



Advent Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 10, 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 Today's Worship

We welcome back to our 11:00 worship service today, the women's vocal ensemble, *Alegria*, which is the Spanish word for joy. *Alegria* is made up of Lindsay LaMarche, Judy Hodge, Glenda Schmitt, Jeanine Denton, Kathy Kuehnle, and accompanist, Carol Koeppe.

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 in the Outreach & Information Center in the foyer or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in the lower-level.

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 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door 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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips.
(11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of our daughter, Kimberly Vaughn and grandchildren, Abbi, Sandi & Blake Vaughn, given by Del & Susan Phillips.

Liturgist: Jim Pettit

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 178

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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
Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:45) PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

arr. Mark Hayes

(11:00) INTROIT *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Anonymous

This prayer is offered to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Prayer of Preparation

God of timeless grace,
you fill us with joyful expectation.
Make us ready for the message that prepares the way,
that with uprightness of heart and holy joy
we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

+ *OPENING HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

*LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE[†] (8:45) Jim & Jane Cox, Maggie & Eli
OPENING SENTENCES (11:00) Brian & Meredith Saeger, Charlotte & Maci

O Root of Jesse,
rising as a sign for all the peoples,
before you earthly rulers will keep silent,
and nations give you honor:
Come quickly to deliver us.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Key of David,
Scepter over the house of Israel,
you open and no one can close,
you close and no one can open:
Come to set free the prisoners
who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

Come, Lord Jesus.

While the advent candle is lighted, the congregation will sing O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

+ *HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in G major and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O come, thou root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment with lyrics: "depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery." The third system is labeled "Refrain" and has lyrics: "Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

*THE CONFESSION

God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You call us to repent,
but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us,
but we fail to watch and wait for you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Embrace us with tender mercy
so that we may be at one with you
when all your glory is revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Worshippers 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 *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*

GLORIA

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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(11:00) ANTHEM

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol, arr. John Rutter

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40: 1-11

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

PICARDY

Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Lord most high.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 1-8

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.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(8:45)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

(11:00)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol, arr. Mac Huff

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 sings,

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen,
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

☞ 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.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

While We Are Waiting, Come

Don Cason

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

O ANTIPHONS

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting in expectant hope for the coming of the Savior at Christmas. That waiting and expectancy is revealed in the O Antiphons, a litany for the season of Advent with a recurring cry of “Come, Lord Jesus.” The O Antiphons are so named because each of them begins with the interjection “O.” Of uncertain origin, they were in use by the eighth century, and were highly regarded during the Middle Ages. Making use of Old Testament images as descriptors of Christ, the O Antiphons were sung before and after the chanting of the *Magnificat* (Mary’s song, Luke 1:46-55) in evening prayer during the last week of Advent, from December 17th through 23rd. The first letters of the key Latin words—Sapientia (Wisdom), Adonai (Lord), Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse), Clavis David (Key of David), Oriens (Sunrise), Rex Gentium (King of Nations), and Emmanuel (God with us)—when read backward, spell “Ero cras,” “I shall be there tomorrow,” that is, on December 24th.

New Hope member Bob Dencker has created paintings depicting each of the O Antiphons, which will appear over the course of the season of Advent. Today’s paintings depict the third and fourth of the O Antiphons—*O Root of Jesse* (Isaiah 11:1, 10) and *O Key of David* (Isaiah 22:22).

† THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter’s season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ’s coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles to symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). As a young man, Wesley pursued a master's degree at Oxford. To counteract the lack of spiritual atmosphere at the university, Charles and a few others formed the "Holy Club," in which they systematically attempted to live holy lives. They received Communion every week, fasted regularly, abstained from most forms of amusement and luxury, and frequently visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. Because of these activities, members of the club were nicknamed, rather derisively, "Methodists." Following his graduation, Wesley was ordained in the Anglican church. Charles Wesley is widely considered one of the greatest English-language hymn writers, not only for his prolific output of over 6000 hymns, but for the outstanding literary quality of his work. Many of his hymns remain, more than 200 years after their composition, well-known and beloved. *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*, *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*, *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, and *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* are but a few of his commonly-sung hymns.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 30.

Opening Sentences, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 166.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," words and music in the public domain.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 51.1, 14.

"Angels We Have Heard on High," words and music in the public domain.

"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.

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

Michael McCallister (cousin of Laura Eikmann)	Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)
Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)	Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)
Eric Rudolph (son of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)	Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)
Mryl Daniels (friend of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)	Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Joe Axetell	Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Jack Cassidy (father of Kathy Freeman)	Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Jim Finks	Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Mike Dame	Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)	Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)	Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)	Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)	Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Herb Gibbs	Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)
Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)	David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)
Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)	Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)
Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)	Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)
Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)	Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)
Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)	Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)
Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)	Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)	Sheri Clayton
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)	Garry Clayton
Fay Teacutter	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Susan Phillips	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
Anna Mae Richardson	W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)
John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)	Bob Mudrovic
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)	

for the Grieving

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)
Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)

for the World and its People

victims of the attack in Texas
victims of the attack in New York
victims of the attack in Las Vegas
victims of the hurricanes in TX, FL, & the Caribbean

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

new hope

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

*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
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2019
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