

Advent Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 3, 2017

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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

We welcome to our worship today, violinist Chris Torretta, and thank him for sharing his talents with us. Mr. Torretta is a music educator with the Fort Zumwalt School District.

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 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, will not meet today, the first Sunday of the month, so that children may be with the congregation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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) Carolyn Doerr, Patrick Murphy, Susan Petrowsky. (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the glory of God, given by Bob & Linda Dencker.

Liturgist: Deacon Jennifer Bommarito

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 150

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.

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First Sunday of Advent

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+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

+ *OPENING HYMN 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE †

Mike & Peggy Black

OPENING SENTENCES

Aimee Calvin, Mackenzie & Caleb

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you order all things with strength and gentleness:
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Come, Lord Jesus.

O Adonai,
Ruler of the house of Israel,
you appeared in the burning bush to Moses
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+ *HYMN

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VENI EMMANUEL

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Refrain

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The score includes a main body of music, a section labeled 'Refrain', and a final ending. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

*THE CONFESSION

**God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You call us to repent,
but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us,
but we fail to watch and wait for you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Embrace us with tender mercy
so that we may be at one with you
when all your glory is revealed;
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)*

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SERMON

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PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

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OFFERTORY MUSIC

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Shannon M. Grama

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*HYMN 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

CELEBRATION OF WELCOME OF INQUIRERS

To the Inquirers:

God's word is like bread for our hearts; we cannot live without it.

God's word is like rain that comes down upon the earth,
bringing forth fruit in our lives.

Come and be with us as a hearer of the Word of God.

Let the Word of God guide your way and bring you everlasting life.

Congregation:

We rejoice to welcome you!

Join us as together we seek to live God's love in the world!

PRESENTATION OF INQUIRERS

Preparing for Baptism

Joe Axetell; Todd Rasche, companion

Preparing for Affirmation of Baptism

Diana Axetell; Liz Rasche, companion

Bobbi Cusumano; Donna Huffman, companion

Julie Langasek; Amie Tilk, companion

Tony Langasek; Patrick Tilk, companion

Marilyn Pavia; Nancy Seals, companion

COMMITMENT

Companions, will you care for your new partner in faith,
in word and deed, with love and prayer?

With gladness, I will.

Will you help them through your example
to know God and to discover the way of following Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

To the congregation:

All of you who are assembled here
are called to welcome and support these Inquirers and their Companions.
Will you help them in their journey to hear the Gospel of Christ
and come into the household of faith?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Take, O Take Me As I Am

John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall
be. Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

THE THREE GIFTS

THE CROSS

Take, O Take Me As I Am

See above

THE BIBLE

∞ The Companion presents a Bible to each Inquirer:

{Name}, receive this Bible.
Hear God's Word with us.
Learn and tell its stories.
Discover its mysteries.
Honor its commandments.
Rejoice in its good news.
May God's life-giving Word, sweeter than honey,
inspire you and make you wise.

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*THE BLESSING

∞ The congregation stands as each Companion lays hands on the Inquirers.

...With all your people may they bear witness to your grace and praise you forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

∞ Following the blessing, you may share the peace of Christ with those around you saying, "The peace of Christ be with you", responding, "And also with you."

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ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pamela M. Robertson

Chris Torretta, violin

Terry Martinez and Todd Rasche, handbells

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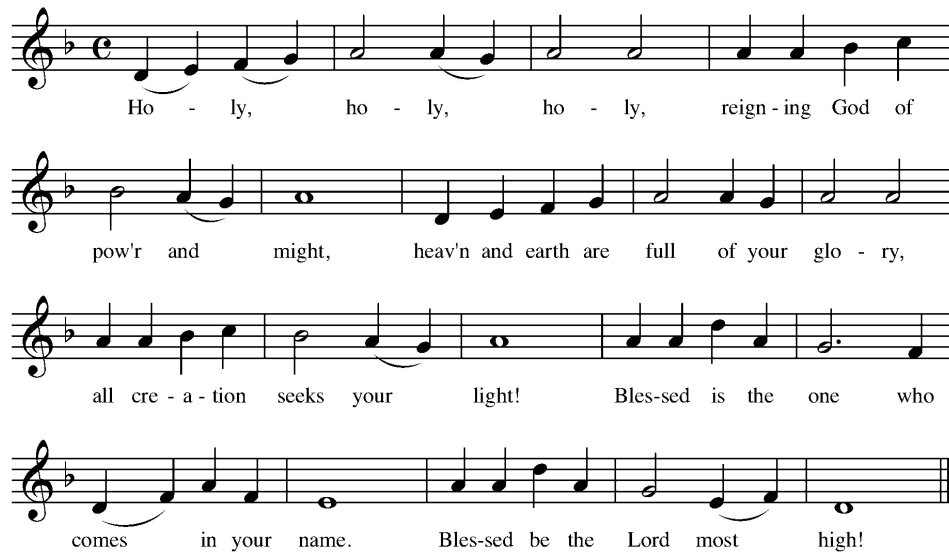
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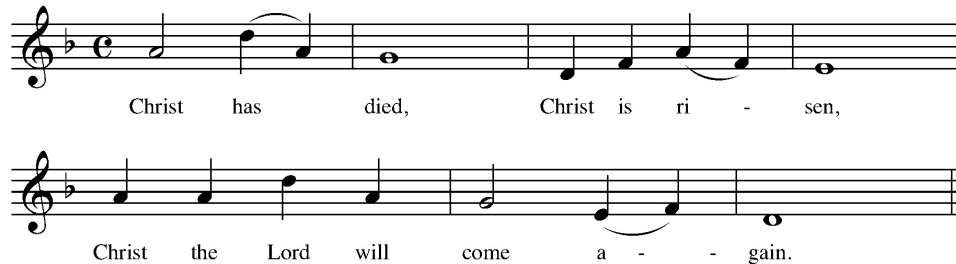
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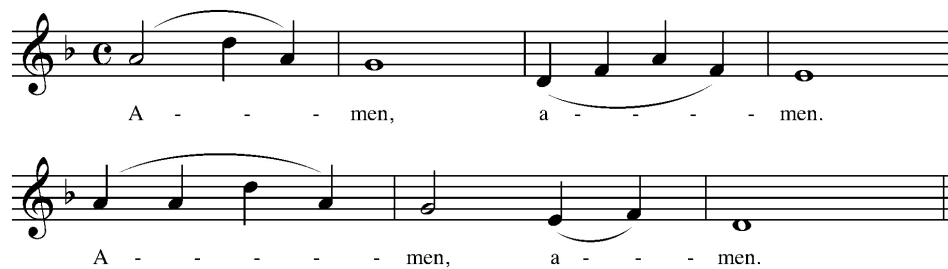
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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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 paintings depict the first two of the O Antiphons—*O Wisdom* (Proverbs 8:22) and *O Adonai* (Exodus 20:2)

† 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.

Awake

ADVENT DEVOTION – WEEK 1 | DECEMBER 3-9, 2017

BY JILL DUFFIELD, PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK EDITOR

As the days grow shorter and darkness urges us to sleep, the gospel urgently shakes us and whispers in our ear, “*Awake!*” No gentle prodding or permission to roll over and hunker down for just five more minutes, but instead a breathless, “*Wake up!*” Something important comes with the dawning of the day and the only way to meet it is to get up, watch and stay alert.

Advent beckons us to wake up, fight complacency and numbness, watch for the coming of Jesus – both infant and triumphant, returning Christ – and be ready to be gathered together to be sent out as light into the darkness of the world.

Even as relentless news of tragedies, both natural and of our own making, bombards us until we become oblivious to the pain and suffering of others, God’s Good News comes like the boom of thunder, the patter of steady rain, the whistling of the wind, the blast of a trumpet and the piercing cry of a baby unwilling to succumb to our schedule. “*Awake!*”

Awake to the coming of the Christ child and the coming of Risen Christ’s reign. *Awake* to the multitude of languages spoken by those gathered from the north and south, the east and west. *Awake* to the hunger of the world and the hunger in your soul. *Awake* to possibility that all the groaning and pain is about to birth new, abundant, beautiful life – new life whose demands will wake you up in the middle of the night, engender more love than you knew you had, and give you more joy than you could have ever imagine.

DAILY PRAYERS AND PRACTICES

Monday

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 57:8-11

Today awake to thanksgiving and praise. Make note, mentally or literally, of all for which you are grateful. Express your praise in singing or art or movement.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

God of the dawn, this very day you have acted, awoken in me reverence and whimsy, a sense of your majesty and the realization of your close presence. Help me to stop and give you thanks and praise for the small gifts of this day and the unfathomable gift of creation. Keep me alert to your leadings so that I might follow you and know the peace that passes understanding. Amen.

Tuesday

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Today awaken a sense of anticipation that you will encounter the Lord. Knowing that you will encounter Jesus throughout your day, what choices will you make? How will you respond to whatever you encounter? At the end of the day either write down or share with someone where you encountered Jesus today.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

We don’t like waiting, Lord. We live in a culture of pings and beeps, alerting us to appointments, news and messages. Yet, you tell us to be alert, awake, watching for the coming of Jesus Christ, the One who comes at an unexpected time and in surprising ways. Help us to prepare ourselves for the Messiah’s arrival, ready at any moment to see him, celebrate and listen to his word. Amen.

Awake

Wednesday

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 4:35-40

Today be awake to times of challenge and fear. Spend some time considering the storms you have endured or perhaps are still enduring. Who was with you in the boat? Did you have to wake up Jesus? Did Jesus still the storm?

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Wake up, Jesus! The waves are overtaking our small enclaves of perceived safety and we are afraid. Even as we huddle together we yearn to know you, too, are in the storm with us. Tell us again that you are present, powerful and in control. Grant us the peace that passes understanding and strengthen our faith no matter what this season brings. Amen.

Thursday

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Today be awake to the people around you. Notice those who need encouragement. Make a conscious effort to build others up with a note, a kind word, a small act of kindness, aware that Jesus' return will come again at an unexpected hour, but is nonetheless certain and whatever we do to the least of these, we do to Jesus himself.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Make us children of the light, almighty God, as the days grow shorter and the darkness thickens. Enwrap our actions with faith and love, so that as we live with the hope of salvation we will reflect the light of Christ, revealing grace to a world in need of warmth and mercy. Amen.

Friday

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 14:32-40

Today be awake to those places where you are most needed to provide others with rest and respite. If you are the one with no reserves then be bold to ask a trusted person for help, for prayer or for space to share your burdens. Remember that everyone needs to be cared for and give or receive care today as needed.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Lord, forgive us when you have asked things of us that we did not do. Forgive our sleepiness at the very times you instruct us to stand guard. Help us to enable others to rest and pray. Help us to receive help and care when we need it. Do not let us end this day without acknowledging the gift of your sacrifice for us. Amen.


Saturday

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 3:1-6

Today be awake to those aspects of your life that you have neglected. If there are spiritual practices that need to be renewed start today. If there are people you need to forgive or ask for forgiveness, take the initiative to do so today. Of what do you need to repent?

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

God of second, third and tenth chances, we give you thanks for the countless times you have called us back to you. You tell us to repent, not to punish, so that we can be in right relationship with you and one another. Wherever we are flagging in faithfulness, we pray you would help revive us, so we can praise your name with joy. Amen.

For additional resources, go to pres-outlook.org. 

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 28.

Opening Sentences, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 166.

"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, 14.

"Angels We Have Heard on High," words and music in the public domain.

"Alleluia," words and music in the public domain.

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"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

Mryl Daniels (friend of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)	Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)
Joe Axetell	Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Jack Cassidy (father of Kathy Freeman)	Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Jim Finks	Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Mike Dame	Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)	Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)	Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Lori Seidler	Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)	Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)	Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman
Herb Gibbs	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 Keating (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)	W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)	Bob Mudrovic
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)	
Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)	

for the Grieving

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)
Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)

for the World and its People

victims of the attack in Texas
victims of the attack in New York
victims of the attack in Las Vegas
victims of the hurricanes in TX, FL, & the Caribbean

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

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2017
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Jennifer Everly
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Lynne Snyder
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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

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2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine, Moderator
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2019
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