

New Hope
Presbyterian Church



August 9, 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 Blessing of the Backpacks. 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips, Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in joy for the upcoming marriage of Lindsay Dencker and Trevor Gonterman, given by Bob & Linda Dencker.

Liturgist: Elder Lynne Snyder

Sound Booth: Joe Petrowsky

Last Sunday's Attendance: 153

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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.

Almighty and eternal God,
so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills,
that we may be wholly yours,
utterly dedicated unto you;
and then use us, we pray, as you will,
but always to your glory
and the welfare of your people,
through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

William Temple (1881-1944)

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God 607*)

OLD HUNDREDETH 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

Who are you?

I am a child of God.

Belonging to God: A First Catechism, Questions 1-2

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Who are we?

We are children of God, the family of faith.

What does it mean to be children of God?

We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

In life and death we belong to God.

Let us worship God.

+ *HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*THE CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You offer the joy of your Spirit,
yet we waste away in sin and grief.
You offer the life of your Word,
yet we turn away in doubt and despair.
Forgive us, God of grace.
By the power of your Spirit
make us more tender and kind,
living as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.***

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Following the prayer of blessing, students and teachers will be invited to receive an individual blessing from an elder on either side of the Lord's Table. During the time of blessing, the congregation will sing Hymn 544, Bless the Lord.

***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

(Glory to God 544, BLESS THE LORD)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19: 4-8

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4: 25—5: 2

*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

John 6:35, 41-51

THE ALLELUIA (*Glory to God 591*)

HALLE HALLE

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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 522

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

Cantor, verses

Congregation, refrain

(Refrain)

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*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.***

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



"I've Been Wondering..."

FAQs about Worship

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.

Why do those reading scripture say, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church?"

Rather than giving information about the reading (i.e. book, chapter and verses already printed in the worship bulletin), liturgists (readers, also known as "lectors") address the meaning of what is happening when we gather. This is a statement of belief that the Triune God continues to speak in the present time through the Holy Spirit. So we are bid to "listen." This moves the reading of scripture beyond a mere recitation of ancient words. Rather, it is God becoming manifest to shine forth in the Word read and proclaimed. Thus, the liturgist begins with a strong verb—"*Hear...*"—as a summons for us all to take notice and attend to this still-speaking God.

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.

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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

Sunday, August 9th		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
11:30 a.m.	Nominating Committee	Conference Room
Monday, August 10th		
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Youth Room
Tuesday, August 11th		
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
Wednesday, August 12th		
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
Thursday, August 13th		
3:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Blood Drive	Narthex
Saturday, August 15th		
8:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Narthex
Sunday, August 16th		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

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

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>
	7,045.95

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)
 Today's discussion prompt: *Why are you a part of New Hope Presbyterian Church?*

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 9th at 10:30 a.m.
 Preschoolers, children, youth and teachers will be reminded that God and the church are in their lives at all times and in all places, even in their school classrooms and at their lockers. Students, bring your backpacks. Teachers, bring your backpack or planning calendar. We will pray for God's love to abound in the lives of our students and teachers, and offer a blessing to each of them in turn.
 Reception in the Narthex following worship to honor our students.

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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 9th—Martha Lamey & Linda Carr
August 16th—Tara Larrew & Jane Cox

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>

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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 gently used purses and tins to use for the cookies. There is a crate available by the Information Table for your donations. Please call the church office if you have any questions and thank you, in advance, for your donations!

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for the annual church-wide Deacon picnic on Sunday, September 20th, immediately following the second service. Watch the weekly News & Opportunities for more information coming soon!

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, August 16, 2015

1 Kings 2: 10-12; 3: 3-14

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

The choir will resume practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm beginning Wednesday, August 12th.

PRAYER SERVICE

United Prayer for Peace
Sunday, August 9 at 3pm
at Pallottine Renewal Center

All are welcome to an hour of prayer for our city and our nation. Join together as community for this time to reflect on our need for peace and renew our faith in prayer.

Sponsored by: North County Churches Uniting for Racial, Harmony and Justice, Presbyterian's Social Witness Policy Action Team and Pallottine Renewal Center

Keynote speaker Civil rights activist Sister Antona Ebo, FSM

Location: Pallottine Renewal Center

15270 Old Halls Ferry Road

Florissant, MO 63034

314/837-7100

pallottinrenewal.org

DONATIONS

The church kitchen is in need of three new OXO Good Grips 15" x 21" cutting boards, one red for meats and two white for vegetables.

AUGUST MEAL-A-MONTH

1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF NEW HOPE!

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). If you need a book, please contact either Alyssa Murray at amurray03@live.com or 636-875-6277 or leave a check in the church office, payable to New Hope Presbyterian Church, earmarked "PW Horizons Book". They are \$8.50 each. 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. Information on the 3 circles that meet monthly is below:

JUBILEE CIRCLE

Would you like to learn more about the Bible while enjoying the company of some really great women? Then, join the Presbyterian Women's Jubilee Circle on September 10 at 10:00 a.m.. This year, we will be using the Horizons bible study, which is entitled, "Come to the Waters" by Judy Record Fletcher. The study book is \$8.50. Childcare will be provided in the upstairs nursery. The Circle usually meets in the conference room the first Thursday of every month (except for the first lesson, taught by Pastor James). Not quite sure if you want to commit to once a month? Please join us anyway! We welcome everyone to share this time of study and fellowship.

For questions, or if you need to purchase a study guide, please contact Alyssa Murray at 636-875-6277 or amurray03@live.com.

AGAPE CIRCLE

Ladies, are you looking for some stimulating spiritual discussions? Warm Christian fellowship? A chance to study God's word and grow in your faith? If so, Agape Circle may be right for you. We meet the first Thursday afternoon of each month. Our first meeting of the new season will be September 3rd, and we would love to have you join us. For more information, call Anne Finks at 636-946-6429.

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle, an evening Bible study led by Katie Ward, would like to invite you to join us on the first Thursday of each month from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Conference Room at church.

We follow the Horizon Bible Study, "Come to the Waters." We are a close group, supporting one another, enjoying fellowship, friendship and fun.

Contact Katie Ward at 636-447-5188 or katewynn31@outlook.com

PER CAPITA

Per capita letters are included in the quarterly giving statements available on the Information Table. The blue envelope in your giving envelopes pack is to be used for the per capita apportionment. New Hope is required to pay the per capita apportionment for each active church member. To date, we have received \$4,749.37 which is 44% of our total per capita apportionment. If you did not receive an envelope, please contact the church office. Per capita apportionment is \$30.30 per church member.