

New Hope
Presbyterian Church



February 8, 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. Please return your used worship bag to the designated tub of the infant nursery. 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, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will meet in the narthex 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 worshipers, 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 & Debbie McDanel, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Craig Clarke's birthday, given by Debbie McDanel.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Linda Dencker

Sound Booth: (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 158

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
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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.

Everlasting God,
you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.
Make us agents of your healing and wholeness,
that your good news may be made known
to the ends of your creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Jesus heals the sick and helps the poor.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The one we have searched for is here.

+ *HYMN 405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT

*THE CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we come to you
not because we have it all together,
but because we don't.
We want to be more like your Son,**

who lived his whole life in love.
Our love is most often reserved for those who are close to us
and those who love us in return.
Our forgiveness is most often conditional.
Fairness is more important to us than grace.
We cannot live up to the way Jesus leads us.
Forgive us, and make us more like Christ
in all we say and do.

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: 21-31

PSALTER *(Glory to God 657)*

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

Cantor/Choir, verses

Congregation, refrain

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

*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: 29-39

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.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

**Daryl & Joyce Denkmann
Mark Phillips**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED (Ecumenical version)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

*HYMN 547

Go My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



“I’ve Been Wondering…” FAQs about Worship

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.

Why do we pour water into the font?

In ancient times, people regarded flowing water as living water. Standing water was (and is) known to become stagnant, but flowing water was and continues to be a habitat for life. We pour water into the font not just on those occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, but on every occasion we gather for worship because it is the waters of baptism that signify who we are as God’s beloved. Baptism is not merely a static event in the life of an individual, but a dynamic process of living by God’s grace into the fullness of life in the Christian community. When water is poured in the liturgy, we hear the sound of God’s baptismal grace and we see anew the water that sustains life on earth and our life with God. It reminds us of our baptismal identity as God’s own, of our ongoing need for God’s grace, and of our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why do people touch the water when they pass by the font?

The great reformer Martin Luther was a monk who had experienced a crisis of faith in which the more he tried to attain God’s love, the more he realized he could not do enough to rise above his own failings. One day while he was reading the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans, he was awakened to God’s magnificent grace that, of course we can do nothing on our own to win God’s love, but that God loves us despite ourselves. It was an incredibly freeing realization as God’s grace led him to the connection between the love of God and the meaning of the sacrament. Rather than “I was baptized,” Luther came to declare, “I am baptized!” Baptism for Luther became his life-long comfort because it reminded him over and over again that, amidst all the difficulties of life, the truth of God’s love and of his own grace-filled identity as a child of God can be seen and heard and felt in the waters of baptism. When we touch the water in the font, we feel with our own skin what we hold in our hearts, that we, too, are God’s beloved claimed by grace, no matter what. Thanks be to God!

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The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
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Laura Brown, *Office Manager*
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Katie Jones, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission & 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 8th

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.	Youth Parent Meeting	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Practice	Sunshine Room

Monday, February 9th

10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Youth Room

Tuesday, February 10th

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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Wednesday, February 11th

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:15 p.m.	Handbells Rehearsal	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space

Friday, February 13th

9:30 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Senior High Room
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Saturday, February 14th

9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry	
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Sunday, February 15th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting	Worship Space

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.

FINANCIAL CORNER

February Contributions	33,201.47
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 1,255.53
Contributions to date	33,201.47
Budget to date	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 1,255.53

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!

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.

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CHILDREN

Today, February 8th **February 15th**
Infant Nursery
Barb Griffith Jane Cox
Pre-K Nursery
Laura Eikmann Jennifer James

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 8th—Kelly Hantack & Sue Dittmar
February 15th—Linda Carr & Shelley Geiger

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 **TO-DAY** 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. 15th, 2015
2 Kings 2: 1-12
Psalm 50: 1-6
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6
Mark 9: 2-9

HOMELESS HYGIENE KITS

We are still collecting items for the homeless hygiene kits. Items should include sample sizes of shampoo, conditioner, soap, tooth paste, etc., as well as wash cloths and bottled water. Donations can be dropped off in the container by the Missions Tables. Thank you again for your caring and generosity!

PRESCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

It's cold outside, so the Female Connection is staying in for a movie & dessert. We will meet in Mid Rivers Mall in the area in front of the Wehrenberg ticket office on Thursday, February 19. We'll meet at 6:30 PM and choose a movie then. Our plan is to see a movie and then we'll go for dessert and fellowship after the movie. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Mackin.

PRESCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

You're invited to New Hope Preschool Family Movie Night on Friday, February 20 at 6:30 PM featuring *Despicable Me 2*. Admission is free and concessions will be for sale. Please RSVP to Stacy at spearson@nhpres.org or 636-922-9900

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!

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.

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 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)