

New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



July 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**

***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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

***Ushering for today's worship:*** Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill, Jerry Brown, Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

***Sound Booth:*** Neal Powers

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 296

### **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](mailto:office@newhopepc.org)). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at [cqjames@newhopepc.org](mailto:cqjames@newhopepc.org) or 936.2200 x.11.

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

July 27, 2014

10:30 a.m.

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**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, you have give us a dream  
of your world made whole,  
a heavenly realm that is near in heart  
and close at hand,  
and is ours to choose each day.  
May our smallest acts of courtesy,  
when transformed by your love,  
grow abundantly  
into a realm of flourishing for all. 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

Like a tiny seed or a little leaven,  
**the realm of God grows among us.**  
Like a hidden treasure or precious pearl,  
**the realm of God is all we desire.**

*Matt. 13:31-33, 44-46*

+ \*HYMN 15

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

\*THE CONFESSION

**O Lord our God, we confess  
that we do not reflect your glory.**

**We devote ourselves to small things  
while you work for a greater purpose.  
We distract ourselves with grand designs  
while you surprise us with hidden wonders.  
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives  
by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
so that we may know your will,  
seek your way, and share your work,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

Genesis 29: 15-28

PSALTER (*Glory to God 59*)

Psalms 105: 1-10, 42-43

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8: 26-39

\*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Seek Ye First (v.3) (Glory to God 175)*

LAFFERTY

***You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

THE ALLELUIA (*Glory to God 586*)

ALLELUIA 7

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

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

SERMON

## 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.**

...in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ***THE EUCHARIST***

\*HYMN 511

*Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven*

LLANFAIR

## 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

HYMN 507

*Come to the Table of Grace* (vv.1-3)

TABLE OF GRACE

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 714

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



## **“I’ve Been Wondering…”**

### **FAQs about Worship**

#### ***Why do we stand for some prayers and sit for others?***

Unlike a movie or sporting event that we go to watch, worship is a highly participatory activity, through which we enact the Gospel (good news) of God’s love for all creation. To that end, worship leaders don’t “do” worship for the benefit of an audience (congregation). Rather, pastors, liturgists, the choir and other musicians serve to facilitate the congregation’s worship.

In Jesus the Christ, the Word became “flesh” assuming the fullness of our humanity as Mary’s child. So Jesus is God’s eternal “Yes” to all that we are in the flesh. Our worship, therefore, honors the human senses and involves the whole of ourselves, body, mind and spirit. Through sight, smell, sound, touch and taste, we come (no less than through cognitive function) to apprehend the presence of the Holy One who is Emmanuel, God “with-us.”

Sitting, kneeling, standing, lying prostrate (stretched out on the ground face down) are all postures for prayer that facilitate communication with God. As individuals, some of these postures are more conducive to our prayers than others. Standing for prayer suggests heightened attention, anticipation and expectation. While standing, some choose to hold one’s arms in front with palms facing up, as an expression of being open to God and ready to receive back from God. Of course, one’s circumstances may make a particular prayer posture difficult (if not impossible), and so less conducive to participating in the prayer as intended. Like the whole of our worship, each part of the liturgy—and its accompanying posture—is meant as a gift to be received as a way foster and facilitate an encounter with God. While we encourage worshipers to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zones, no one ought to feel coerced into participating in any particular act of worship for which he or she is not ready.

All that being said, if sitting or standing (or kneeling or lying prostrate) is most conducive to your prayers, do that! God will be honored by it!

#### ***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](http://www.pcusa.org/sacraments).

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Audrey Chipley, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
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Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

## ***Session***

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

*Formation for Discipleship*  
Susan Phillips (2014)  
Lauren Martinez (2014)  
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



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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

You may have noticed the new signage around the church, which is meant to help us welcome and direct newcomers to where they need to go. Thanks go to the Fellowship Committee for ushering this project to completion.

2nd quarter giving statements are available in the Narthex. The statements are sorted alphabetically. Please make sure to pick up your statement. In an effort to be cost effective, statements will not be mailed unless requested.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for TODAY, Sunday, July 27, immediately following the 10:30 service of worship for the purpose of electing ruling elders and deacons to fill unexpired terms.

**VBS THANK YOU!**

A HUGE thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make this year's Vacation Bible School so successful! There are too many to list, but you know who you are! Without your time and dedication, we would never be able to have made VBS as fun and exciting as it was. This year we were able to spread God's word to 96 children in the morning session and 66 children in the evening session! Thanks again for all of your hard work!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Save the date on August 24th, during the 10:30 am Worship Service. We invite all students and teachers to bring their school backpacks to worship that day for the "Blessing of the Backpacks." We will be asking for God's Blessings during the new school year and the on the students and teachers going back to school.

<b>Sunday, July 27th</b>		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
<b>Monday, July 28th</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Generosity Committee	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Senior High Room
<b>Tuesday, July 29th</b>		
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
<b>Wednesday, July 30th</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
<b>Sunday, August 3rd</b>		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Hour	Narthex
11:30 a.m.	Session Coordinating Council	Conference Room

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.newhopepc.org](http://www.newhopepc.org).

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## CHILDREN

**Today, July 27th**

*Infant Nursery*

Kristine Bruce

*Pre-K Nursery*

**August 3rd**

Alyssa Murray

Jennifer Taylor

**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

July 27th - Shelley Geiger & Barbi Smith

August 3rd - 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.

## 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](http://www.newhopepreschool.org) for more information.

## WORSHIP

**New Hope worships** each Sunday during the summer at 10:30 am with The Lord's Supper being celebrated.

**Lectionary for Sunday, August 3rd, 2014**

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalms 17: 1-7, 15

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 13-21

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Nursery Class (for infants to age 3) meets in the Nursery/Turtle Room. The Preschool Class for ages 3, 4 and 5 continues to meet in the Butterfly Room. Elementary Age Class includes children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades in the Caterpillar Room, and the Youth Class for mid and senior highs convenes in the Senior High Room. The Contemporary Issues Class for adults will continue to meet during the summer months as well. If you have any questions, please contact Barbi Smith at 636 936-2200.

## PW COOKBOOKS

The Presbyterian Women sponsored cookbook "New Hope for Your Kitchen" will be available for purchase in the Narthex before and after services Sunday 5/20. PW has awarded the first scholarship to Tyler Etling through funds raised last year. 10% of each sale is slated toward a scholarship for the New Hope Pre-School also. Please consider a purchase of this cookbook as a very practical gift giving opportunity.

## SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great if you are planning your summer vacation. There are hotels and car rental agencies available for purchase. We also have your everyday needs such as Walmart. Order on Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. A portion of each purchase comes back to the church as "free" money. Last year we collected over \$1000 to use for the youth. We are trying to get new furniture for the senior high youth room. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Do you have a group that meets at New Hope? If so, please make sure that your event is on the church calendar! Whether a one time meeting, or regularly scheduled event, please call Laurie Brown at the church office to verify that your group is on the schedule. With more and more groups using our beautiful building, it's becoming necessary to make sure that events are properly scheduled! Thanks for your cooperation!

## PER CAPITA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has paid their per capita apportionment. To date, we have received \$4,804.40 in per capita offerings. Our obligation to support the Presbytery for 2014 totals \$11,430.72. We have received 42% of the total amount of per capita. Per capita envelopes were recently mailed to all members. If you did not receive an envelope, please contact the church office. Per capita apportionment is \$30.20 per church member.

## MISSION, MINISTRY & EVANGELISM

### 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. For 2014, all coins are designated for the Youth Mission Trip in July. As of the end of June, you have all contributed \$531.64. Thank you for your generosity. We still have a bit more time before our youth head to New Orleans for their annual mission trip. Let's continue to support them with our "Coins for Concern."

### SCHNUCKS COMMUNITY CARD

It's Easy!! Stop by the table in the Narthex 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](http://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!

### SHOEMAN COLLECTION

We are always collecting new and used shoes for the Shoeman Water Project! Once collected, the shoes get a second life through sale to exporters. Money from the sale of the shoes purchases well drilling rigs, water purification systems, and other supplies to bring clean, fresh water to those in need. To participate, give your shoes the boot by donating your used and new shoes, tied or rubber-banned into pairs into our drop off bin, located by the Mission Table in the Narthex.

### JULY MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans stew, 1 box rice or pasta mix, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies