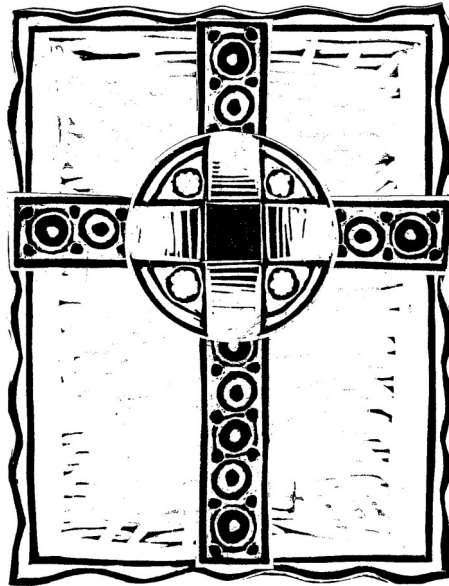


New Hope Presbyterian Church



Advent Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 14, 2014

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 worship today, the women's vocal ensemble, Alegria, which is the Spanish word for joy. Alegria is made up of Lindsay LaMarche, Judy Hodge, Kristin Fredricks, Glenda Schmitt, Kathy Carr, Kathy Kuehne and pianist, 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 on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on 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 meet in the narthex 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 worshipers, 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) Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler, Ben & Christie Tutschulte

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

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Kristin Judd ***Acolyte:*** Eli Cox

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 206

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 (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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2014

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

(11:00) INTROIT *I Saw Three Ships*

arr. Lloyd Larson

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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,
you have come among us
to lead us in paths of righteousness.
Guide our feet through the wilderness
toward the living water of your grace,
following in the steps of our Savior,
Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH LM

***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.***

*LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE[†]

(8:45) Scott & Leigh Lindahl Truett

God of hope,

Chris Truett, Rachel Poltson, Aliviah Wilburn & Alexis Truett

God of peace,

(11:00) Gary & Robin Looman

God of joy,

Russell & Sue Dittmar, Ryan & John

you are our salvation;

we trust in you and are not afraid.

Lead us to draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

**God of promise, God of joy,
into our darkness come. Amen.**

+ *HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGLOFFAN

*THE CONFESSION

**God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You send your Spirit to release us,
yet we remain captivated by sin.
You stand among us in Christ Jesus,
yet we claim we do not know you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Make us holy; make us whole.
Keep us safe and sound
until the day of your coming;
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

Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)

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) ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Prepare the Way of the Lord (Glory to God 95)*

PREPARE THE WAY

***Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.***

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

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

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 EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

(11:00) ANTHEM

Angels We Have Heard on High

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.

We praise you, living and loving God,
that you have sent your Son to this world.
Christ is your Wisdom, sweetly ordering all creation,
our Lawgiver, burning with justice,
the Branch from Jesse's tree, sprouting flowers from old roots,
the Key of David, opening our prison doors.
And let the people cry,
O come and save us:

O come and save us.

We praise you, serving and saving God,
that you send your Son also to this table,
who on the night in which he was betrayed took bread...

And let the people cry,
O come and save us.

O come and save us.

We beg you, mighty and merciful God:
send us the Spirit of your Son.
Bless this food and all who share it,
that the earth may rejoice in your presence.

In Christ, the Dawning Day,
enlighten a darkened world,
reign as Sovereign to unite all peoples,
and dwell among us, Emmanuel,
our deepest desire now and forever.
And let the people cry,
O come and save us.
O come and save us.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
And let the people pray:
**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blest be God, who is our Bread;
may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

Gail Ramshaw, 2013

Gathered into one by your Spirit, O God, we pray 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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*HYMN 804

MARION

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



† *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 of hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God with prayer.*

‡ *The Eucharistic Prayer is based on the O Antiphons, which used Old Testament images as descriptors of Christ and were sung from December 17 through 23 before and after the chanting of the Magnificat. 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 will be tomorrow," that is, on December 24. The centuries-old hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" has made the O Antiphons ecumenically popular. You are encouraged to use the blessing at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer ("Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,") as a prayer at mealtime.*

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Audrey Chipley, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*
Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

Session

Fellowship
Jim Pettit (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)

Formation for Discipleship
Susan Phillips (2014)
Lauren Martinez (2014)
Deb Garten (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism
Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Jim Salter (2016)

Worship, Music & the Arts
Kristin Judd (2014)
Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)

Administration & Support
Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)

Deacons

2014
Kimm Besgrove
Jennifer Everly
Don Higgason
Pat Murphy
Laura Eikmann

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

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News & Opportunities

Sunday, December 14th	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Inquirer's Class	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Sunshine Room
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room
6:30 p.m.	Choir Christmas Concert	Worship Space
Monday, December 15th		
7:00 p.m.	MME Meeting	Conference Room
Tuesday, December 16th		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
Wednesday, December 17th		
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
Friday, December 19th		
3:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Blood Drive	Worship Space
Saturday, December 20th		
8:00 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Worship Space
Sunday, December 21st	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2015 Giving Envelopes are available by the Information Table. Please make sure to stop by and pick up your giving envelopes for next year!

New Hope's Christmas Eve Services are at 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

The Church Office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th and will be closed all day on December 25th. The Church Office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st and will be closed all day on January 1st.

All contributions must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 30th to be included on the 2014 year-end giving statements.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, December 14th at 12:15 p.m. for those interested in uniting with our congregation in membership. This will be a time of conversation to get to know one another better and to answer any questions you might have about New Hope. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@nhpres.org.

FINANCIAL CORNER

November Contributions	40,983.00
Monthly Budget	<u>37,821.25</u>
	3,161.75
Year-to-date Contributions	407,460.80
Year-to-date Budget	<u>416,033.75</u>
	- 8,572.95

2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

To date, a total of 114 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$353,179.00 for the work of the church in 2015. Of those cards received, 61 members increased their giving over 2014. Our anticipated, non-pledged income for 2015 is \$77,551.00, which brings our total anticipated income for 2015 to \$430,730.00. If nothing else changed, our expenditures for 2015 are expected to be \$459,326.00. This means that we currently need to cut \$28,596.00 from our operating budget for 2015.

If you haven't completed an "Estimate of Giving" card for 2015, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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CHILDREN

Today, December 14th **December 21st**
Infant Nursery
Nancy Seals
Pre-K Nursery
Barbi Smith

Katharine Harmon
Linda Carr

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

December 14th - Kelly Hantack & Sue Dittmar
December 21st - Jane Cox & Jennifer James

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-child>

Kids Fellowship Club is a fun-filled fellowship club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet two Sunday afternoons each month in the Sunshine Room on the lower level.

Today! - Christmas Party! We will have a Christmas craft, games and special treats for this fun celebration.

2015 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2015 Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex. Sign up for flowers to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Flowers are \$30.00 and may be taken home after the second service each week.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

Lectionary for Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26
Romans 16: 25-27
Luke 1: 26-38

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

After 4 years of service as the Child Care Provider in the Infant Nursery, Audrey Chipley will be leaving New Hope. We would like to take this time to thank her for her dedication and hard work over the past four years. When you see Audrey, please make sure to wish her well! Her last day here at New Hope is December 14th.

With Audrey's departure, we are now seeking a Child Care Provider. This position is for Sunday mornings and occasional Sunday or week day meetings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for an application for employment.

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This evening, the New Hope Choir will present its Christmas Concert. All members and friends are invited to attend! We will start our program at 6:30 pm. Please come and hear this beautiful music!

DEACONS GIVING TREE

The Deacons' Giving Tree is back up in the Narthex! Please take a moment to stop by and check out the ornaments, which contain wish lists of the family members the Deacons are sponsoring for Christmas. Pick an ornament, buy the appropriate gift, and return the gift to the tree to help make a family's Christmas a little brighter! Giving Tree gifts are due back to the church on or before December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Today at 3:00 pm - Christmas Party at church. All mid and senior high youth are invited to join us!!!

DECEMBER MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be practicing on December 14th from 2:30 pm until 3:00 pm. They will be singing at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. If you know of a child between the ages of three years-old through fifth grade, please invite them to join us!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

For members who participate in the electronic funds transfer program through VANCO: Please remember that if you changed your monthly contribution amount for 2015, you must also update that amount through VANCO. Please call Laurie Brown at the church office if you have any questions or require assistance.

SCRIP CARDS

The Christmas holidays are coming! Let scrip help with all of your shopping! Purchase scrip cards from your favorite stores and then use the cards to pay for groceries, clothing, home improvement items, eating-out and more! Scrip cards also make the perfect gift for that hard to buy for person. New Hope earns a percentage of every card we sell!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias You may order a "live" poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and take it home with you after the 11:00 pm service that night. You may also purchase a "virtual" poinsettia, the cost of which will go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or "virtual" poinsettia is \$11.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received TODAY!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A heartfelt thank you to the small army of volunteers who assisted in the production of the third Advent By Candlelight, Tuesday December 2nd.
Margaret Mortland
Moderator, Presbyterian Women

JOY OFFERING

Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC (USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to shine the One True Light of Christ's love on the poor in circumstance or spirit.
Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.