New Hope
Presbyterian Church

March 23, 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 of 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 fellows worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Coins for Concern...All loose coins in the offering baskets go toward the youth mission trip to New Orleans. The Ministry, Mission & Evangelism (MME) Committee has challenged the congregation with the goal of $1000 in loose change, so let those offering baskets jingle!

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: Deacon Earl Bostic

Acolyte: (11:00) Matthew Taylor ***Water-bearer:*** (11:00) Nathan Nowakowski

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Richard Taylor

Last Sunday's Attendance: 172

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 or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 936. 2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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 enter a period of quiet reflection.
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Lord God, Great I AM, *John 4:5-42*
you are living water.
As we worship you this day
show us who we are:
channels of your love
and vessels of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+*HYMN 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

*THE CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess
that we have sinned against you.
We are quick to quarrel and condemn
and slow to receive your gift of grace.
We boast about our own success
and deny our suffering Savior.
Forgive us, by your steadfast love.
Create a clean heart within us,
teach us your holy way,
and restore the joy of salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy* Kyrie Eleison

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."

(11:00) ANTHEM *Wings of the Dawn* Linda A. Spencer

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 17: 1-7

*PSALTER Psalm 95 *(Glory to God 386)*

Come, Worship God O QUANTA QUALIA

EPISTLE READING Romans 5: 1-11

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (v.3) *(Glory to God 197)* ELLACOMBE

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

GOSPEL READING John 4: 5-42

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

...Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

...Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior.

Amen.

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 547 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* AR HYD Y NOS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus, Remember Me (Glory to God 227)* REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
(repeat)

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*Please rise in body or spirit. +Those arriving may be seated.

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"I've Been Wondering…"
FAQs About Worship

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.

What is Lent?
Lent is a season of the church year, a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) that serves as a time of preparation for Easter. Lent, as is a liturgical season, is more restrained and somber than during other seasons of the year, yet the Sundays in Lent witness not only the Lord's passion and death, but also his victory over sin and death. Even so, service music containing "alleluia" is traditionally not sung during these weeks. For a similar reason, the church refrains from singing the Doxology and the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father") during this season.

The Lenten season is a journey with Jesus along the path to Jerusalem and the cross. It is a time to repent, which literally means "to turn around," to turn again to God with renewed trust and gratitude for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. As such, Lent serves as a time of preparing for baptism and the renewal of the baptismal covenant in the journey toward Easter. The color of the season is purple, the color or royalty—and also the color of the robe put on Jesus when he was mocked and beaten (John 19:2). Thus, purple has become the color of sacrifice and penitence.

Why do we "bury" the alleluias at the start of Lent?
What we do with *alleluias* only makes sense in context with the larger meaning of Lent. So let's start there. Lent arrives each year as the earth prepares to awaken from its winter slumber. So, too, does the church prepare itself for renewal in the springtime of Christ's resurrection. Lent is about the church recovering its center in the dying and rising of Christ as well as preparing candidates being called by God to the waters of baptism. In short, we all learn again how deep is our hunger for God. Marking this spiritual journey are faith practices: communion with God, restraint from excess, and generous sharing. We know these practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we bury *alleluias* (removing them from our worship) for the season of Lent, we begin a "fast" from using a word which is pungent with the fragrance of Easter. Like seed planted in the soil, we put away our *alleluias* until that time (at the Great Vigil) when their return to the liturgy trumpets the glory of the resurrection. So, on Transfiguration Sunday, we sing an entire feast of *alleluias* and, then, with reverence and joy, place them in a "coffin" for 40 days.

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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)
Rob Matheny (2015)
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
Richard Taylor
Stan Whiteley

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 23rd		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women Luncheon	Worship Space
4:15 p.m.	KFC & Youth Swimming	Renaud Center
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Senior High Room
Monday, March 24th		
6:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Adult Mission Trip Meeting	Senior High Room
Tuesday, March 25th		
9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Senior High Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee	Conference Room
Wednesday, March 26th		
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
Friday, March 28th		
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat Departs	
7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 1771	Worship Space
Sunday, March 30th		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:00 a.m.	Community Garden Meeting	Worship Space
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Mid High Youth	Mid High Room
4:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth	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

Spring Directories are now available! Copies are available on the Information Table and are labeled with each family's name. Please take only one directory per family!

PW SCHOLARSHIP

Attention New Hope high school seniors: Presbyterian Women is excited to announce the first annual scholarship for our graduating high school seniors. Applications for this $1,000 merit scholarship are available on the Information Table in the narthex and on the church website. All applications are due to the church office by 2:00 pm TODAY. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, May 4, 2014. For more information contact Ann Schmid, PW moderator, 636-699-2142, or ann_schmid1@yahoo.com.

KFC & YOUTH SWIMMING

Today, KFC and Youth Groups are going to the RENAUD CENTER for a WINTER SWIM PARTY. Time: 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. Cost: $5.00/person swimming. Younger siblings are welcome if parent is swimming with them! Please RSVP to Barbi Smith at stlbarbi99@gmail.com.

EASTER LILIES

You may order a "live" lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home with you after the 11:00 am service that day. You may also purchase a "virtual" lily, the cost of which will go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Welcome Table for your order. The cost of either the live or "virtual" lily is $11.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by April 13th.

SPRING WORK DAYS

The Administration and Support Committee are sponsoring two work days this spring, March 29th and April 5th. All are welcome between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to help "spruce up" the church for Easter. We'll be making minor repairs, landscaping, painting and working on other projects around the church. Please plan on meeting at church on either or both Saturdays! Let's make our church beautiful for spring and Easter!

CHILDREN

Today, March 23rd	**March 30th**
Infant Nursery	
Rachel Steele	Bobby Schrautemeier
Pre-K Nursery	
Laura Eikmann	Elaine Barbee

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
March 23rd - Katie Sternhagen & Holly Martinez
March 30th - Sue Dittmar & Kelly Hantack

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.
March 23rd - Swimming at Renaud Center
March 30th - No KFC
April 25th - Spring Overnight! Stay tuned for details!

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, March 30, 2014
1 Samuel 16: 1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5: 8-14
John 9: 1-41

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Our next PW meeting is today, Sunday, March 23rd in the worship space after the 11 o'clock church service! We are celebrating our "Hats on for Cancer" and commemorating our donations to "Friends of Kids with Cancer." A decorated hat box is on the Information Table encouraging all church members to prayerfully contribute their donations to this valuable organization. During the meeting, Ann Schmid will share a presentation on "Hats in Art". Children and youth of our church are invited to attend the luncheon. Lunch will be Subway sandwiches, chips and cookies. Please bring individually sealed candy and/or stickers of help stuff Easter Eggs for the church Easter Egg Hunt. Be sure to wear your hats this Sunday and join us for lunch!

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.

Mar 23 - Hat's On Mission Project with Presbyterian Women. Swimming at Renaud Center at 4:15 pm. Please RSVP to Barbi Smith at stlbarbi99@gmail.com.

March 30th - Beginning our Lenten Bible Study - "The Easter Experience!"

MISSION

MARCH MEAL-A-MONTH
1 boxed meal, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter

FEMALE CONNECTION

Golf a la Mode
Ladies, it's time for a little Putt-Putt. On Thursday, April 10, we'll meet at 6:30 PM at the Swing-A-Round Golf Center on Veteran's Parkway (that's the south service road of I-70) between Zumbehl and Cave Springs. We'll play a fun round of miniature golf and then we'll swing over to Culver's on Muegge for some frozen delights. Please join us; no signup is necessary, just show up. We always have a great time and we always enjoy the extra fellowship that a new person brings to our group. In case of rain, we'll meet at Culver's at 6:30. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!
Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 8 at 6 PM, when we are planning our annual Murder Mystery Dinner Party.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

COMMUNITY GARDEN
Plans are in the works for a community garden at New Hope! A second organizational meeting will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 30 (between services). We'll gather in a corner of the sanctuary to discuss where the garden will be located, what we can grow there, and other operational matters. Please join us for this exciting opportunity, and call Jim Salter with any questions at 314-369-3242.

Mission, Ministry and Evangelism Opportunity
From now through April 6th, the Mission, Ministry and Evangelism Committee will collect paperback books (and magazines) to be given to the St. Charles County Jail for reading material for those incarcerated there. In addition, if you have any hardbound books you would like to donate, please send those, too. Hardbound books will be donated to Breeze Park Senior Living Complex for their library. Finally, OASIS Food Pantry is always looking for gently used children's books, and Project Backpack is looking for new children's books for ages 0 – 17 years. Please bring your books to church by April 6th. Thank you so much for supporting this mission project.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's Vacation Bible School, Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God, is scheduled for July 13 - 17 (p.m. session) and July 14 - 18 (a.m. session). Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through sixth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Watch for the sign up sheet on the Information Table in the next few weeks!