

# New Hope Presbyterian Church



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## **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 This Evening'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 worship space. 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).

***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.

### **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 or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at [cqjames@newhopepc.org](mailto:cqjames@newhopepc.org) or 636/936. 2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR  
*Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2013

5:00 & 11:00 p.m.

***THE GATHERING***

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING

+ 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.*

Living God, on this holy night we gather—  
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;  
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;  
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;  
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.  
May the good news of this night  
inspire us to tell the world of our great joy;  
for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.  
Glory and praise to you forever! 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.*** (Tune: OLD HUNDRETH LM, *Glory to God* 607)

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(5:00) Jim & Jane, Maggie & Eli Cox

Glory to God in the highest!

(11:00) Jerry, Sherri,

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Samantha & Summer Brennecke

*As the candles are lighted, the congregation will sing the hymn.*

+ \*HYMN 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

\*THE CONFESSION

**God-with-us, we confess**

**that we have not embraced your love.**

**We pursue worldly passions**

**and revere false idols.**

**We cherish our possessions**

**and spurn your good gifts.**

**Forgive us, loving God.  
Take away the burden of our sin  
and teach us the song of salvation:  
good news of great joy  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*You 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

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 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (refrain)

***Gloria in excelsis Deo;***

***Gloria in excelsis Deo.*** (Tune: GLORIA, *Glory to God* 113)

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Peace, Peace, Peace*

Sally DeFord

***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

\*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2: 11-14

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

*We Three Kings of Orient Are* (v.5)

***Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;***

***Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.*** (Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, *Glory to God* 151)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1: 18-25

THE ALLELUIA (*Glory to God* 586)

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

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*** (Tune: ALLELUIA 7, *Glory to God* 586)

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 NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

\*HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

***THE EUCHARIST***

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

*☞ Tonight we receive the Joy Offering. Along with the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, the Joy Offering provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, as well as to Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enables students to develop their gifts and find their calling. Equally important to the financial help provided by the Joy Offering is the spiritual benefit received. Again and again, the individuals and families helped by the Joy Offering say that as crucial as the financial assistance is, what really sustains them is the knowledge that the church is standing with them in their time of need. You may give to the Joy Offering using the envelope in the worship bulletin.*

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,  
...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).*

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

*Away in a Manger* v.3

***Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*** (Tune: MUELLER, *Glory to God* 115)

*What Child Is This* v.1

***What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!***

(Tune: GREENSLEEVES, *Glory to God* 145)

*The First Nowell* v.1

***The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.***

(Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, *Glory to God* 147)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* v.4

***O holy child of Bethlehem, descent to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!***

(Tune: ST. LOUIS, *Glory to God* 121)

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* v.1

***It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.***

(Tune: CAROL CMD, *Glory to God* 123)

#### PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

\*HYMN 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

#### THE SENDING

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

\*HYMN 122

*Silent Night*

*During the singing, please pass the light by lighting one another's candles.  
You may take your candle with you or leave it in the basket at the door.*

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



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## ***Preschool Teachers***

Lori Christensen  
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Amy Zumbahl

## ***Session***

2013  
Rick Cassetta  
Linda Dencker  
Mark Everly  
Holly Martinez  
Julie Nowakowski  
Tyler Etling

2014  
Miranda Fleschert  
Ruth Irvine, Clerk  
Jim Pettit  
Susan Phillips  
Allen Sebaugh

2015  
Katie Harmon  
Neal Powers  
Michael Ray  
Nancy Taylor

## ***Deacons***

2013  
Donna Huffman  
Bill Irvine

2014  
Kimm Besgrove  
Don Higgason  
Pat Murphy

2015  
Jerry Dyer  
Jackie Etling  
Bill Judd  
Kristen Moore  
Jim Phillips