

That God is all-powerful does not mean that everything that happens is the will of God. It means that God's loving and just will *will* be done. Many things happen that God does not will and cause. I believe, for instance, that God does not will or "send" floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, cancer, or birth defects. And I am sure that God does not will any form of sin, evil, and injustice, or any of the personal or collective suffering that result from them. Sickness, sin, suffering, injustice, and death are by definition what God does not *will* and what God is *against* and is at work to *overcome* and *destroy*.

-Shirley C. Guthrie Jr.

Always Being Reformed: Faith for a Fragmented World

August 27, 2017

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 Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in 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. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted to the lower-level.

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: Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill, Kim Carr, Mel Fairchild, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary, given by Allen & Carolyn Rudolph.

Liturgist: Elder Alyssa Murray

Sound Booth: Jim Pettit

Last Sunday's Attendance: 144

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

God of Miriam and Moses,
you are our help from age to age.
Accept our worship, our living sacrifice,
and transform us by your Spirit,
that, being many members of one true body,
we may dare to pray together
in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

***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.***

OLD HUNDREDTH
(Glory to God, 606)

*OPENING SENTENCES

+ *HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOT, WIR LOBEN DICH

*THE CONFESSION

**Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,**

preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
 Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
 We pray in Jesus' name.

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

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 to God,
 Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Paul Vasile

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
 As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

ANTHEM

Grace

Mark Hayes

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1: 8—2: 10

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12: 1-8

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: *You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.*

Matthew 16:16

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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 JOY & CONCERN

...Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

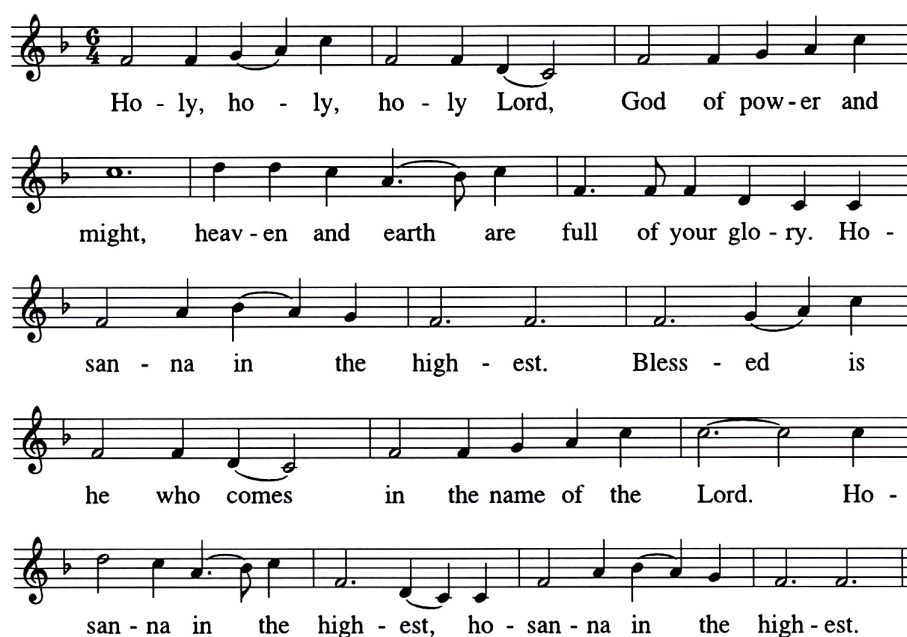
Lift up your hearts.

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,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



Christ has died; — Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

∞ Coming to the Table—Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

∞ Receiving the elements—You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread first, and then proceed to partake of the juice separately from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING
Go to the World!

*HYMN 295

SINE NOMINE

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



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PRAYERS

of Joy

Edd and Deb Mackin on the birth of their grandson, Carter Pulley (August 10)

for Healing & Wholeness

Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)

Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)

Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)

Jane Meinert (mother of Chris Meinert)

Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)

Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)

Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)

Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)

Fay Teacutter

Susan Phillips

Anna Mae Richardson

John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Michele Coleman (friend of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)

Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)

Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)

Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)

Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)

Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)

Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)

Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)

Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)

Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)

Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)

Mike Soo (friend of Jim Pettit)

Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)

Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman

Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes; grandfather of Stacey Bordes)

Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)

Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)

Sheri Clayton

Garry Clayton

Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Bob Mudrovic

for the Grieving

Susan and Joe Petrowsky on the death of her brother, Lee Cortelyou (August 17)

Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)

Emmett Kelewae & Joann Stewart on the death of his son, Gene Kelewae (August 12)

Todd & Liz Rasche on the death of his uncle, Joe Voss (August 9)

the family of Edward Wicklein on his death (August 7)

Martha Hacker on the death of her friend, Shirley Robinson (August 5)

Jerry & Margo Van Mill on the death of their sister-in-law, Lorraine Van Mill (August 5)

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Dean, Kim, Kaitlin, and Erik Isbell on the death of Dean's father, George G. Isbell (July 8)

for the World and its People

victims of the terror attack in Spain

victims of the terror attacks in England

victims of the flooding in Missouri & Illinois

victims of the terror attacks in Sweden, Norway, and Egypt

victims of the tornado in Perryville

the people of Syria & Syrian refugees

“I’ve Been Wondering...”

FAQs about Worship

Why do we have times of silence in the liturgy?

We live in a world saturated with noise and our culture bombards us with sounds all around. Cell phones and computers, television and radio constantly vie for our attention. In the midst of life in this sort of world, the church gathers to *hear* God’s voice in song, scripture, sermon and prayer, but also to *listen* for the Holy Spirit and respond from the depths of our hearts. Silence is the space within the liturgy for this to happen. Aidan Kavanagh has said that silence in worship is “the thunderous quiet of people communicating that which escapes being put into mere words.” In our worship, silence is observed at the time of confession, following the sermon, during the prayers of the people, and elsewhere depending upon the season. Learning to engage silence requires just that—discipline and effort, but we are blessed if we try because this silence can become a fruitful oasis by which we are nourished in communion with God. Consider these scriptures: “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10); “*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!*” (Habakkuk 2:20).

Why do we say “Amen” at the end of prayers?

“Amen” is a Hebrew word that can be translated “so be it” or “may it be so” or even “yes” though it has always been voiced in the liturgy as an English transliteration. Worship is the activity of the whole people of God and the prayers prayed by the pastor or liturgist are not his or her own, but are prayed on behalf of the whole congregation. “Amen” is the congregation’s way of affirming what has been prayed in the liturgy on its behalf. In addition to being the assembly’s response to the prayers, the “Amen” voices the congregation’s assent at blessings, baptism, anointing and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper.

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.

In the details...

The banner to the left of the chancel represents the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” is not to connote “mundane,” but refers rather to the counting of the days using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). The whole of the church year can be understood to be an annual rehearsal of the history of salvation as seen in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to new life. Ordinary Time consists of those days outside of the major festival seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This is the time when scriptures about Jesus’ life and ministry are read in worship, when our life in the church is marked by spiritual growth, which gives reason for the

color of ordinary time (green for growth).

In the banner, the Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament). Taken together, they represent God's sacred time which spans between the beginning of time at creation and the ending of time at the consummation of all that is. Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). Chronos, secular, human time is designated by the sundial.



*Striving to welcome and include all,
worship God,
grow in Christian faith,
serve others,
and be God's love in the world.*

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Dr. Gay Holmes Spears, *Director of Music Ministries*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*

Session

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

2019
Jerry Dyer
Kirk Garten
Bill Lamey
Alyssa Murray
Sue White

Diaconate

2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Stan Whiteley

2018
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Martha Lamey

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