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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 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 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

*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(8:45) Carl & Carolyn Doerr

OPENING SENTENCES

(11:00) Fritz & Mary Waltman

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.**

+ *HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el, that

mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

*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.

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.***

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7: 10-16

EPISTLE READING Romans 1: 1-7

*THE GOSPEL

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

✠ 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

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,**

and the power, and the glory,
forever.



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 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.



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 depicts 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

Anna White (granddaughter of Jim & Sue White)

Barb Newman

Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes and grandfather of Stacey Bordes)

Lee Cortelyou (brother of Susan Petrowsky)

Tom Clayton

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

Jonathon Morgan (cousin of Vicky Koonley)

Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)

Don Buchholz (brother-in-law of Ruth Connor)

Vi Boyd

Rachael Harlan (friend of Donna Huffman)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Lena Morgan (Vicky Koonley's aunt)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Chris Hanson (father of Marion Hamilton)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Dot Mandrell (friend of Ruth Reilly)

Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)

Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)

Arnold Sanders (grandfather of Marion Hamilton)

Dorothy Morgan (mother of Vicky Koonley)

Sheri Clayton

Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)

Tasia Pumphrey Iglesias (cousin of Vicky Koonley)

Edd Mackin

Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)

Lauren Jansen

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Kathy Freeman

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

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 34.

Opening Prayer, as found in *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 1*, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), 15.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 50.1, 10.

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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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