

New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



February 1, 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 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 Craber, Patrick Murphy (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Sylvia Malta

**Liturgist:** Steve Gerke

**Acolyte:** John Dittmar

**Sound Booth Technician:** (8:45) Bill Irvine

(11:00) Russell Dittmar

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 192

### **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

## *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 1, 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.*

Almighty God, Light from Light,  
who commands the universe and all that is made,  
your Word is the power that makes whole what is broken,  
the force of good, and the food of peace.  
Teach us now as you taught in the synagogue.  
Heal us now so that in all that we say and do,  
the freedom we have in your may be for others, too;  
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

+ \*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH 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

Give thanks to God with all your heart.

**We come full of awe at God's marvelous works.**

Give thanks to God with all your mind.

**We come to learn God's wisdom and righteousness.**

Give thanks to God with all your strength.

**We come to live in God's mercy and grace.**

Let us worship God with all that we are.

+ \*HYMN 405

*Praise God for This Holy Ground*

HEYMONYSTRAAT

\*THE CONFESSION

**Infinite God,  
your love extends beyond every boundary,  
your mercy breaches every barrier.**

**We do not love as you do;  
we are stingy with our affection  
and cautious in giving care.**

**We guard the lines that separate us from others  
instead of seeking to overcome them.**

**Forgive us.**

**Teach us your boundless love  
and infuse us with your mercy,  
that we might live more faithfully and love more freely.**

*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.***

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Epilogue of Praise*

Jos. Martin

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

PSALTER

Psalm 111, cantor/choir

*Alleluia! Laud and Blessing (Glory to God 755)*

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Raise a Song of Gladness (Glory to God 155)*

JUBILATE DEO

***Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!***

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 21-28

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.*

***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.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE SENDING***  
*For Everyone Born*

\*HYMN 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



**“I’ve Been Wondering…”**  
**FAQs about Worship**

***Why does worship always begin with the greeting, “Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”? Why not simply, “Good morning”?***

We never want to underestimate the power and importance of words. Such a greeting as “Good morning” is something we say to each other all the time and it constitutes “polite” speech. The reality, however, is that it is not always a “good” morning. Consider the man who just lost his job, or the woman who is mourning the death of a loved one. The quality of the day is beside the point of our gathering. We gather as Christians for worship not because it’s a “good morning” or a “glorious day,” because often it’s not. We come together as the Church because of Jesus the Christ. Paul often addressed his congregations: “Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Or “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14). That is not something you will hear that at a Rotary meeting or the Elk’s Lodge. A greeting like this signifies that we are called together by a power far greater than ourselves. It sets the tone for this assembly.

***What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?***

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord’s Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at [www.pcusa.org/sacraments](http://www.pcusa.org/sacraments).

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## *Session*

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission &amp; Evangelism</i>
Katie Harmon (2015)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
Craig Graber (2016)	Shelley Geiger (2016)	Jim Cox (2017)
Margo Van Mill (2017)	Jennifer Everly (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



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# News & Opportunities

**Sunday, February 1st**  
 8:45 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday  
 9:45 a.m. Word & Sacrament  
 11:00 a.m. Christian Formation  
 12:15 p.m. Word & Sacrament  
 Harmony Faith Family  
 Worship Space  
 Various Locations  
 Worship Space  
 Conference Room

**Monday, February 2nd**  
 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting  
 Conference Room

**Tuesday, February 3rd**  
 7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting  
 Worship Space

**Wednesday, February 4th**  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 6:15 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal  
 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 Conference Room  
 Worship Space  
 Worship Space

**Thursday, February 5th**  
 10:00 a.m. Jubilee Circle  
 1:00 p.m. Agape Circle  
 5:50 p.m. Employment Ministry Committee  
 7:00 p.m. Employment Ministry  
 7:00 p.m. Joy Circle  
 Senior High Room  
 Senior High Room  
 Worship Space  
 Worship Space  
 Conference Room

**Saturday, February 7th**  
 6:00 p.m. Adult Mission Trip Trivia Night  
 Lion's Club Hall

**Sunday, February 8th**  
 8:45 a.m. Word & Sacrament  
 9:45 a.m. Christian Formation  
 11:00 a.m. Word & Sacrament  
 12:15 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting  
 12:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice  
 Worship Space  
 Various Locations  
 Worship Space  
 Worship Space  
 Sunshine Room

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Did your favorite NFL teams make the Super Bowl this year? Either way, before watching the big game, do a touchdown dance with the youth as they collect cans and donations for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Our Make sure to bring your donations TODAY and help tackle hunger!

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

January Contributions	32,951.47
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 1,505.53
Contributions to date	32,951.47
Budget to date	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 1,505.53

**ATTENTION NEW HOPE GRADUATING SENIORS**

New Hope Presbyterian Women is pleased to announce the second annual scholarship for our graduating high school seniors. Applications for this \$1,000 merit scholarship are available beginning Sunday, January 25, 2015, on the Information Table in the narthex and on the church website. All applications are due in hard copy to the church office by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2015. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, May 3, 2015. For more information contact Mary Powers, 636-978-1135, or marystahr@charter.net.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Join the Adult Mission Trip participants as they sponsor their second Trivia Night. We are inviting all members and friends to put together a table of (up to) 8 and come play trivia. The fun will be at Lion's Club Hall on Central School Road on Saturday, February 7. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the games begin at 7:00 pm. Flyers to reserve a table are available on the information table.

We are also seeking businesses who would like to sponsor the trivia night or rounds of trivia. In return for a small donation, these businesses will receive advertising space in a booklet provided to all participants and recognition the night of the event. There are many opportunities and several options for sponsorship.

Call the church office for more information.

**SOUND BOOTH**

We have a great team of volunteers helping out in the sound booth on Sunday mornings, but we could use a few additional people. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Dame at mike@mikedame.net.

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.nhpres.org](http://www.nhpres.org).

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## CHILDREN

**Today, February 1st**      **February 8th**  
*Infant Nursery*  
Martha Lamey                      Barb Griffith  
*Pre-K Nursery*  
Kathy Mudrovic                      Laura Eikmann

**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

February 1st—No Worship Feast  
February 8th—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-newhope>

**Children's Choir** will resume meeting in February to begin practicing for two performances: during the 11:00 am Worship Service on Easter Sunday (April 5th) during the 11:00 am Worship Service on Mothers' Day (May 10th). The choir is open to all children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Tracy Grundy and Marion Hamilton will be leading the practices. If you know of a child who likes to sing, please have them join us for our first practice on February 8th in the Sunshine Room on the lower level, immediately following the 11:00 am service. Additional practices will take place after the 11:00 am service on: February 22, March 8, March 22, April 19 and May 3.

## FEBRUARY MEAL-A-MONTH

1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter

## WORSHIP

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

### **Lectionary for Sunday, Feb. 8th, 2015**

Isaiah 40: 21-31  
Psalm 147: 1-11, 20  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
Mark 1: 29-39

## NURSERY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

The Nursery Sunday School Teachers will soon have a vacancy on their team. The Formation for Discipleship Committee is looking for one person to assist Marion Hamilton a couple times a month with New Hope's youngest students! Please contact Deb Garten, Shelley Geiger, or Jennifer Everly for more information. Safe Sanctuary training will be provided if needed. Thank you!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of prayer, fasting, and preparation before Easter. In worship, at 7:00 pm, we will observe the imposition of ashes and share the Lord's Supper. Ashes, placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross, are a powerful symbol of both our own mortality and the need for repentance and forgiveness. Before worship, the Fellowship Committee will serve a simple soup supper at 5:45 pm, with breads, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and drinks. Cost: \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Sign-up inserts are available on the Information Table today. Please RSVP by placing the completed form in the offering plate along with your cash or check made out to NHPC and marked Soup Supper.

## YOUTH NEWS

**February 8th**—Calling all parents of Mid Highs and Senior High Students! Please join us on February 8th to talk about future plans for the youth. Your input is very important to us! Please plan on joining us at 12:15 pm on February 8th in the Worship Space.  
**February 15th**—Youth meeting at church from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm. Our focus will be burning palm leaves for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season.

**February 14th**—OASIS Food Pantry, 9:45 am—11:45 am

**February 15th**—Get Your Lent On! Why do we use ashes on Ash Wednesday and where do they come from? Come find out! Also, we'll make soup for the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and get the Worship Space ready for the Lenten Season!

## CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chili Cook-Off last weekend. The Adult Mission Trip was able to earn \$841.00 towards their trip!

We would also like to congratulate Shelley Geiger on her first place win and Betty Osiek for coming in as runner up. Both ladies were competing against 16 other types of chili.

## HOW TALENTED ARE YOU?

Can you sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Act in a short play? We know how talented our congregation is and now we're giving you the opportunity to show those talents off! Anyone who is interested in performing their 'talent' for a church-wide family dinner and a show should pick up an information form available on the information table and return it to the church office. Then watch for more information in the weeks to come. If we have enough interest, we'll be sponsoring a church-wide talent show!

## PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

**Thursday, March 19** The South Midwest Metro Cluster Winter Gathering will be at the Egg and I - 11692 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, Mo 63131, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The theme is Joy- "let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all trees of the forest sing for joy." Psalm 96: 11-12. The cost will be \$10 for lunch.

**Saturday, April 18** PW Giddings-Lovejoy Spring Gathering will be at First of Union Presbyterian Church in Union, MO. "God's Extraordinary Blessings" is the theme. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mary Williams, currently a chaplain at a hospital in Joplin, Mo. The cost for the catered lunch will be \$10.00.

**June 18-21** The Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2015 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit". Contact Mary Powers for additional information and to register for these events. [marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net) or 636-978-1135

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Nursery: meets in the upstairs nursery  
Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level  
K - Grade 2: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level  
Grades 3 - 5: meets in the lower level kitchen off of the Sunshine Room  
Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level  
Contemporary Issues Adults - meets in the Conference Room  
Think: An Adult DVD and Discussion - meets in room 103 (The Gathering Place)