



December 24, 2017

## **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 Cameron White as our soloist and cantor*** at the 5:00 p.m. service. Mr. White is a music educator in the Hazelwood School District and serves as the Director of Music at the St. Charles Presbyterian Church.

***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:*** (5:00) Elder Bill Lamey (11:00) Jim Pettit

***Sound Board:*** (5:00) Cary Lippert (11:00) Russell Dittmar

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

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

***Next Sunday, December 31st***, we will have one service of worship at 10:15 a.m., with Christian formation classes at 9:30 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, 2017

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

*What Child Is This?*

arr. Mark Hayes

*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.*

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.

+ \*OPENING HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

\*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(5:00) Clark & Kelley Hurrell, Samantha & Jake

OPENING SENTENCES

(11:00) Russell & Sue Dittmar, Ryan & John

There is good news of great joy for all!

**Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

Light shines on those who live in darkness,

**for a child has been born to us this night.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of all ages,**

**in the birth of Christ**

**your boundless love for your people**

**shattered the power of darkness.**

**Be born in us with that same love and light,**

**that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

+ \*HYMN 143

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

\*THE CONFESSION

On this night, O God—on this night we confess  
that we do not want to confess.  
We do not want to examine our hearts before you  
and admit to the dark places.  
We want you to warm us in candlelight,  
carols and communion.  
We desire soft light tonight;  
not the blinding shining of your glory  
that terrified the shepherds.  
We cannot stand in that light.  
God among us, forgive us.  
Help us hear your angel saying, “Do not be afraid.”  
Flood our hearts with the light that drives out all our darkness.  
Straighten our backs  
and loose our timid tongues  
that we might sing, “Glory!”

*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.”*

\*HYMN 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

(5:00) CHILDREN’S MUSIC

*Come Softly, Walk Gently*

J.A.P. Schulz

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

\*HYMN 134

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2: 11-14

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

PICARDY



GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-20

HYMN 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

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.*

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

arr. Mark Hill

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE EUCHARIST**

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC (5:00)

*Infant Holy*

Polish Carol, arr. Penny Rodriguez

Cameron White, baritone

(11:00) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. John Carter

Tracy Grundy, flute

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.**

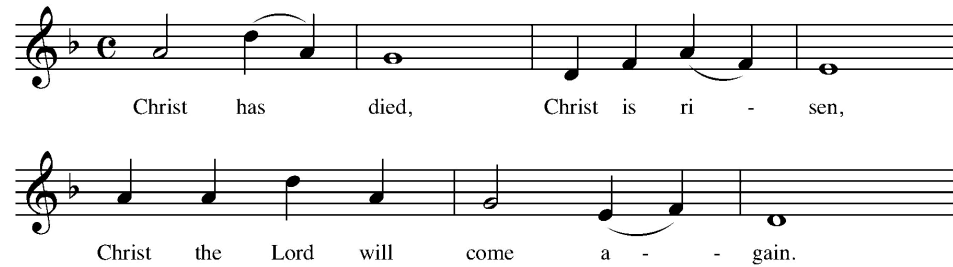
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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,*

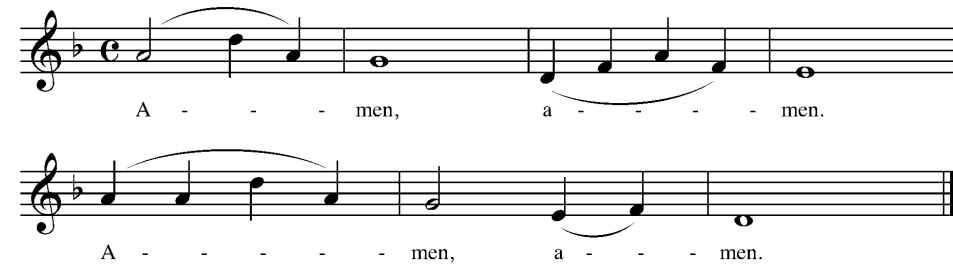
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of  
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,  
all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who  
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

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



Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ the Lord will come a - - gain.

The prayer continues. After the words, "...you are all in all, one God, now and forever," the congregation sings,



A - - - men, a - - - men.  
A - - - - - men, a - - - men.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us.

**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**

*✠ 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.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

**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.*

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.***

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 48.1, 36.

Opening Sentences, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 41.1, 24.

Opening Prayer, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 39.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 42.1, 71.

"Alleluia," words and music in the public domain.

"Sanctus," "Memorial Acclamation," and "Great Amen," setting to the tune, PICARDY, and arranged by Kimberly Bracken Long.

# 2017 Poinsettias

Del & Susan Phillips in memory of Kimberly, Abbi, Sandi & Blake Vaughn

Lorena Bane, Randy, Sylvia & Marissa Malta in memory of Warren E. Bane and Mary B. Wilcox

Lynne Snyder in memory of Alma Kuhlow

Bob & Linda Dencker in honor of our grandson, Henry

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of Mike Soo

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of Stephen & Margot Mackin

Steve Hyink in memory of Mary Hyink

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in memory of Allen's sister, Ruth

Pat & Robin Murphy in memory of Jim & Helen Murphy and Arno & Peggy Lami

Jack & Tracy Grundy in honor of our Children

Michael & Ann Ray in honor of Benjamin and Mackenzie Moore

Chris & Laurie Meinert in memory of Jane Meinert

Del & Susan Phillips in gratitude of Nancy Seals

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of Bea Turner

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of David Freiburger

Randy & Sylvia Malta in honor of our Church Family and Blessings of New Hope

Bob & Linda Dencker in memory of our Parents

Del & Susan Phillips in gratitude of Laurie Meinert

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in gratitude of the Lord's Blessings

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carl's parents

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of George Turner

Randy & Sylvia Malta in gratitude for the salvation freely given to all by Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in gratitude of the Lord's Blessings

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carolyn's parents

Mary Neill in memory of Harlan & Lillian Hommes

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in memory of their daughter, Lisa

Randy & Sylvia Malta in gratitude for the awesome blessings we receive from God



## PRAYERS

### *of Joy*

the birth of Gil Rin Mackin, to Stephanie & Stephen Mackin (grandson of Deb & Edd Mackin, October 26))

the birth of William Andrew Fletcher, to Nicki & Andy Fletcher (grandson of Jeff & Ruth Connor, October 9)

the birth of Rosemarie Lyla Beselman, to Katie & Mark Besselman (September 23)

### *for Healing & Wholeness*

W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)

Marianne Thiel

Shawn Reynolds (nephew of Rick & Vicky Koonley)

Michael McCallister (cousin of Laura Eikmann)

Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)

Eric Rudolph (son of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Mryl Daniels (friend of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)

Joe Axetell

Jim Finks

Mike Dame

Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)

Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)

Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)

Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)

Herb Gibbs

Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)

Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)

Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)

Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)

Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)

Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)

Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)

Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)

Fay Teacutter

Susan Phillips

Anna Mae Richardson

John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)

Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)

Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)

Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)

Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)

Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)

Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)

Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)

Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)

Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)

Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)

Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman

Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn

Rudolph)

Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)

Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)

Sheri Clayton

Garry Clayton

Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Bob Mudrovcic

### *for the Grieving*

Kathy & Gary Freeman on the death of her father, Jack Cassidy (December 7)

Chris & Laurie Meinert on the death of his mother, Jane Meinert (November 9)

Mary Powers on the death of her mother, Mary Stahr Harris (September 28)

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of his sister, Ruth Gnau (September 26)

Barb Knes and family on the death of her father, Norris Dalton (September 10)

### *for the World and its People*

victims of the fires in California

victims of the attack in Texas

victims of the attack in New York

### *for those deployed*

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)



## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DEVOTION – WEEK 4

BY JILL DUFFIELD, PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK EDITOR

Mary goes to visit Elizabeth soon after Gabriel's trip to earth. Mary and Joseph go to be registered. The shepherds will go and see this thing the angels announce. The holy family travels to Jerusalem to present the baby at the temple. Eventually, they return to Nazareth. Jesus' ministry will take him on the road again and his disciples will leave everything to follow him. Movement. Journeys. Change. A life of faith requires an openness to *go* – where the Spirit leads, where God calls, where Jesus goes. A life of faith entails going at seemingly inopportune times to often unexpected places with an odd array of people. Are we ready to *go*?

Jesus upends our plans no less than Mary and Joseph's, the shepherds', Wise Men's and Peter's. Once he makes his entrance into our lives, our lives are no longer our own. This baby changes everything. Priorities shift. Plans change. Our whole sense of identity gets rearranged. Our love for Emmanuel expands our love for the world God so loves. Meeting Jesus transforms us. We must *go*: worship. We must *go*: tell others. We must *go*: serve. We must *go*: bring release to the captives. We must *go*: be light and salt and leaven. We must *go*: wherever Jesus goes.

As we gather for worship, sing familiar hymns, rejoice in the company of friends and family, we recognize that soon we will *go*. We will *go* into work places, schools, communities, families – and now that we've met Jesus, we do not *go* alone and we do not *go* for our sake alone, but with and for our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

## —\*— DAILY PRAYERS AND PRACTICES —\*\*

### Monday – Christmas Day

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1:1-14

Today remember that Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus came into the world and in so doing has made us children of God. Today, wherever you go, go knowing you are a child of God and see others as children of God, too.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

God of heaven and earth, your love for us knows no bounds. Sending your Son to dwell among us, we glimpse the expansiveness of your grace, your yearning to be in relationship with us and the lengths to which you will go to reconcile us to you and to each other. We ponder all these things in our hearts and give you our deepest thanks and praise. Amen.

### Tuesday

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7

On this day after Christmas gather people together. Extend an invitation to those who may be struggling this holiday season. Go and let them know they are beloved and valued.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Gathering God, you forget no one and seek out the lost. Thank you for making us your people, giving us purpose and knowing us. Envelop with your care those who yearn to know they matter. Place in our path those who fear they are forgotten. Make our homes places of refuge and joy. Amen.



### *Wednesday*

**SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:1-20**

Today read Luke's story of Jesus' birth and imagine yourself as the various characters in the narrative. Go in your imagination to the places the Spirit leads and spend time pondering in your heart what the incarnation means.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:**

Holy God, you speak through angels, you reveal your word to shepherds, you chose ordinary people to raise the Son of Man. Silence in us any voice but your own this day, so that we might ponder in our hearts what the coming of the Messiah means for us and for the world. Then send us to go and tell the world what we have witnessed. Amen.

### *Thursday*

**SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 139:1-18**

Today trust that there is nowhere that you can go that God is not with you. Before each meal or at each stop light or perhaps at the top of each hour, pause and be conscious of the reality that God is behind and before you, laying hands on you even now.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:**

Lord God, in all the busyness and distractions of daily living we forget that you are always with us. We give you thanks that there is no where we can go where you are absent. Make us aware of your hand upon us and grant us peace. Amen.

### *Friday*

**SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 1:16-20**

Today consider the call of the first disciples. Jesus said, "Follow me." Immediately, they left their nets and went. What do you need to stop, drop or give up in order to go and follow Jesus?

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:**

God who calls and transforms, just as Jesus turned Peter and James into fishers of people, use us to do your work and will. Grant us the courage to stop doing things as we have always done them and instead boldly follow Jesus to the new thing you are always doing. Amen.

### *Saturday*

**SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 10:1-23**

Today go to the people or places God sends you. Be open to dreams and visions that are strange or frightening. Are there people or places that make you uncomfortable? Perhaps God is sending you there.

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:**

God of every tribe and nation, forgive us for refusing to go where you send us. Reveal to us those places or people to whom you wish to connect us. Help us to heed your Spirit so that we might be made brothers and sisters in Christ, a family, the eclectic, diverse, beautiful household of God. Amen.



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

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*  
Dr. Gay Holmes Spears, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*

***Session***

2017  
Jim Cox  
Jennifer Everly  
Clark Hurrell  
Lynne Snyder  
Margo Van Mill

2018  
Bryan Eikmann  
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session  
Cindy Martin  
Del Phillips  
Rick Waldo

2019  
Jerry Dyer  
Kirk Garten  
Bill Lamey  
Alyssa Murray  
Sue White

***Diaconate***

2017  
Laura Eikmann  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Stan Whiteley

2018  
Mark Besselman  
Bill Irvine, Moderator  
Kelley Hurrell  
Martha Lamey

2019  
Sharon Barnes  
Jennifer Bommarito  
Robert Dencker  
Carolyn Doerr  
Linda Judd

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