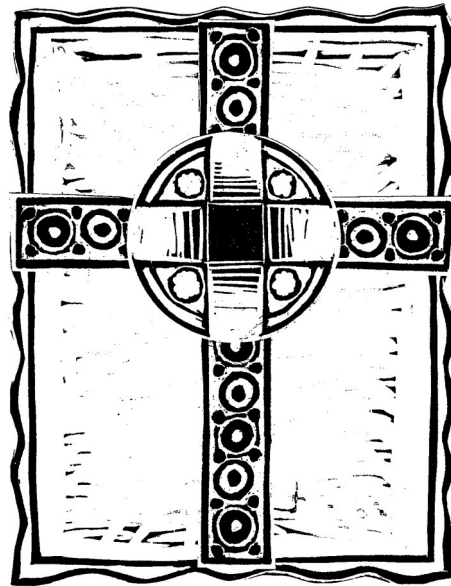


New Hope Presbyterian Church



Advent Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 7, 2014

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 Welcome 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, 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) Craig & Kyle Graber, Patrick Murphy (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta, Kay McCarthy

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary, given by Carl & Carolyn Doerr.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Jim Pettit

Acolyte: (11:00) Ryan Dittmar

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers

(11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 177

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Welcome 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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

RESPONSORIAL INTROIT *Come, Come, Emmanuel (Glory to God 91)* COME, COME, EMMANUEL
Cantor first, then congregation.

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

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

Lord God,
you send messengers of good news
to prepare the way for your glorious realm.
Anoint us with your Spirit to proclaim your Word
so that all may repent and believe in you;
through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. 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.***

(Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH LM, *Glory to God 607*)

+ LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE[†]

(8:45) Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin

God of hope, God of peace,
you speak peace into the world
through the way of the Christ-child.
Help us to live as peacemakers
that we may be called children of God.

(11:00) Ken & Barbi Smith

Jim & Carol Dodds, James

Robby Dodds, Holly, Rose, Quintin

**God of promise, God of peace,
into our darkness come. Amen.**

As the candles are lighted, the congregation will sing the opening hymn.

+ *HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv.1-4)

VENI EMMANUEL

*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 *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.***

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40: 1-11

(11:00) ANTHEM

Every Valley

Patti Drennan

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Prepare the Way of the Lord (Glory to God 95)*

PREPARE THE WAY

***Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.***

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 1-8

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

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 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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.

We praise you, living and loving God,
that you have sent your Son to this world.
Christ is your Wisdom, sweetly ordering all creation,
our Lawgiver, burning with justice,
the Branch from Jesse's tree, sprouting flowers from old roots,
the Key of David, opening our prison doors.
And let the people cry,
O come and save us:
O come and save us.

We praise you, serving and saving God,
that you send your Son also to this table,
who on the night in which he was betrayed took bread...

And let the people cry,
O come and save us.
O come and save us.

We beg you, mighty and merciful God:
send us the Spirit of your Son.
Bless this food and all who share it,

that the earth may rejoice in your presence.
In Christ, the Dawning Day,
enlighten a darkened world,

reign as Sovereign to unite all peoples,
and dwell among us, Emmanuel,
our deepest desire now and forever.
And let the people cry,
O come and save us.
O come and save us.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
And let the people pray:

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blest be God, who is our Bread;
may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

Gail Ramshaw, 2013

Gathered into one by your Spirit, O God, we pray 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 at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

*HYMN 313

THE SENDING
Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



† *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 of hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God with prayer.*

‡ *The Eucharistic Prayer is based on the O Antiphons, which used Old Testament images as descriptors of Christ and were sung from December 17 through 23 before and after the chanting of the Magnificat. 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 will be tomorrow," that is, on December 24. The centuries-old hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" has made the O Antiphons ecumenically popular. You are encouraged to use the blessing at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer ("Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,") as a prayer at mealtime.*

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The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
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Stacy Pearson, *Director of the Preschool*
Brian Parrish, *Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Brown, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Audrey Chipley, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*
Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

Session

<i>Fellowship</i> Jim Pettit (2014) Katie Harmon (2015) Craig Graber (2016)	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i> Susan Phillips (2014) Lauren Martinez (2014) Deb Garten (2015) Shelley Geiger (2016)	<i>Ministry, Mission & Evangelism</i> Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014) Neal Powers (2015) Jim Salter (2016)
<i>Worship, Music & the Arts</i> Kristin Judd (2014) Michael Ray (2015) Linda Dencker (2016)	<i>Administration & Support</i> Kathy Gibbs (2015) Bill Pires (2016)	

Deacons

2014 Kimm Besgrove Jennifer Everly Don Higgason Pat Murphy Laura Eikmann	2015 Jerry Dyer Jackie Etling Bill Judd Kristen Moore Jim Phillips	2016 Earl Bostic Ruth Connor Marion Hamilton Stan Whiteley Jan Parker
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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7th	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:30 p.m.	Focus Groups	Various Locations
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Sunshine Room
4:30 p.m.	Youth Group	Progressive Dinner
6:30 p.m.	"Twelve Words of Christmas"	Worship Space
Monday, December 8th		
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Youth Room
Tuesday, December 9th		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
Wednesday, December 10th		
10:00 a.m.	Preschool Choir of Angels	Worship Space
2:00 p.m.	Preschool Choir of Angels	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
Thursday, December 11th		
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 936	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Adult Mission Trip Meeting	Youth Room
Friday, December 12th		
9:30 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Youth Room
5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #1771	Worship Space
Saturday, December 13th		
9:45 a.m.	Oasis Food Pantry	
Sunday, December 14th	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Inquirer's Class	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Sunshine Room
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Youth Room
6:30 p.m.	Choir Christmas Concert	Worship Space

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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News & Opportunities

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2015 Giving Envelopes are available by the Information Table. Please make sure to stop by and pick up your giving envelopes for next year!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

For members who participate in the electronic funds transfer program through VANCO: Please remember that if you changed your monthly contribution amount for 2015, you must also update that amount through VANCO. Please call Laurie Brown at the church office if you have any questions or require assistance.

2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

To date, a total of 113 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of 351,379.00 for the work of the church in 2015. Of those cards received, 60 members increased their giving over 2014. Our anticipated, non-pledged income for 2015 is \$77,551.00, which brings our total anticipated income for 2015 to \$428,930.00. If nothing else changed, our expenditures for 2015 are expected to be \$459,326.00. This means that we currently need to cut \$30,396.00 from our operating budget for 2015.

If you haven't completed an "Estimate of Giving" card for 2015, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

FINANCIAL CORNER

November Contributions	40,983.00
Monthly Budget	<u>37,821.25</u>
	3,161.75
Year-to-date Contributions	407,460.80
Year-to-date Budget	<u>416,033.75</u>
	- 8,572.95

"THE TWELVE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS"

Please join us this evening from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a special holiday event, A Dessert Potluck and "The Twelve Words of Christmas," a DVD presentation of the twelve words that changed history. Activities for elementary age children will be provided as well as childcare for younger children if requested. Plan to bring a dessert to share and enjoy an inspiring program and great fellowship. Please let us know you are planning to come by adding your name to the sign up on the Information Table or emailing Barbi Smith at bsmith@nhpres.org.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, December 14th at 12:15 p.m. for those interested in uniting with our congregation in membership. This will be a time of conversation to get to know one another better and to answer any questions you might have about New Hope. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@nhpres.org.

CHILDREN

Today, December 7th **December 14th**
Infant Nursery
Barb Griffith Nancy Seals
Pre-K Nursery
Deb Garten Barbi Smith

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

December 7th - No Worship Feast
December 14th - Kelly Hantack & Sue Dittmar

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-child>

Kids Fellowship Club is a fun-filled fellowship club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet two Sunday afternoons each month in the Sunshine Room on the lower level.

Today - Painted Pot! We will travel to the Painted Pot in O'Fallon where boys & girls will make two fused glass ornaments. Snacks/drinks will be provided. Drivers will be needed please!

December 14th - Christmas Party! We will have a Christmas craft, games and special treats for this fun celebration.

2015 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2015 Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex. Sign up for flowers to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Flowers are \$30.00 and may be taken home after the second service each week.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

Lectionary for Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 9-28

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

After 4 years of service as the Child Care Provider in the Infant Nursery, Audrey Chipley will be leaving New Hope. We would like to take this time to thank her for her dedication and hard work over the past four years. When you see Audrey, please make sure to wish her well! Her last day here at New Hope is December 21st.

With Audrey's departure, we are now seeking a Child Care Provider. This position is for Sunday mornings and occasional Sunday or week day meetings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for an application for employment.

DECEMBER MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

DEACONS GIVING TREE

The Deacons' Giving Tree is back up in the Narthex! Please take a moment to stop by and check out the ornaments, which contain wish lists of the family members the Deacons are sponsoring for Christmas. Pick an ornament, buy the appropriate gift, and return the gift to the tree to help make a family's Christmas a little brighter! Giving Tree gifts are due back to the church on or before December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Today is our Progressive Dinner at 4:30 pm! This is a very popular event and we would love to see all of our youth on this fun-filled evening.

December 13th - OASIS Food Pantry

December 14th - Christmas Party at church

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will be practicing today and on December 14th from 2:30 pm until 3:00 pm. They will be singing at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service. If you know of a child between the ages of three years-old through fifth grade, please invite them to join us!

THANK YOU

Many thanks for all the cards, thoughts and most especially the prayers after my recent surgery! I am healing well and can't thank my family at New Hope enough!
Susan Phillips

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday, December 14th, the New Hope Choir will present its Christmas Concert. All members and friends are invited to attend! We will start our program at 6:30 pm. Please come and hear this beautiful music!

SCRIP CARDS

The Christmas holidays are coming! Let scrip help with all of your shopping! Purchase scrip cards from your favorite stores and then use the cards to pay for groceries, clothing, home improvement items, eating-out and more! Scrip cards also make the perfect gift for that hard to buy for person. New Hope earns a percentage of every card we sell!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias You may order a "live" poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and take it home with you after the 11:00 pm service that night. You may also purchase a "virtual" poinsettia, the cost of which will go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or "virtual" poinsettia is \$11.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by December 14th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

A heartfelt thank you to the small army of volunteers who assisted in the production of the third Advent By Candlelight, Tuesday December 2nd.
Margaret Mortland
Moderator, Presbyterian Women

JOY OFFERING

Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC (USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to shine the One True Light of Christ's love on the poor in circumstance or spirit.

Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.