

Christmas Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 31, 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 today's 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: The Youth Group

Sound Booth: Joe Petrowsky

Last Sunday's Attendance: (Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10:15 a.m.) 132

(Christmas Eve, 5:00 p.m.) 110 (Christmas Eve, 11:00 p.m.) 81

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
First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 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

PRELUDE

What Child Is This?

arr. Rich Heffler

Terry Martinez, tenor saxophone

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

Prayer of Preparation

God of glory,
you have given us a new name and robed us in salvation.
May we like Anna find our home in your presence,
and like Simeon recognize Jesus as the Christ,
so that, in joy and thanksgiving at becoming your children,
we may join with all creation to sing your praise. 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

Praise the Lord!

Psalm 148:1, 12-13

Praise God from the heavens.

**Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Let us praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.

Alleluia!

+ *HYMN 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*THE CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we confess
that we fail to live in your light.
You reveal your saving love,
but we hide your love from others.
You claim us as your children,
but we do not claim you as our God.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Let your will be done in our lives
so that we may live in peace
according to your word;
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."

+ HYMN 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

ANTHEM

Calypso Lullaby
Jared Spears, bongos

Joel Raney

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61: 10—62: 3

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 4: 4-7

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA



GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 22-10

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.

*HYMN 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Traditions of Christmas

Chip Davis

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.

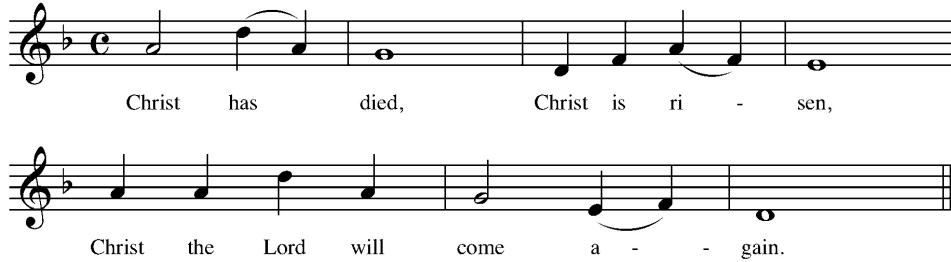
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,

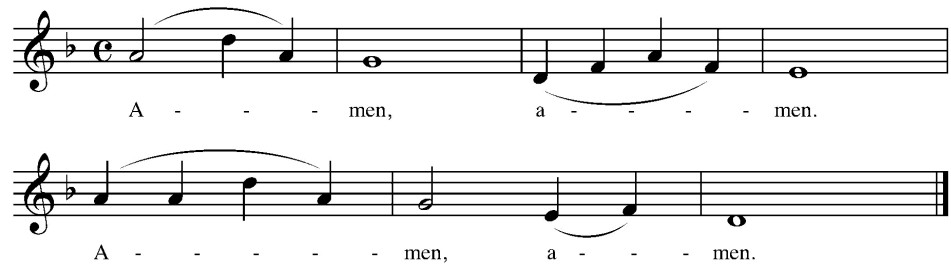
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of
 pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
 all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who
 comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

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 545

*Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace
(Song of Simeon)*

LAND OF REST

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Old English Carol

arr. Phillip Keveren

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 42.

Doxology, Words and Music in the public domain.

Opening Sentences, as found in *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014), 30.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 51.1, 30.

“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

Rev. Len Aurich (step-father of Connie Pettit)	Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)
Craig Weineke (friend of Lisa Foster)	Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)
Marianne Thiel	Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Michael McCallister (cousin of Laura Eikmann)	Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Eric Rudolph (son of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)	Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Mryl Daniels (friend of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)	Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Joe Axetell	Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)	Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)	Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)	Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)	Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)	Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)
Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)	David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)
Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)	Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)
Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)	Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)
Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)	Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)
Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)	Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)
Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)	Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)	Sheri Clayton
Fay Teacutter	Garry Clayton
Susan Phillips	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Anna Mae Richardson	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)	Bob Mudrovic
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)	
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)	

for the Grieving

Sue & Jim White on the death of her nephew, W.T. Bryant (December 25)
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)

for the World and its People

victim 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)

new hope

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

*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
Jennifer Bommarito
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