

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 Welcome 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.

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) Craig Graber & Patrick Murphy (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Kirk Garten, Randy & Sylvia Malta and Kay McCarthy

Liturgist: Katie Sternhagen

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 228

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 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cjames@newhopepc.org or 636/936. 2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ 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.*

God of glory, we know that you are coming
at an unexpected hour.
Come to us now, in Spirit and Truth.
Take us up into your presence,
and make us ready for your reign of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY

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. (Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH LM, *Glory to God* 607)

+ LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE[†]

God of hope,
out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope,
so that we may be alert
to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

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

As the candle is lighted, the congregation will sing the first and fourth verses of the hymn.

+ *HYMN 100 *My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout* (vv.1&4)

(8:45) The Schrautemeier Family

Bobby & Monica, Ethan, Aidan, Liam & Paige

(11:00) Paul & Martha Hacker

*THE CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess

that we do not walk in your light.

We study the ways of war;

**we stray from the paths of peace.
By day we waste your gifts;
by night we dishonor your name.
Forgive us; deliver us;
awaken us to your Word,
so that we may be ready
to welcome you with joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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 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.*** (Tune: GLORIA PATRI, *Glory to God* 581)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

PSALTER

Psalm 122, *Glory to God* 400

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

The cantor or choir will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 13: 11-14

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

***At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"*** (Tune: PICARDY, *Glory to God* 347)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24: 36-44

THE ALLELUIA (*Glory to God* 586)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Tune: ALLELUIA 7, *Glory to God* 586)

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

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

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 after giving thanks he broke it
and gave it to his disciples, saying
Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, he took the cup saying,
This is my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
 **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

Upon extending the bread and cup toward the congregation...

Holy things for holy people.
 **Only one is holy, one is Lord:
 Jesus Christ to the glory of God.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ *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 (intinction), 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 at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).*

(11:00) ANTHEM

In Silence We Wait

Lloyd Larson

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

*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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2013
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2014
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Allen Sebaugh

2015
Katie Harmon
Neal Powers
Michael Ray
Nancy Taylor

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2013
Donna Huffman
Bill Irvine

2014
Kimm Besgrove
Don Higgason
Margaret Mortland
Pat Murphy

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore