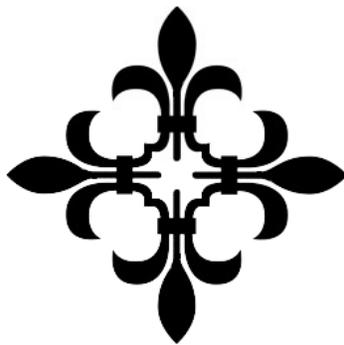


New Hope
Presbyterian Church



August 31, 2014

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

We welcome the Rev. Kristine Aragon-Bruce to our pulpit today. A graduate of the University of Washington and Princeton Theological Seminary, Kristine has served churches in Seattle, WA (her hometown); Boulder, CO; Cherry Hill, NJ; and Edinburgh, Scotland. Kristine is married to Matt, who teaches History of Christianity and World Religions at Lindewood University. They are the proud parents of Phoebe and Jenson.

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Welcome Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 10:30 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading.

Preparing for worship...Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: The Senior and Mid High Youth.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary, given by Mark & Jennifer Everly; and, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mattie Sue West, given by Mel Fairchild.

Liturgist: Elder Ruth Irvine

Sound Booth: Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 178

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Welcome Table in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2014

10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Almighty God,
in the self-giving love of Christ
you have revealed the path of salvation.
Give us courage to deny our selfish desire
and bear the cross of discipleship,
that we may live as those who have no fear of death
and receive the joy of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

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

*OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord, the God of ages, calls us.

Exodus 3:14-15

This is holy ground.

The Lord, the great I AM, is with us.

Let us worship God.

+ *HYMN 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*THE CONFESSION

**God our redeemer, we confess
that we remain captivated by sin.
We seek profit and pleasure in the world**

but you offer us a greater glory.
We strive to preserve our way of life
but you call us to give our lives away.
Forgive us; liberate us!
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, set free
to worship and serve you in freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3: 1-15

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12: 9-21

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ, Be Our Light (refrain) (Glory to God 314)*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 21-28

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

SERMON

The Rev. Kristine Aragon-Bruce

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

✠ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

✠ During the prayers, there will be moments of silence for you to offer prayer in the quiet of your heart.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,

...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

...Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...

...Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available at the station to the left as you approach the Table.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



“I’ve Been Wondering…”
FAQs about Worship

Why do we pour water into the font?

In ancient times, people regarded flowing water as living water. Standing water was (and is) known to become stagnant, but flowing water was and continues to be a habitat for life. We pour water into the font not just on those occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, but on every occasion we gather for worship because it is the waters of baptism that signify who we are as God’s beloved. Baptism is not merely a static event in the life of an individual, but a dynamic process of living by God’s grace into the fullness of life in the Christian community. When water is poured in the liturgy, we hear the sound of God’s baptismal grace and we see anew the water that sustains life on earth and our life with God. It reminds us of our baptismal identity as God’s own, of our ongoing need for God’s grace, and of our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why do we gather around the font for the confession of sin?

“We love God because God first loved us” (1 John 4:19). As the people of God, we assemble for worship filled with baptismal confidence. Before we ever come to God, God has first come to us. Whenever and wherever we “find” God, we can be assured that God has first found us. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, our baptism is not an achievement on our part, but rather God’s declaration of love and care for us. Knowing we are God’s own and washed in love, we are able to approach the time of confession in honesty, vulnerability and the confidence that God will make us new.

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord’s Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at www.pcusa.org/sacraments.

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Stacy Pearson, *Director of the Preschool*
Brian Parrish, *Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Brown, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Audrey Chipley, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*
Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

Session

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission & Evangelism</i>
Jim Pettit (2014)	Susan Phillips (2014)	Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)	Lauren Martinez (2014)	Neal Powers (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
	Shelley Geiger (2016)	

Worship, Music & the Arts
Kristin Judd (2014)
Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)

Administration & Support
Allen Sebaugh (2014)
Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)

Diaconate

2014
Kimm Besgrove
Jennifer Everly
Don Higgason
Pat Murphy
Laura Eikmann

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

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News & Opportunities

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule
 May 25th through August 31st
 Christian Formation ~ 9:45 am
 Word & Sacrament ~ 10:30 am

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in recognition of Labor Day.

Beginning on Sunday, September 7th, New Hope will resume the following schedule:
 Word & Sacrament ~ 8:45 am
 Christian Formation ~ 9:45 am
 Word & Sacrament ~ 11:00 am

INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, September 14th at 12:15 p.m. for those interested in uniting with our congregation in membership. This will be a time of conversation to get to know one another better and to answer any questions you might have about New Hope. Childcare will be available for those who need it. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@newhopepc.org.

50 K in 50 DAYS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the *50 K in 50 Days* special collection. To date, we have received \$31,822.66 towards our goal of \$50,000.00, which means we are 64% of the way there in our third week! The funds raised will be used to repair the church parking lot and playground area. Thanks again to all who have given or anticipate giving!

DEACON PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the annual Deacon Picnic on Sunday, September 28th, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. The Deacons are providing fried chicken for everyone, as well as fun and games! We welcome the entire congregation, as well as friends, but do ask that you RSVP to the church office at 636/936-2200 or lbrown@newhopepc.org or by completing a form on the Information Table. We also ask that each participant bring a dish according to the chart below:

Last Name begins with	Dish
A - G	Salad
H - M	Veggie or Side
N - Z	Dessert

Sunday, August 31st

9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

Monday, September 1st

Labor Day
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2nd

7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Adult Mission Trip Meeting	Senior High Room
7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting	Conference Room

Wednesday, September 3rd

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Sunday School Orientation	Senior High Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space

Thursday, September 4th

10:00 a.m.	Jubilee Circle	Senior High Room
1:00 p.m.	Agape Circle	Senior High Room
5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room

Sunday, September 7th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Sunshine Room

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.newhopepc.org.

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CHILDREN

Today, August 31st **September 7th**
Infant Nursery
Katharine Harmon Barb Griffith
Pre-K Nursery
Barbi Smith

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers
August 31st - Martha Lamey & Kelly Hantack
September 7th - No Worship Feast

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.SignupLogin&urlid=10C0F4FA9A829A7FA7-child>
Use access code 1580 to log in.

Kids Fellowship Club is a fun-filled fellowship club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet two Sunday afternoons each month in the Sunshine Room on the lower level.

September 7th - gather at church for Swing-A-Round for miniature golf. We will leave at 3:00 pm and return at 5:00 pm. Each child will need a signed permission slip and \$5.00. Please contact Barbi at 636-936-2200 or 314-807-2211 to RSVP.

September 21 "Wet & Wild Game Night at church from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Wear your swim suit and bring a towel. Younger siblings are welcome if a parent plans to stay.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday during the summer at 10:30 am.

Today we welcome the Rev. Kristine Aragon-Bruce back to our pulpit while Pastor James is on vacation. He will be returning to the office on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Lectionary for Sunday, September 7, 2014

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Jubilee Circle needs help with childcare for their monthly meetings (Sept.-May). They meet only once a month for an hour the first Thursday of the month from 10-11am and would greatly appreciate your help in providing care for their little ones. There are two helpers each month and you don't need to commit to every month. This is an excellent way to get to know the mothers and little ones of New Hope and help provide an opportunity for mothers to study and fellowship together. Nancy Seals helped all last year and has committed to help us again this year. Please consider helping the mothers of Jubilee Circle. Sign up sheet on the Welcome Table. For questions contact Jubilee Circle leader Jennifer James (jengjames@att.net)

SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED

We have a great team of volunteers helping out in the sound booth on Sunday mornings, but we could use a few additional people. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Dame at mike@mikedame.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

The 2014-2015 Sunday School year begins September 7 for everyone from toddlers in the Nursery to adults! Babies and toddlers will meet in the Nursery with Audrey Chipley and Jennifer Everly using the curriculum Wee Children at Church. Preschoolers (ages 3 - 5) meet downstairs in the Butterfly Room with Monica Schrautemeier, Jennifer James, Nancy Harrington and Jen Bommari-to using Wee Believe curriculum. Kindergarten - Second Graders will meet across the all in the Caterpillar Room with Christy Tutschulte, Kathy Mudrovic, Kristine Bruce and Barbi Smith. Third through Fifth Graders will meet in the small downstairs kitchen with Linda Dencker, Adam Huffman, and Julie Nowakowski. Our mid and senior highs will combine this year for a Youth Class, which will meet in the Senior High Room with Camellia Callahan, Linda Judd, Rick and Jackie Etling and Kimm Besgrove. All classes Kindergarten through Senior High will use the curriculum Feasting on the Word.

Adults are invited to the Contemporary Issues Class in the Conference Room on the main level. Leadership for this group is shared by class members.

Adults are also invited to come to The Gathering Place (new this year) across from the Senior High Room on the lower level for coffee, donuts, conversation and to hear about some new adult offerings!

If you have questions, please contact Barbi Smith at 636 936-2200 or bsmith@newhopepc.org.

MISSION, MINISTRY & EVANGELISM

SCHNUCKS COMMUNITY CARD

It's Easy!! Stop by any Schnucks store and pick up your Schnucks Community Card. This is something we have done at New Hope for several years. It is free, it really is easy and all you have to do is sign up, either (www.schnucks.com) or by phone (800-931-6258), link your card to New Hope Presbyterian Church, and show the card when you do your grocery shopping at Schnucks. We will get up to 3% of the purchase. This is just a simple way to help us earn a little extra money!

AUGUST MEAL-A-MONTH

1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

COINS FOR CONCERN

Each year the Ministry, Mission and Evangelism committee designates any loose coins placed in the offering plates to a specific mission project. All coins are designated for the Youth Mission Trip.

As of the end of July, you have contributed \$577.15. Thank you for your generosity. Let's continue to support them with our "Coins for Concern."

NEW HOPE PRESENTS JR KINDERGARTEN

New Hope is now offering an extended week program for 4's and 5's on Tuesday and Thursday. Jr kindergarten will give kids the opportunity to have more exposure to the concepts that are pertinent to kindergarten entry as well as unique science, math and language experiences. The cost is only \$35/ full day and \$20/ morning. (Before and after school care will also be available.) Register right away. Space is limited. Please contact Stacy at 636-922-9900 or go to www.newhopepreschool.org for more information.