



December 24, 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 This Evening's Worship**

**We welcome Holly Anderson** to the piano bench for our 11:00 service. A physical therapist, Holly was the organist at John Knox Presbyterian Church for several years and has served as an accompanist of Jan Parker since she was a child.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Information about our church** can be found at the Information Table in the foyer.

**On Sunday, December 27**, we will celebrate Christmas with a Service of Lessons & Carols at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Christian formation classes will be at 9:45 a.m.

### **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 or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 636/936. 2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR  
*Christmas Eve*

December 24, 2015

5:00 & 11:00 p.m.

**THE GATHERING**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

(11:00) + PRELUDE                      *O Holy Night*, a duet for piano and organ

GREETING

(11:00) INTROIT      *Processional*, from *Canticles in Candlelight*                      Jos. Martin

(5:00) + 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,  
from the tabernacle of heaven to the poverty of a stable,  
your radiant light shines forth in a tiny baby wrapped in rags;  
such humble Love astounds us.  
In Jesus you have become one with us  
that we might become one with you.  
Open our hearts to joyfully receive his love  
that he may be born in us, and we in him,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*, refrain                      GLORIA  
***Gloria in excelsis Deo;***  
***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE                      (5:00) Tim & Alyssa Murray, Sam & Clare  
Once we walked in darkness.                      (11:00) Mike Dame & Lynne Snyder  
Now we have seen a great light.  
**Glory to God in the highest!**  
**Peace to all people on earth.**

+ \*HYMN 113                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      GLORIA

\*THE CONFESSION  
**God our Savior, we confess  
that we are not people of peace.**

**You came to show us mercy,  
but we are not merciful to others.  
You came to establish justice,  
but we fail to seek what is right.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let your light shine upon us  
to deliver us from evil  
and lead us in your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*You 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 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*, v.3

GLORIA

***Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the new born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

### ***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2: 11-14

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (v.4) (*Glory to God 143*)

REGENT SQUARE

***All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-20

THE ALLELUIA 586

ALLELUIA 7

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

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Hurry, Shepherds, Run*

Douglas E. Wagner

HOMILY

## 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*

ADESTE FIDELES

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### ***THE EUCHARIST***

#### OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

*(11:00)* OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Still, Still, Still*

arr. Norman Luboff

## 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

### 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 HYMNS

*What Child Is This* v.1 (*Glory to God* 145)

GREENSLEEVES

***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!***

*The First Nowell* v.1 (Glory to God 147)

THE FIRST NOWELL

***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.***

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* v.4 (Glory to God 121)

ST. LOUIS

***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!***

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* v.1 (Glory to God 123)

CAROL CMD

***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.***

#### PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

\*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

#### **THE SENDING**

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

\*HYMN 122

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

*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.





The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*  
Jan Parker, *Interim Director of Music Ministries*  
Mike Greene, *Pianist*  
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*  
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*  
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 (2107)

*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