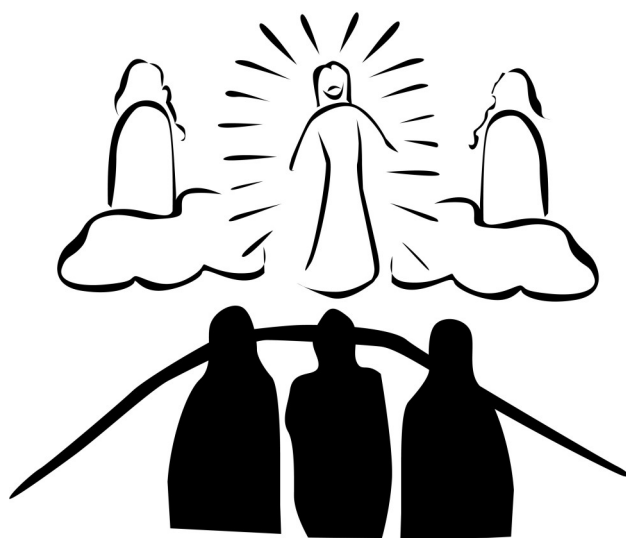


new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



February 26, 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 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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill. (11:00) Kim Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Awbrey Smith, given by Ernie, Lisa, Terry & Sandi Smith; and to the glory of God and in celebration of Rachel Garten's birthday, given by Kirk & Deb Garten.

The single white rose at the foot of the cross is to the glory of God and in memory of Vi Boyd, who died on February 21, 2017.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Jim Cox

Sound Booth: (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Jim Pettit

Last Sunday's Attendance: 157

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
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ PRELUDE *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kendrick

Prayer of Preparation

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

O God of the covenant,
the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love
revealed your Son on the mountain heights.
Transform our lives in his image,
write your law of love on our hearts,
and make us prophets of your glory,
that we may lead others into your presence. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God 607*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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 PRAYER

...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ *HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

*THE CONFESSION

Glorious God,

it is good to be here with you—

**in the comfort of this sanctuary, among friends,
assured of your grace and love for us.**

How tempted we are to abide in what feels safe and familiar!

How hesitant we are to venture forth into the unknown.

**As Christ turned his eyes from the mountaintop to the valley,
turn our eyes toward places we shudder to go—**

places where people struggle with brokenness and pain,
 dark places where we might bear your love and light.
 Transfigure us, so we might represent your kingdom well.
 Until the new day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts,
 sustain us by your presence and your power.

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

High Upon a Mountain

Lloyd Larson

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24: 12-18

EPISTLE READING

2 Peter 1: 16-21

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17: 1-9

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,



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.**



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

SENDING

*BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

HYMN 33

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

PSALTER

Psalm 139, *selections*

**O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O LORD,
 you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me...
Where can I go from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
 even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and the light around me become night,"
 even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light to you...
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
 I come to the end—I am still with you. Amen.**

Now is the time. The season has arrived.

Take the Alleluia from us.

Take down the colors of rejoicing and replace them with purple,
the color of penitence and preparation.

If we are to rise with Christ, we must die to our old selves.

(The Alleluia banner is removed and the paraments are changed to purple.)

The Alleluia is gone. The colors of joy are put away.
No more shall our hearts sing Alleluia
until that day when our Christ is raised Son of God in power.

We wait and count the days.

Watch and pray.

Watch and pray that we will not enter into temptation.

Watch and pray that we will be found ready when our Christ returns.

PRAYER

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

We have worshiped our God
and been reminded of all that the Lord has done for us.
Go from this place to share the love of God.

**We have put away the Alleluia,
for there is a time for everything,
and we prepare ourselves for the mystery of Christ's passion.
It is the time to consider the depths of God's love and human sinfulness—
and how God's love is triumphant.**

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



***POSTLUDE**

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



FAQs about worship...

Why do we say “Amen” at the end of prayers?

“Amen” is a Hebrew word that can be translated “so be it” or “may it be so” or even “yes” though it has always been voiced in the liturgy as an English transliteration. Worship is the activity of the whole people of God and the prayers prayed by the pastor or liturgist are not his or her own, but are prayed on behalf of the whole congregation. “Amen” is the congregation’s way of affirming what has been prayed in the liturgy on its behalf. In addition to being the assembly’s response to the prayers, the “Amen” voices the congregation’s assent at blessings, baptism, anointing and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper.

Eucharist, Holy Communion, Lord’s Supper—which of these names for the sacrament is correct?

The short answer is that all of them are correct and each highlights a different aspect of what the sacrament signifies. First of all, “sacramentum” is a Latin word that means “mystery.” We call it a “mystery” because it is a way we can see something that really happens to us on the inside. We have different names for this sacrament. “Eucharist” comes from a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” Every time we worship God we give thanks to God for taking care of us. The sacrament, then, is a thanksgiving meal at which we give praise and gratitude to God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, which brings salvation to the world. Sometimes we call it the “Lord’s Supper.” This name reminds us of when Jesus gave it to us, sitting around the table with his disciples on the night before he died. This is a meal we have to share together as we remember that night long ago when Jesus took bread and wine and told his disciples to remember him every time we gather at the Table and that he will be with us. From this meal, we receive spiritual nourishment for the journey of faith and discipleship. When we use the name “Holy Communion” we are saying that the sacrament brings us together and makes us “one with Jesus Christ and with all who share this feast,” as we affirm in the Eucharistic prayer or Prayer of Great Thanksgiving. The sacrament, then, is a meal of thanksgiving and remembrance that is set aside (holy) for us to abide in fellowship (commune) together.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

The text of *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* was written by Edward Perronet. John Wesley was a friend and associate of Perronet. Wesley encouraged Perronet to preach, but Perronet preferred not to do so. Wesley persisted. So Perronet stood before the crowd and declared that he would deliver the greatest sermon ever preached. He then promptly read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and sat down.

The tune CORONATION to which the text appears in our hymnal is by the American Oliver Holden. The tune was first published in 1793 in Boston.

(C. Michael Hawn, umcdiscipleship.org. Hawn is Professor of Sacred Music at Perkins School of Theology).

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 73.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 44.1, 49.

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PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Hannah Michele Durante, great-granddaughter of Jerry & Rhonda Dyer (Dec. 28)

for Healing & Wholeness

Anna Mae Richardson

Diane James (friend of Joe & Susan Petrowsky)

Shari Mahon

Jim Phillips

Rose Mary Meyer (mother of Kathy Salter)

Donna Stromowsky (sister of Carolyn Rudolph)

Ron Hopkins (friend of Cindy Martin)

Joe Pratte (step-father of Laurie Meinert)

Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Jim Foord (son-in-law of Margo Van Mill)

Sally Usai

Anna White (granddaughter of Jim & Sue White)

Dean Dalton (father of Barb Knes and grandfather of Stacey Bordes)

Lee Cortelyou (brother of Susan Petrowsky)

Tom Clayton

Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Patrick & Robin Murphy)

Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)

Rachael Harlan (friend of Donna Huffman)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Chris Hanson (father of Marion Hamilton)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Dot Mandrell (friend of Ruth Reilly)

Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)

Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)

Arnold Sanders (grandfather of Marion Hamilton)

Sheri Clayton

Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)

Edd Mackin

Win Hill (grandson-in-law of Sue Stiegemeier)

Lauren Jansen

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Kathy Freeman

Bob Mudrovic

for the Grieving

The family of Vi Boyd on her death (Feb. 21)

Jeff & Ruth Connor and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Don Buchholz (Feb. 12)

Tim & Sue Starkey and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Mary Starkey (Dec. 27)

Sue Starkey and family on the death of her father, David Gephart (Dec. 11)

Jody Romkey and family on the death of her father, Donald Fitch (Dec. 10)

Barbara Lynn and family on the death of her husband, David Lynn (Nov. 24)

Todd & Liz Rasche on the death of their friend, Michael Homewood (Nov. 21)

for those Deployed

Megan Meyers, daughter of Tim & Sue Starkey, in Kuwait

for the World & its People

victims of the flooding in California

victims of the tornados in Louisiana

victims of the terrorist attack in Quebec City

the people of Aleppo and Syrian refugees

for those Away

Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

Kay McCarthy, wintering in Florida



*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
Kurt Romkey
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine, Moderator
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey
Chris Truett

2019
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