



December 25, 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 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, will not meet today, Christmas Day, so that children may be with the congregation for the Lessons & Carols.

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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill. (11:00) Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Lori Seidler's birthday, given by Joe Seidler

Liturgists: Elders Linda Dencker and Del Phillips

Sound Booth: Bill Irvine

Last Sunday's Attendance: 165

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

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PRELUDE

Away in a Manger
Jared Spears, percussion

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God,

you spoke and your Word became flesh,
breathing a new song of joy and praise into the world.

Grant that we may bear the good news of your salvation,
proclaiming your promise of peace to the ends of the earth. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain)*
***O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!***

ADESTE FIDELES

*OPENING SENTENCES

A child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named:

**Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God,
your prophets have long spoken
of the one who would come to save us.
Now the promise is fulfilled;
now your kingdom has come near.
Send us as messengers of your way,**

to go and tell all the world
of the wonders we have seen
and the good news we have heard;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ *HYMN 143

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

*THE CONFESSION

**Infant holy, infant lowly:
your holiness and humility are mysteries to us.
Sin and pride are what we know.
We do not comprehend you,
yet we fall to our knees before you.
In your presence we see what is true and good and lasting—
what will comfort the afflicted and redeem the lost.
Change our hearts, O God.
Renew us by what we witness here,
that we may rise up to serve and to rejoice in you.**

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.***

LESSONS & CAROLS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62: 6-12

CAROL 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 52: 7-10

CAROL 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

THIRD LESSON

Titus 3: 4-7

CAROL 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

FOURTH LESSON

*CAROL 126

Hebrews 1: 1-12

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child

WONDERFUL CHILD

FIFTH LESSON

CAROL145

Luke 2: 1-20

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

SIXTH LESSON

*CAROL 110

John 1: 1-14

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Word was made flesh,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

and dwelt among us,

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, our Way, our Truth, and our Life:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

Glory to you, O Lord!

...Silence for prayer and reflection...

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy,

for he has been glorified!

Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

Born Is the Light of the World

Sally Deford

Lynne Snyder, soprano

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
From age to age your creation sings your praises.
You feed even the birds of the air,
and you clothe the fields with lilies.
You gave your blessing to Abraham
and his descendants,
and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

You fulfilled your covenant to us in Jesus.
He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son,
the star that guides us to wisdom,
the treasure hidden in a field.
He is the landowner who overpays the workers,
the judge who separates good from evil.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

For us he lived, for us he died,
for us he rose to eternal life.
Then and now he invites us to your banquet.
On the night before he died, he took bread,
and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and give it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
We hear his call, we repent our ways,
and we enter with joy into the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Send your Holy Spirit here
on your gathered disciples.
Make of this meal the body and blood
of forgiveness.
Heal us and grant us your righteousness,
that we may love you and serve our neighbors.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our Father in heaven,
the Rock on which we build,
the Dove alighting on us all.
We worship you and sing our praises,
today and to the end of the age. Amen.

Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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

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
Joy to the World

*HYMN 134

ANTIOCH

*BLESSING & CHARGE

Arise and shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Alleluia!

Go now and testify to the light of Christ.



*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



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

victims of the terrorist attack in Berlin

the people of Aleppo and Syrian refugees

victims of the earthquake in Indonesia

WORSHIP RESOURCES & CREDITS

- Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 50.1, 30.
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- Litany for Christmas as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 178-179.
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Gail Ramshaw as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 50.1, 7.
- "Threefold Amen" words and music in the public domain.



*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*
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