifixion. Weakened severely by the abuse to His body, His Cross is laid upon a man named Simon from Cyrene, who follows Jesus, bearing His Cross, to Calvary. A huge multi-faceted multitude also follows Him, including a group of women who mourn and lament for Him as the solemn procession makes its way to Golgotha. It is then that Jesus turns to this group of sympathetic, well-wishing women and delivers one of the sternest personal warnings in Scripture. We will analyze Jesus' words and the chilling interpretation of His proverb concerning the nature of firewood. We will see in this both a warning of how Israel will be treated by Rome, and how God's fierce wrath will be faced by those who refuse to "repent and believe the Gospel". Ultimately, we will consider the entire scene, as a profound illustration of the only way of redemption and true discipleship. And in a phrase-- it is by taking the "via Simonis"!

## “Taking the “Via Simonis”” – Luke 23:26-31 (ESV)

- I. Introduction, John 3:18.
- II. Exposition of the text, Luke 23:26-31.
  - A. Context, Luke 23:4,14-15,18-20,22,25; Acts 3:14.
  - B. On the way to the Cross...
    - 1. Focus on Simon, vs. 26.
      - a. Defining “they”.
        - i. Looking backwards and forwards, Luke 23:13,25-26.
        - ii. Leading away to the place of execution, Num. 15:35.
      - b. Focus on Simon.
        - i. Introducing Simon, Rom. 16:13.
        - ii. Carrying Jesus’ Cross.
    - 2. The people of Jerusalem, vs. 27.
      - a. The great multitude.
      - b. The daughters of Jerusalem.
        - i. Looking at the words.
          - 1) “Mourning” for Jesus, Mark 11:8; Luke 18:13.
          - 2) “Lamenting” His suffering, Luke 7:12,32, 8:52.
        - ii. A circumstantial, experiential and emotional attachment.
    - 3. A scathing judgment, vs. 28-31.
      - a. The stunning address, vs. 28.
        - i. The meaning of “daughters of Jerusalem”, Zeph. 3:14; Zech. 9:9.
          - 1) Those the women DO NOT represent, Matt. 27:55-56.
          - 2) Those the women DO represent.
        - ii. The stunning statement.
          - 1) “Do not weep for me”, 2Cor. 5:21; Psa. 22:1.
          - 2) “Weep for yourselves”, John 17:5.
      - b. The horrors to come, vs. 29-30.
        - i. When it will be better not to be born, vs. 29.
          - 1) An eschatological phrase, Luke 17:22, 21:6; Acts 2:20.
          - 2) When barren wombs are blessed, Psa. 127:3-5.
          - 3) A deep and profound suffering, Job 3:3,11,12; Jer. 20:14; Luke 21:23-24.
        - ii. The eschatological language of Hosea, vs. 30.
          - 1) Looking backwards, Hos. 10:7,8.
          - 2) Looking forwards, Rev. 6:12-17; Mark 1:15.
      - c. The “hard-hitting” analogy, vs. 31.
        - i. Explaining the analogy.
        - ii. Interpreting the analogy.
        - iii. Applying the analogy.
    - 4. Interpretation of the warning.
      - a. Facing the wrath of Rome, Luke 19:42-44.
      - b. Facing the wrath of God, Luke 21:25-27..0

- III. Application
  - A. A plethora of “ways” not to take.
  - B. Taking the “via Simonis”, John 14:6; Luke 9:22-26.
- IV. Conclusion

### Notes

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**Worship Songs**  
**January 25, 2026**

**Grace Greater than Our Sin**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.  
(Refrain)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide—  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.  
(Refrain)

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?  
(Refrain)

**Moment in the Word: Ezek. 18:29–32**

Ezek. 18:29. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

Ezek. 18:30. Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.

Ezek. 18:31. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?

Ezek. 18:32. For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

### On the Altar of Our Praise

You came down from heaven's throne,  
This earth You formed was not Your home,  
A love like this, the world had never known.

A crown of thorns to mark Your head,  
Forgiveness fell upon Your face,  
A love like this, the world had never known.

On the altar of our praise,  
let there be no higher name,  
Jesus, Son of God,  
You laid down Your perfect life;  
You are the sacrifice,  
Jesus, Son of God.  
You are Jesus, Son of God.

You took our sin, You bore our shame,  
You rose to life, You defeated the grave,  
A love like this, the world has never known. (Repeat)

On the altar of our praise,  
let there be no higher name,  
Jesus, Son of God,  
You laid down Your perfect life;  
You are the sacrifice,  
Jesus, Son of God.  
You are Jesus, Son of God.

Be lifted higher in all You've overcome,  
Your name be louder than any other song;  
There is no power that can come against Your love,  
The cross was enough,  
The cross was enough. (Repeat)

On the altar of our praise,  
let there be no higher name,  
Jesus, Son of God,  
You laid down Your perfect life;  
You are the sacrifice,  
Jesus, Son of God.  
You are Jesus, Son of God. (Repeat)

### May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,  
Live in me from day to day,  
By His love and pow'r controlling  
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only thro' His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing-  
This is victory.

May I run the race before me,  
Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me  
As I seek the lost to win;  
And may they forget the channel,  
Seeing only Him.



## My Worth is Not What I Own (At the Cross)

My worth is not in what I own,  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
But in the costly wounds of love– At the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name,  
In win or lose, in pride or shame,  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed– At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul;  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die,  
Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,  
But life eternal calls to us– At the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might,  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light,  
But I will boast in knowing Christ– At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul;  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

Two wonders here that I confess,  
My worth and my unworthiness,  
My value fixed – my ransom paid; At the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer,  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.  
I rejoice in my Redeemer,  
Greatest Treasure,  
Wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other.  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

## Responsive Reading: Ezek. 18:20–28

[Pastor:] The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

[Congregation:] But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

[Pastor:] None of the transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him; for the righteousness that he has done he shall live.

[Congregation:] Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?

[Pastor:] But when a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice and does the same abominations that the wicked person does, shall he live? None of the righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which he is guilty and the sin he has committed, for them he shall die.

[Congregation:] Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

[Pastor:] When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die.

[Congregation:] Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

{All:} Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

## 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.

## He Touched Me

Shackled by a heavy burden,  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame;  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,  
And now I am no longer the same.

### Refrain

He touched me, O, He touched me,  
And O, the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened, and now I know,  
He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior,  
Since He cleansed and made me whole;  
I will never cease to praise Him—  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.  
(Refrain)

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## His Name Is Life

His name is Master, Savior, Lion of Judah,  
Blessed Prince of Peace;  
Shepherd, Fortress, Rock of Salvation;  
Lamb of God is He.  
Son of David, King of the Ages, Eternal Life;  
Holy Lord of Glory – His name is Life.

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## We Worship and Adore You

We worship and adore You,  
Bowing down before You,  
Songs of praises singing,  
Hallelujah's ringing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! Amen.