



December 18, 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 Today'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 sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name of 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 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.
- *Ushering for today's worship:* (8:45) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler.
- *Flowers:* To the glory of God and in honor of Melba Nelson, given by Allen & Carolyn Rudolph.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Margo Van Mill

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Russell Dittmar *Last Sunday's Attendance:* 183

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about NHPC can be found at the Information & Outreach 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

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 HANDBELL PRELUDE Silent Night Franz Xavier Gruber

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.

Shepherd of Israel, may Jesus, Emmanuel and son of Mary, be more than just a dream in our hearts. With the apostles, prophets, and saints, save us, restore us, and lead us in the way of grace and peace, that we may bear your promise into the world. Amen.

+ * Bell Peal

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

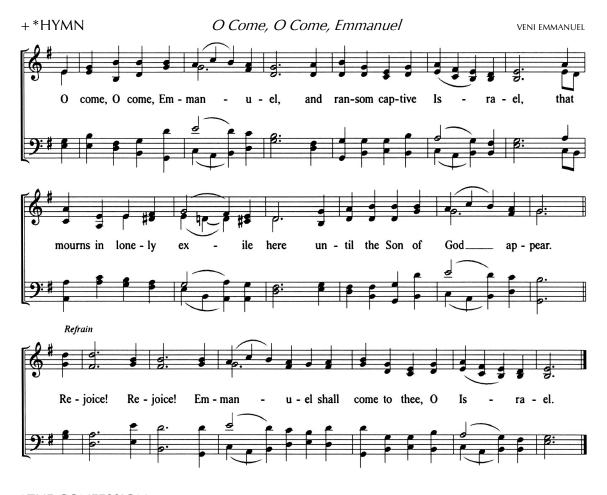
(8:45) Carl & Carolyn Doerr

(11:00) Fritz & Mary Waltman

*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE OPENING SENTENCES O Immanuel, our Sovereign and Lawgiver, desire of the nations and Savior of all: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Come, Lord Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER Eternal God of power and grace, who comes to us in surprising ways in angel appearances, in defeat of enemies, and in resurrection from the dead show us the face of Immanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



***THE CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light.
We hurt and destroy one another and neglect the poor and hungry.
We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Worshipers 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) 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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST SCRIPTURE READING EPISTLE READING *THE GOSPEL Isaiah 7: 10-16 Romans 1: 1-7

THE ACCLAMATION



Cantor: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.



GOSPEL READING Matthew 11: 18-25 The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

So 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

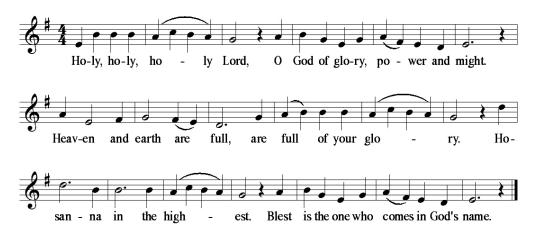
OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS HANDBELL ANTHEM Mary Did You Know

arr. Patricia Cota

GLORIA PATRI

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,

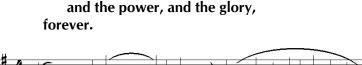


The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,



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,





BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

So 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.

So 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 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Women, first and third lines (*"Watchman..."*) Men, second and fourth lines (*"Traveler..."*)

ABERYSTWYTH

*BLESSING & CHARGE

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!**

Prepare the way of the Lord!



*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.

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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 served as the inspiration for the familiar Advent hymn, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.* "During this season, the biblical readings selected from the prophets announce the coming of the Messiah. The closer Christmas comes to us, the more the liturgy accentuates its call to the Savior with the cry 'Come!' Ultimately, 'Come' is humanity's only valid prayer: it sums up all of our needs of God. Ever since the expulsion from paradise, 'Come' has been the ceaseless cry of humanity. Although we do not know for sure when or by whom the O Antiphons were conceived, they probably originated in Rome around the ninth century." (Reprinted by permission from *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship* ©2003 Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).)

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 painting depict the seventh of the O Antiphons—*O Immanuel* (Isaiah 7:14). Meaning "God is with us," the name appears once in the Old Testament in Isaiah 7:14 (Hebrew spelling, Immanuel) and once in the New Testament in Matthew 1:23 (Greek spelling, Emmanuel).

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

MUSIC NOTES

The text of *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* was written by Sir John Bowring. Because he had a gift for languages, reputedly learning over a hundred different languages in his lifetime, the British government appointed him to a number of positions that required him to travel throughout Europe and Asia. He served as the British governor of Hong Kong in the mid-1800s. The tune ABERYSTWYTH was composed by Joseph Parry, a Welsh composer and musician. Parry was born into poverty and spent several of his young years working in the coal mines. The family emigrated to America when he was 13 years old and settled in Pennsylvania. Parry returned to London and studied music at the Royal Academy of Music. He composed six operas, dozens of songs and anthems, and three oratorios. He has been called Wales' greatest composer.

(-Richard Neill Donovan, sermonwriter.com and Phil Carradice, bbc.co.uk).

PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Emma Alison Harmon, daughter of Brad & Katie Harmon (Nov. 18) the birth of Landon Anthony Irvine, grandson of Bill & Ruth Irvine (Oct. 27) the birth of Samantha Mae Larrew, daughter of Tara & Jared Larrew (Oct. 19)

for Healing & Wholeness	
Sally Usai	Dot Mandrell (friend of Ruth Reilly)
Anna White (granddaughter of Jim & Sue White)	Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)
Barb Newman	Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)
Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes and grandfather of Stacey	Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Bordes)	Arnold Sanders (grandfather of Marion Hamilton)
Lee Cortelyou (brother of Susan Petrowsky)	Dorothy Morgan (mother of Vicky Koonley)
Tom Clayton	Sheri Clayton
Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Patrick & Robin Murphy)	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Jonathon Morgan (cousin of Vicky Koonley)	Tasia Pumphrey Iglesias (cousin of Vicky Koonley)
Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)	Edd Mackin
Don Buchholz (brother-in-law of Ruth Connor)	Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)
Vi Boyd	Lauren Jansen
Rachael Harlan (friend of Donna Huffman)	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)	W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)
Lena Morgan (Vicky Koonley's aunt)	Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)
Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Chris Hanson (father of Marion Hamilton)	Kathy Freeman
Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)	Bob Mudrovic

for the Grieving

Sue Starkey and family on the death of her father, David Gephart (Dec. 11) Jody Romkey and family on the death of her father, Donald Fitch (Dec. 10) Barbara Lynn and family on the death of her husband, David Lynn (Nov. 24) Todd & Liz Rasche on the death of their friend, Michael Homewood (Nov. 21) Barb Knes & Stacey Bordes and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Marge Dalton (Nov. 17) Laurie Meinert and family on the death of her cousin's son, Christopher Koeller (Nov. 6) Jim & Sue White and family on the death of his father, Ed White (Nov. 2) Barbi Smith and family on the death of her father, Robert Gill (Oct. 19)

Elaine Barbee and family on the birth of her daughter's stillborn child, Vernon Washington, III (Oct. 14)

for the World & its People

the people of Aleppo and Syrian refugees victims of the earthquake in Indonesia victims of the wildfires in Tennessee victims of the earthquake near Japan

WORSHIP RESOURCES & CREDITS

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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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