

into the wilderness



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February 14, 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 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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips.
(11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 172

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 in Lent

February 14, 2016

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.

O Lord our God,
as you sent Jesus into the wilderness
full of the Holy Spirit,
send us your Spirit now
to sustain us through these forty days.
Nourish us with your grace,
deliver us from temptation,
and bear us up in the hands of angels;
for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ *HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*THE CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess
that we have sinned against you.
We desire earthly kingdoms
and dismiss your heavenly realm.
We seek to provide for ourselves
and spurn the bread of life you offer.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to rely on your saving word,
to trust in your sustaining care,
and to worship and serve you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Worshipers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

(11:00) ANTHEM

Grace

arr. Mark Hayes

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10: 8b-13

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 694 *Great God of Every Blessing, v.2*

AURELIA

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,

in death and life extending your covenant embrace.

In Christ we are one body; each member has a part;

sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4: 1-13

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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 518

Your Only Son
Cantor, verses
Congregation, refrain

LAMB OF GOD

(Refrain)

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

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
When We Are Tested

*HYMN 783

ANGELS OF HEALING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



What is Lent?

Lent is a season of the church year. It is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) that serves as a time of preparation for Easter. Lent, as is a liturgical season, is more restrained and somber than during other seasons of the year, yet the Sundays in Lent witness not only the Lord's passion and death, but also his victory over sin and death. Even so, service music containing "alleluia" is traditionally not sung during these weeks, which explains why the Doxology and the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father") are omitted from the service.

The Lenten season is a journey with Jesus along the path to Jerusalem and the cross. It is a time to repent, which literally means "to turn around," to turn again to God with renewed trust and gratitude for God's steadfast love and faithfulness. As such, Lent serves as a time of preparing for baptism and the renewal of the baptismal covenant in the journey toward Easter. The color of the season is purple, the color of royalty—and also the color of the robe put on Jesus when he was mocked and beaten (John 19:2). Thus, purple has become the color of sacrifice and penitence.

PRAYERS

for the Grieving

Lindy Stacy and family on the death of her father, Richard Staats (Jan. 31)
Bill & Linda Judd and Kristin on the death of his sister, Leta Lorenzen (Jan. 8)
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)

for Healing & Wholeness

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| Nathan Darnell (Jan Parker's foster son) | Anna Mae Richardson, injured foot |
| Bette Powers, heart attack (Laurie Meinert's aunt) | Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke |
| Mike Black, knee replacement (Jan. 26) | Paul Hacker, knee replacement |
| Jim Parker, kidney stones | Bob Koehler, heart-bypass surgery (brother of Elaine Barbee and Ruth Connor) |
| Rick Koonley | Gerry Van Mill, cancer |
| Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox) | Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert) |
| Kathy Freeman, recovery from surgery | Ron Edwards, cancer |
| Chuck & Ruth Carson, (parents of Ann Ray) | |
| Mel Fairchild, recovering from heart attack | |

for those away

Kay McCarthy, wintering in Florida
Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

for the World & its People

Victims of tornados in Texas and flooding in Missouri
Victims of terror attack in Paris, Colorado, and California
Syrian refugees

for Travelers

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| <u>Affirmers</u> (preparing for affirmation of baptism) | Laurie Meinert |
| Stacey Bordes | Susan Petrowsky |
| Jane Cox | Mary Powers |
| Bob Dencker | Ann Schmid |
| Daryl Denkmann | Sue Starkey |
| Joyce Denkmann | Tim Starkey |
| Shelley Geiger | Amie Tilk |
| Grace Harmon | Patrick Tilk |
| Bert Langford | |
| Barb Lynn | <u>Catechumen</u> (preparing for baptism) |
| Dave Lynn | Greg Marshall |



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

2016
Linda Dencker
Shelley Geiger
Craig Graber
Bill Pires
Jim Salter

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

2018
Sam Connor, 2016
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

Diaconate

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017
Laura Eikmann, Moderator
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey
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