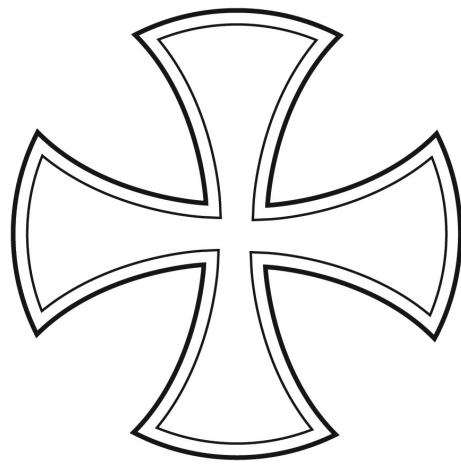


New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



August 30, 2015

## **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).

***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. They will meet in the narthex 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:*** New Hope Youth

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and in celebration of their 34th wedding anniversary, given by Gregory & Barbara Newman.

***Sound Booth:*** Joe Petrowsky

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 167

### **If You Are New to New Hope**

***Information about our church*** can be found at the Information 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 (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

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 30, 2015

10:30 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

*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.*

Eternal God,  
our Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven.  
Help those who receive his body and blood  
to be the body of Christ for the world,  
sharing the riches of his grace  
with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life;  
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. 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

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118:24*

+ \*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

\*THE CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**

The profit and pleasures we pursue  
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.  
The fears and jealousies that we harbor  
set neighbor against neighbor  
and nation against nation.  
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,  
of intellect and reason,  
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.  
Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.  
*Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.*

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

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      Song of Solomon 2: 8-13  
EPISTLE READING      James 1: 17-27  
\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION      *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! v.1 (Glory to God 591)*      HALLE HALLE  
***O God, to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.  
Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing: hallelujah hallelujah!***

GOSPEL READING      Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THE ALLELUIA      *(Glory to God 591)*      HALLE HALLE  
***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, halleluhah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

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.*

## **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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 498      *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*      BEACH SPRING  
Cantor, verses  
Congregation, refrain

*(Refrain)*

***By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured,  
Jesus feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.***

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 714

*God of the Fertile Fields*

ITALIAN HYMN

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      *As We Go*

***As we go, may your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned,  
share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world as we go.***

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



## ***“I’ve Been Wondering...”***

### **FAQs about Worship**

#### ***Why does worship always begin with the greeting, “Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”? Why not simply, “Good morning”?***

We never want to underestimate the power and importance of words. Such a greeting as “Good morning” is something we say to each other all the time and it constitutes “polite” speech. The reality, however, is that it is not always a “good” morning. Consider the man who just lost his job, or the woman who is mourning the death of a loved one. The quality of the day is beside the point of our gathering. We gather as Christians for worship not because it’s a “good morning” or a “glorious day,” because often it’s not. We come together as the Church because of Jesus the Christ. Paul often addressed his congregations: “Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Or “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14). That is not something you will hear that at a Rotary meeting or the Elk’s Lodge. A greeting like this signifies that we are called together by a power far greater than ourselves. It sets the tone for this assembly.

#### ***What is a cantor?***

Strictly speaking, a cantor is a leader of song. In the Jewish synagogue, as well as in the Christian church throughout the ages, the office of cantor is a specialized ministry that serves by leading the congregation in its worship. Whereas a soloist may sing as a part of worship, a cantor more specifically leads the congregation in prayer through song. For instance, the psalms are really prayers set to music. They come to us from the Jewish tradition and the Hebrews’ experience of God in the Old Testament. In worship, the psalms serve not as a distinct scripture reading, but as a prayerful response to the first reading. We pray the psalms in a variety of ways. Sometimes the congregation sings the psalm as a metrical (hymn) setting. At other times, we sing it as a responsorial setting where the cantor sings and the congregation joins in on a refrain. Regardless, the psalms are prayers we sing and the cantor serves to lead the congregation’s singing in a more relational and directive role than simply a “soloist.” A cantor’s role is not limited to leading the psalms. The cantor also leads the congregation’s other musical prayers, regardless of whether the congregation is also singing along.

#### ***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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Regina Jones, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

## *Session*

*Fellowship*  
Craig Graber (2016)  
Margo Van Mill (2017)

*Formation for Discipleship*  
Deb Garten (2015)  
Shelley Geiger (2016)  
Jennifer Everly (2017)

*Ministry, Mission & Evangelism*  
Jim Salter (2016)  
Jim Cox (2017)

*Worship, Music & the Arts*  
Michael Ray (2015)  
Linda Dencker (2016)  
Lynne Snyder (2017)

*Administration & Support*  
Kathy Gibbs (2015)  
Bill Pires (2016)  
Clark Hurrell (2017)

## *Diaconate*

2015  
Jerry Dyer  
Jackie Etling  
Bill Judd  
Kristen Moore  
Jim Phillips

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Stan Whiteley  
Jan Parker

2017  
Laura Eikmann  
Steve Gerke  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Kurt Romkey



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News &  
 Opportunities

**NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule  
 9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes  
 10:30 am—Word & Sacrament

Beginning Sunday, September 13th, New Hope will resume the following Sunday schedule:

8:45 am—Word & Sacrament  
 9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes  
 11:00 am—Word & Sacrament

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES**

Birth—Toddler: meet in the upstairs nursery  
 Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level  
 K - Grade 5: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level  
 Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level  
 Contemporary Issues (Adults) - meets in the Conference Room  
 Reflecting on Your Faith Journey (Adult Discussion Class)-meets in Room 103 (The Gathering Place)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

We are now receiving applications for a part-time Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator. The job description and employment application can be obtained in the church office. If you know you or someone you know might be interested, please call the church office.

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

July Contributions	34,587.46
Monthly Budget	<u>34,891.00</u>
	- 303.54

Contributions to date	251,282.95
Budget to date	<u>244,237.00</u>

**INQUIRER'S CLASS**

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon TODAY at 11:45 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Deacons will be sponsoring a blood drive at church on Sunday, September 27th. Please watch for sign up sheets or call the church office to arrange a time that's best for you.

**SACRED CONVERSATIONS**

As we strive to "welcome and include all" and "be God's love in the world", we invite you to be a part of a series of Sacred Conversations on Race. In light of all that's been happening recently, both locally and nationally, this will be an opportunity to work toward healing and unity for our community. Questions? Contact Chris James, 936-2200 x.11

**Sunday, August 30th**

9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Teacher Orientation	Sunshine Room
11:45 a.m.	Inquirers' Luncheon	Narthex

**Monday, August 31st**

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Senior High Room
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**Tuesday, September 1st**

9:30 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Senior High Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space

**Wednesday, September 2nd**

7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
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**Thursday, September 3rd**

5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Narthex

**Sunday, September 6th**

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

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

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## CHILDREN

The nursery is located on the main level, Room 204. It is located out the side door of the worship space at the end of the hallway. The nursery is available for children from birth through five years old.

**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 30th—Kelly Hantack & Sue Dittmar  
September 6th—No Worship Feast

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in Worship Feast, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

### For Those Who Love Kids!

Formation for Discipleship is looking for a few more New Hope Sunday School Teachers for the 2015-16 school year! Teachers join teams of 3-4, and take turns leading lessons with our awesome New Hope Children and Youth. Open positions are in Birth-Toddler, Grade 3-5, and Youth Classes. Please contact Shelley Geiger at 636-578-8328 or [slg925@aol.com](mailto:slg925@aol.com) for more information.

## 2015—2016 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR

The 2015-2016 Christian Education year begins September 13 at 9:45 am for everyone from toddlers in the Nursery to adults! Teachers will be commissioned during the 11:00 am worship service that day. Watch for more information in the News & Opportunities for locations of classes!

## WORSHIP

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

### **Lectionary for Sunday, Sept. 6th, 2015**

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2: 1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Mark 7: 24-37

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm.

## DEACON PICNIC

Save the date for the annual church-wide Deacon picnic on Sunday, September 20th, immediately following the second service. The Deacons are providing the main dish 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@nhpres.org](mailto:lbrown@nhpres.org) or by signing up on the clip board on the Welcome Table. We also ask that each participant bring a dish according to the chart below:

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

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ben & Miranda Fleschert on the birth of their daughter, Frances Fletcher. Frances was born on Friday, August 21st and weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Proud grandparents are Jim & Debbie Phillips!

## MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

Saturday, September 26, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. We need at least 40 volunteers to come to the church and help pack food to be delivered to hungry children in Haiti. We'll be putting dry food (rice, soy, vegetables, and supplements) into portion-control bags assembly line fashion. There is no age restriction, but we're not planning on providing child care. We ask that individuals donate \$25 each toward the cost of the material, shipping, and distribution. If you can't come in person, please consider donating anyway as we need to reach the \$2,800 minimum (10,000 meals!). You can sign up online to participate at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-kids](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-kids) If you would like to contribute monetarily, please make your checks payable to "NHPC" with "Kids Against Hunger" in the memo portion. If you'd like to know more, please contact Jim Cox, Jim Salter, Mary Powers, or Mark Everly.

Please visit the Festival of Sharing table in the narthex to pick up lists of items for Student Dental Pack, Personal Hygiene Pack, and Women's Prison Pack. The items should be placed in ziplock returned to the Festival of Sharing table by Wednesday, September 30. website: [www.festivalofsharing.org](http://www.festivalofsharing.org) Contact Mary Powers: 314-277-5440 or [marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net)

August Meal-A-Month: 1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

On October 5th, NHPC will participate in the PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering. Seventy-five percent of the offering will go to national projects and 25% will go towards a charity designated by the MME Committee. Watch for the News & Opportunities and various inserts for more information.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday, September 24th ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
The New Hope Family is invited to participate in a hymn sing! Are there hymns you miss singing in Worship? PW is sponsoring an evening of favorite hymns. We'd like to have your suggestions for hymns you would enjoy singing. Please list the songs you would like to sing on the forms on the Information Table and place the form in the designated basket by Sunday, September 6th. A light dessert will be served.

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a purse auction and cookie sale on Saturday, November 7th from 2:00—4:00 pm. We are asking for donations of tins to use for the cookies. There is a crate available by the Information Table for your donation of tins. Purses and cookies should be brought on the date of the auction and purses should be filled with new items that could be found in a women's purse. Please call the church office with questions!

Presbyterian Women will be asked to vote on revisions to the bylaws of Presbyterian Women of New Hope Presbyterian Church on September 24 just before the Hymn-Sing. Copies of the proposed bylaws are on the information table.

Calling all ladies of New Hope! The Presbyterian Women invite you to attend the Circle Kick-off on September 10 at 10:00 a.m.. We invite all Circles (Agape, Joy and Jubilee) members, as well as anyone interested in attending Circle Bible lessons. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, Bible study, and food! Pastor James will lead us in the first lesson of "Come to the Waters" by Judy Record Fletcher (Horizons study guide).

We hope all women of the church will be able to attend. Childcare will be available and we will meet in the "Sunshine Room" on the lower level.