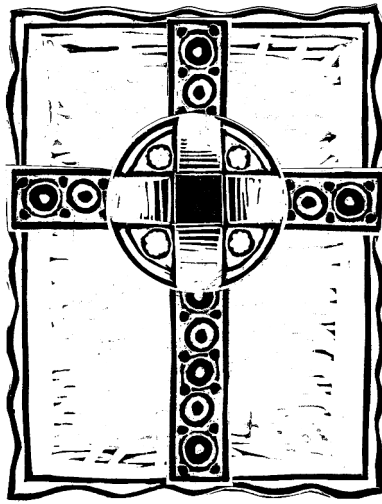


new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Advent Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 24, 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

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 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: Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill, Kim Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Liturgist: Elder Alyssa Murray

Sound Booth Cary Lippert

Last Sunday's Attendance: 168

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
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Mark Hayes

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

Prayer of Preparation

Ever-faithful God,
through prophets and angels
you promised to raise up a holy child
who would establish a household of peace and justice.
Open our hearts to receive your Son,
that we may open our doors
to welcome all people as sisters and brothers,
and establish your household in our time. Amen.

+ *OPENING HYMN 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

*LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE[†]

Kerry & Donna Huffman,
Adam Huffman

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

God of grace,

**ever faithful to your promises,
the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming
and looks forward with longing
to his return at the end of time.**

**Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes,
for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.**

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

+ *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

God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You offer us a place in your house,
yet we find no room for you in our lives.
You invite us into your eternal realm,
yet we fail to welcome others.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let your word of life be with us
so that we may truly believe
that nothing is impossible with you;
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!
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
EPISTLE READING

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
Romans 16: 25-27

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

PICARDY

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

GOSPEL READING
HYMN 100

Luke 1: 26-38
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

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 *I Shall Know Him When He Comes*

Douglas E. Wagner

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 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

While We Are Waiting, Come

Don Cason

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



2017 Poinsettias

Del & Susan Phillips in memory of Kimberly, Abbi, Sandi & Blake Vaughn

Lorena Bane, Randy, Sylvia & Marissa Malta in memory of Warren E. Bane and Mary B. Wilcox

Lynne Snyder in memory of Alma Kuhlow

Bob & Linda Dencker in honor of our grandson, Henry

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of Mike Soo

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of Stephen & Margot Mackin

Steve Hyink in memory of Mary Hyink

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in memory of Allen's sister, Ruth

Pat & Robin Murphy in memory of Jim & Helen Murphy and Arno & Peggy Lami

Jack & Tracy Grundy in honor of our Children

Michael & Ann Ray in honor of Benjamin and Mackenzie Moore

Chris & Laurie Meinert in memory of Jane Meinert

Del & Susan Phillips in gratitude of Nancy Seals

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of Bea Turner

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of David Freiburger

Randy & Sylvia Malta in honor of our Church Family and Blessings of New Hope

Bob & Linda Dencker in memory of our Parents

Del & Susan Phillips in gratitude of Laurie Meinert

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in gratitude of the Lord's Blessings

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carl's parents

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of George Turner

Randy & Sylvia Malta in gratitude for the salvation freely given to all by Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in gratitude of the Lord's Blessings

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carolyn's parents

Mary Neill in memory of Harlan & Lillian Hommes

Allen & Carolyn Rudolph in memory of their daughter, Lisa

Randy & Sylvia Malta in gratitude for the awesome blessings we receive from God

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

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 35.

Opening Sentences & Opening Prayer, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 167.

"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, 16.

"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

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

for the Grieving

Kathy & Gary Freeman on the death of her father, Jack Cassidy (December 7)
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)

for the World and its People

victims of the fires in California
victims of the attack in Texas
victims of the attack in New York

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

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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.*

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
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey

2019
Sharon Barnes
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