

December 24, 2016

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.

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.

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.

Liturgist: Jim Pettit

Sound Board: (5:00) Russell Dittmar (11:00) Bill Irvine

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information & Outreach Center in the foyer.

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will have one service of worship at 10:00 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, 2016

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

GREETING

+ PRELUDE

(11:00) Still, Still, Still

arr. Rick Graham

Chris Torretta, violin

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.*

Glory to you, O God, in the heights of heaven!
Glory to you, O God, from the depth of earth.
We are amazed, afraid, and full of praise;
we give thanks for all that you have done;
for meeting us with a message of hope—
for singing of angels, the bleating of sheep;
for showing us your long-awaited promise—
that shepherd of souls, sleeping in a manger;
for sending us what we were not expecting—
a child wrapped in rags, your Word made flesh.
Teach us to treasure and ponder these things
so that we may share this good news with all;
through Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem. Amen.

+ *BELL PEAL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(5:00)* Jack & Tracy Grundy, Ashleigh and Shannon Rera

OPENING SENTENCES

(11:00) Terry & Holly Martinez, Lauren, Kayla and Abby

Do not be afraid—I bring good news of great joy!

Light shines on those who walk in darkness.

A child has been born for us, a son given to us.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

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.

+ *HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*THE CONFESSION

Lord God, hear our prayer and forgive us we pray.

We confess that there are times when our memory is clouded.

In the dark crevices of our hiding

we forget how you said, "Let there be light."

In the confused turns of our choosing

we forget how you said, "You shall have no other gods."

In the lonely corners of our living

we forget how you said, "To us a child is born."

Fulfill in this place tonight the truth you spoke long ago,

and may your presence among us be as vivid as a newborn in a manger.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

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.***

(11:00) HANDBELL ANTHEM

Mary Did You Know

arr. Patricia Cota

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2: 11-14

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION



Cantor: *I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*



GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-20

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.

(5:00) SOLO

O Holy Night
Samantha Stout, mezzo-soprano

arr. Sally Deford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

(11:00) OFFERTORY MUSIC *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

arr. Ricky & Julie Valadez

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, O God of glo-ry, po - wer and might.

Heav-en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes in God's name.

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

Christ has died, Christ has 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.



BREAKING OF THE BREAD
 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

✠ In the tradition of the Presbyterian Church, the Lord's Supper is open to all who have been baptized with the "Triune formula" (...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit), regardless of the particular Christian tradition (denomination) in which the baptism was administered. 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, 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 with Pastor James from the plate in his left hand.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O Little Town of Bethlehem 121

ST. LOUIS

v.1 *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

v.4 *O holy child of Bethlehem, descend 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!*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 119

MENDELSSOHN

v.1 *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
 with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

v.3 ***Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by; born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"***

Angels We Have Heard on High 113

GLORIA

v.1 ***Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains,
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

v.3 ***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.***

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

*HYMN 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

THE SENDING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*HYMN 122

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

v.1 ***Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.***

v.3 ***Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.***

v.2 ***Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"***

v.4 ***Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.***

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



WORSHIP RESOURCES & CREDITS

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Oh Holy Night

Adam/Clappeau (Dwight)



Oh ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly
Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly
Tru - ly He taught us to love one a -



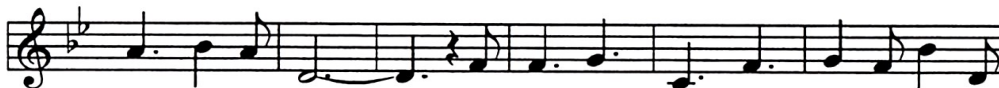
shin - ing, It is the night of the dear Sav - ior's
beam - ing, With glow - ing hearts, by His cra - dle we
no - ther, His law is love, and His gos - pel is



birth. Long lay the world in
stand. So led by light of a
peace. Chains shall he break, for the



sin and er - ror pin - ing, 'til He ap - peared, and the
star, sweet - ly gleam - ing, there came the wise men from
slave is our bro - ther, and in His name all op -



soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the wea - ry world re -
o - ri - ent land. The King of kings lay thus in low - ly
pres - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grate - ful cho - rus



joic - es, for yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn,
man - ger, in all our tri - als born to be our friend.
raise we, let all with - in us praise His ho - ly name,

f Fall _____ on your knees, _____ Oh hear _____ the an - gel
 He _____ knows our need, _____ To our weak - ness is no
 Christ _____ is the Lord, _____ Oh praise _____ His name for -

voic - es, Oh night _____ di - vine, _____ Oh
 stran - ger, Be - hold, _____ your King, _____ Be -
 e - ver, His pow'r _____ and glo - ry _____

night _____ when Christ is born, _____ Oh night _____ di -
 fore _____ Him low - ly bend. _____ Be - hold _____ your
 e - ver more pro - claim. _____ His pow'r _____ and

vine, _____ Oh night, oh night di - vine. _____
 King, _____ Be - fore Him low - ly bend. _____

glo - ry _____ e - ver more pro - claim. _____



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

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