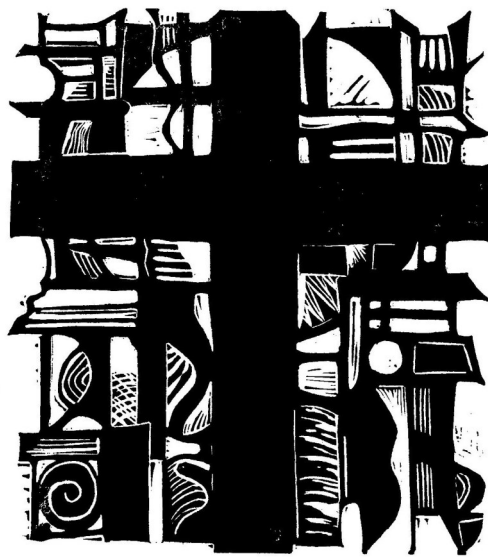


New Hope Presbyterian Church



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April 27, 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 Lindenwood 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 11:00 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: (8:45) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer (11:00) Jerry Brown, Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Liturgist: Barbi Smith

Acolyte: (11:00) Ryan Dittmar

Water Bearer: (11:00) Olivia Besgrove

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers

(11:00) Bill Irvine

Last Sunday's Attendance: 383

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
Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 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

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to cease talking and enter a period of quiet reflection.
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

God of signs and wonders,
you have revealed to us that
Jesus Christ is your Son and our Savior.
Strengthen our faith,
that we may have life in Christ's name. 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

Jesus stands among us, saying:
Peace be with you.

Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God.

Jesus stands among us, saying:
Receive the Holy Spirit.

Blessed is Christ, our Lord and our God.

+ *HYMN 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives
with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

*PSALTER *(Glory to God 810)*

Psalm 16

When in the Night I Meditate

ST. FLAVIAN

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 1: 3-9

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! (v.4) (Glory to God 239)* GELOBT SEI GOTT

***Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-31

THE ALLELUIA

Festival Alleluia

***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.

...Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

...through Jesus Christ, our living Lord.

Amen.

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Upon extending the bread and cup toward the congregation...

Holy things for holy people.

**Only one is holy, one is Lord:
Jesus Christ to the glory of God.**

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 (with Pastor James).

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

May the steadfast love of the Lord be yours,
this day and forever.

Psalm 118:1, 24

Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Do not be afraid.
Go and tell this good news to all.

Matthew 28:10

Amen.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

Easter is not simply one day, but a season of the church year known as the Great Fifty Days, lasting for seven weeks from Easter day to the day of Pentecost. Seven weeks times seven days per week equals 49 days, plus one day to express the completeness of resurrection life and the totality by which Christ's resurrection overcame the power of sin and death.

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

The tall candle near the baptismal font is called the Paschal Candle. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would *pass over* the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

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Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
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Session

Fellowship
Jim Pettit (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)

Formation for Discipleship
Susan Phillips (2014)
Lauren Martinez (2014)
Nancy Taylor (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism
Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Neal Powers (2015)
Jim Salter (2016)

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

Administration & Support
Allen Sebaugh (2014)
Bill Pires (2016)

Diaconate

2014
Kimm Besgrove
Jennifer Everly
Don Higgason
Pat Murphy

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Mid & Senior High Youth	Senior High Room

Monday, April 28th

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Senior High Room
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Tuesday, April 29th

9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Senior High Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space

Wednesday, April 30th

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice	Worship Space
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting	Senior High Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space

Thursday, May 1st

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.	Joy Circle	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Worship Space

Friday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Lower Level Kitchen
11:00 a.m.	Adult Mission Trip Fundraiser	Shamrock's

Saturday, May 3rd

9:00a.m.	Adult Mission Trip Work Day	
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Sunday, May 4th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:30 a.m.	Senior High Car Wash	Parking Lot
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 p.m.	PW Luncheon	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Session Coordinating Team	Conference Room
3:00 p.m.	KFC	Lower Level
3:00 p.m.	Youth Star Wars Party	Senior High 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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News & Opportunities

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

First quarter giving statements are now available on the Information Table. Please pick up your copy and make sure the statement reflects your records. Please contact Laurie Brown at the church office with any questions.

CAR WASH

May 4th ~ 9:30 a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Scrub a Dub Dub! We are having our last Mission Trip Fundraiser to benefit our trip to New Orleans this summer! Don't be wishy-washy! Come help support our students by bringing your dirty car to church on May 4th, and the students will make it shine! The cost is free, but donations are gladly accepted!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on May 12th for breakfast at Prasino's at 9:00 am. This will be their last meeting before the summer break, and the ministry won't meet again until September. There is a Prayer Shawl Ministry request form located on the Welcome Table in the Narthex. If you know of a church member who would benefit from one of our shawls, please leave your name and phone number on the form, or contact the church office, and we will contact you.

FEMALE CONNECTION

Murder Mystery Dinner Party
Join us for a night of mystery and mayhem, as well as dinner! On Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 pm Female Connection will host a Murder Mystery Dinner Party. Our mysteries this year are "Murder at the Walgrave Astoria's Annual Costume Ball" and "Murder at the Devonshire Manor". The cost is \$5 for the mysteries (we have purchased 2 new ones) and a dish to share. There are 2 ways to sign up. You can send an email to [Jana Gerard at jgerard1234@gmail.com](mailto:jgerard1234@gmail.com) or there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Jana will assign the parts in advance of the evening so you will have background on the situation and information on your character. Come join the fun and discover who dunnit! For more information, please contact Jana Gerard or Deb Mackin.

ADULT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Have a nice dinner out and help the Adult Mission Trip raise funds! Shamrock's Pub & Grill at 4177 Veterans Memorial Drive is hosting a fundraiser on May 2nd from open until close. 15% of your food & beverage purchases will be donated to New Hope's Adult Mission Trip if you mention it to your waiter/waitress.

CHILDREN

Today, April 27th

Infant Nursery

Ruth Connor

Pre-K Nursery

Katie Sternhagen

May 4th

Nancy Taylor

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

April 27th - Elaine Barbee & Julie

Nowakowski

May 4th - 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.

Kid's Fellowship Club is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade and meets on Sundays from 3:00 until 4:30 pm in the lower level of the church, unless otherwise indicated.

Today, April 27th - no KFC

May 4th - Mothers' and Fathers' Day Gifts - Boys and girls will make gifts for their moms and dads on their special day!

MISSION

APRIL MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at both services.

Lectionary for Sunday, May 4th, 2014

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

Today we welcome Kristine Aragon-Bruce to the pulpit while Dr. James is on study leave.

The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm. Singers of all talents are needed and welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Brian Parrish at bparrish@newhopepc.org.

The Handbell Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. For more information, please contact Terry Martinez.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TRIVIA NIGHT

Save the date for Saturday, May 30th for the Adult Mission Trip trivia night supporting the Habitat for Humanity in Pensacola, Florida. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the trivia begins at 7:00 pm at the Lions Club on Central School Road. This event is for ages 21 and up. The cost is \$160.00 per table of 8 people. There will be lots of fun games and drawings, too. Reserve your table today by completing a form on the Information Table or contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398 for more information.

YOUTH NEWS

The Mid High Youth Group meets on Sundays at 3:00 pm in the Mid High Room, unless otherwise indicated. The Senior High Youth Group meets on Sundays at 4:30 pm in the Senior High Room, unless otherwise indicated.

April 27th: Both Groups will meet at 3 pm to continue our Easter Experience.

May 4th: Mission Trip CAR WASH Fundraiser 9:30 am until noon! Then, our Star Wars ice cream party is from 3:00 - 4:30 pm.

We will be recognizing the graduating seniors during the 11:00 service on May 11th. If you are a senior in high school, please let Katie know if you'll be here by emailing ksternhagen@newhopepc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our next PW meeting will be on Sunday, May 4th in the worship space, after the 11 o'clock church service. A catered lunch will be served as we celebrate our first PW Scholarship recipient and the 25th Anniversary of Presbyterian Women. PW officers will be installed for the coming year and we will participate in the PW Birthday Offering. This annual PW offering selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee will go to Blue Corn Mothers Alliance. This organization provides a range of services, from crisis intervention to education, for Albuquerque's Native American women who experience domestic violence. Please fill out a reservation sheet found either on the Information Table of in the folder on the PW Bulletin Board. Place the reservation sheets in the offering baskets or on the desk in the church office. Hope to see you there!

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

Mission, Ministry and Evangelism Opportunity

The Mission, Ministry and Evangelism Committee will be collecting comb and brush sets for infants, Johnson & Johnson Take Along Packs (shampoo, body wash, lotion, powder, etc.) and diapers for infants and toddlers. In addition, they would welcome new soft books for infants and toddlers. We will collect these things between now and May 1st.

Project Backpack is a non-profit organization that serves at-risk children in the St. Louis area. Backpacks are provided for children who are removed from their homes because of domestic violence or neglect. These backpacks provide children with something they can call their own. Our contributions will help this worthy cause to continue. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this mission project.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Ever thought about volunteering at church but just can't seem to find the time during the day or on a weekend? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The deacons are looking for volunteers to help with their home meal assistance. The program works like this: volunteers would receive a phone call asking them to prepare a meal for a church member in need. Once the meal is prepared, the volunteer would deliver the meal to the member. It's that easy! And it makes a big difference to a family who is working their way through an illness, loss of a loved one, or other traumatic event. If you feel called to help the deacons with this important mission, or you know someone who could benefit from a home-cooked meal, please contact Kristen Moore at themoores1013@yahoo.com.