

A Service of

Lessons &

Carols

for Christmas

December 27, 2015

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 nursery on the first floor (Room 204).

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

Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of our daughters, given by Kirk & Deb Garten.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Information 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 (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
First Sunday After Christmas

December 27, 2015

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

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Holy God, all-glorious giver of grace,
you are light shining in darkness;
you are life, the life of all people.
Fill us with the light and life of Christ,
through whom all things were made,
so that we may be faithful disciples,
bearing witness to your grace and truth;
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

***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.***

*OPENING SENTENCES

Hear the good news of the Gospel:
The time of salvation has come.

**God's Word now dwells among us,
full of grace and truth.**

+ *HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*A LITANY OF ADORATION

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!

...After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany:

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 WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62: 6-12

Salvation comes; Jerusalem is restored; the people are redeemed.

CAROL 349

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

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SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 52: 7-10

God's salvation is announced to Jerusalem and displayed before the whole world.

*CAROL 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

☞ During the singing of the carol, elementary-age children who wish to participate in Worship Feast may exit by the side (north) door to be escorted to the lower-level.

THIRD LESSON

Titus 3: 4-7

We are justified by the grace of Christ, reborn in the Holy Spirit.

FOURTH LESSON

Hebrews 1: 1-4
God has spoken through the Son.

CAROL 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2: 1-14
The birth of Jesus.

CAROL 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

SIXTH LESSON

John 1: 1-14
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

*CAROL 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

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

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,

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

...Christ has died;

**Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

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. 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.

☞ After the presider and communion servers have received the elements, and before the concluding prayer, the whole assembly is invited to share a moment of silent contemplation before God.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory, vv.1-3

REGENT SQUARE

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 143 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, v.4

REGENT SQUARE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.

PRAYERS

of Joy

Danielle Carr's graduation from the Missouri State University (Dec. 11)
Nikki Brown's graduation from Truman State University (Dec. 12)
Samantha Hurrell's graduation from the University of Missouri-Columbia (Dec. 19)
Jake Hurrell's graduation from the University of Missouri-Columbia (Dec. 19)
the birth of Amelia Ann Yount, great-granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph (Dec. 10)
the engagement of Kaitlyn Eidal, daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey, to Jake Woods
Marissa Malta's safe return from Morocco
the birth of Edith Genevieve Carron, granddaughter of Mark Phillips (Nov. 18)

for the Grieving

Scott & Leigh Lindahl Truett on the death of his step-father, Robert Osterbur (Dec. 5)
Kathy & Herb Gibbs and Eric on the death of her uncle, Carl Yauch (Nov. 23)
Richard & Sharon Martin on the death of his sister-in-law, Judy Martin (Nov. 22)
Ben & Kathy Kuehnle on the death of his sister, Shiela Kuehnle (Nov. 20)
Barbara & Greg Newman and family on the death of her aunt, Shirley Buxton (Nov. 15)
Steve Gerke on the death of his wife, Sally (Oct. 28)

for Healing & Wholeness

Briana Boyet, tonsils removed (granddaughter of Sharon Leonard)
Bob Mudrovic, recovery from stroke
Jane Meinert, (mother of Chris Meinert)
Ruth Irvine, thyroid testing
Deb Mackin, thumb surgery
Paul Hacker, knee replacement
Bob Koehler, heart-bypass surgery (brother of Elaine Barbee and Ruth Connor)
Tom Morgan, (brother of Vicky Koonley)
Gerry Van Mill, cancer treatment
Steve Marsh, pneumonia (father of Kelly Hantack)
Susan Phillips, recovering from surgery
Richard Amos, cancer treatment (co-worker of Chris Meinert)
Ron Edwards, cancer treatment

for the World & its People

Victims of terror attack in Paris, Colorado, and California
Syrian refugees



The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Jan Parker, *Interim Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Regina Jones, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

Fellowship
Craig Graber (2016)
Margo Van Mill (2017)

Formation for Discipleship
Deb Garten (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)
Jennifer Everly (2017)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism
Jim Salter (2016)
Jim Cox (2017)

Worship, Music & the Arts
Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)
Lynne Snyder (2017)

Administration & Support
Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)
Clark Hurrell (2017)

Diaconate

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017
Laura Eikmann
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey