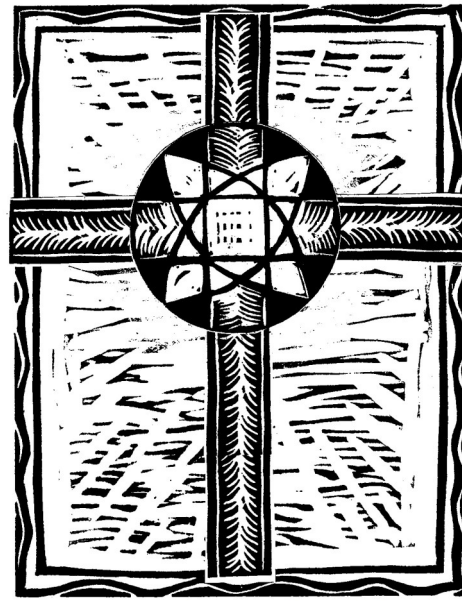


New Hope Presbyterian Church



Christmas Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

January 4, 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 worshipers, 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 memory of Kurt's mother, given by Kurt and Jody Romkey.

Liturgist: Del Phillips

Acolyte: (11:00) Ryan Dittmar

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Bill Irvine

(11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 191

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

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 4, 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.

Creating God,
source of truth and giver of life,
by your Word you brought all things into being.
Enlighten us by the power of your Holy Spirit
so that we may believe your Word made flesh
and receive the fullness of abundant grace;
through Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega. 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

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

+ *HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*THE CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we confess
that we fail to live in your light.
Christ has come into the world,
and yet we do not know him.**

**He has called us to be his own,
and yet we do not accept him.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Shape us by your Word of truth,
seal us with your Holy Spirit,
and let us live to show your glory;
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.***

(11:00) ANTHEM

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

Jos. Martin

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

PSALTER

Psalms 147:12-20 (Glory to God 657)

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

GLENDON

Cantor/Choir, verses

Congregation, refrain

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1: 3-14

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Angels from the Realms of Glory (v.4)(Glory to God 143)*

REGENT SQUARE

***All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!***

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 1-18

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
Love Has Come

*HYMN 110

BRING A TORCH

*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.

What is a cantor?

Strictly speaking, a cantor is a leader of song. In the Jewish synagogue, as well as in the Christian church throughout the ages, the office of cantor is a specialized ministry that serves by leading the congregation in its worship. Whereas a soloist may sing as a part of worship, a cantor more specifically leads the congregation in prayer through song. For instance, the psalms are really prayers set to music. They come to us from the Jewish tradition and the Hebrews’ experience of God in the Old Testament. In worship, the psalms serve not as a distinct scripture reading, but as a prayerful response to the first reading. We pray the psalms in a variety of ways. Sometimes the congregation sings the psalm as a metrical (hymn) setting. At other times, we sing it as a responsorial setting where the cantor sings and the congregation joins in on a refrain. Regardless, the psalms are prayers we sing and the cantor serves to lead the congregation’s singing in a more relational and directive role than simply a “soloist.” A cantor’s role is not limited to leading the psalms. The cantor also leads the congregation’s other musical prayers, regardless of whether the congregation is also singing along.

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Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

Session

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission & Evangelism</i>
Jim Pettit (2014)	Susan Phillips (2014)	Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)	Lauren Martinez (2014)	Jim Salter (2016)
Craig Graber (2016)	Deb Garten (2015)	
	Shelley Geiger (2016)	

Worship, Music & the Arts

Kristin Judd (2014)
Michael Ray (2015)
Linda Dencker (2016)

Administration & Support

Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)

Diaconate

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

Sunday, January 4th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

Tuesday, January 6th

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

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

Thursday, January 8th

10:00 a.m.	Jubilee Circle	Youth Room
1:00 p.m.	Agape Circle	Youth Room
6:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 936	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room

Saturday, January 10th

9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry	
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Sunday, January 11th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament, Installation of Officers	Worship Space

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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!

2014 giving statements will be available at the information table beginning January 11th.

Ordination and Installation of the class of 2017 Elders and Deacons will be on Sunday, January 11th, at the 11:00 am service. The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, January 18th, immediately following the 11:00 am service.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, January 18th at 12:00 pm in the Worship Space. Annual reports will be available to the congregation beginning Wednesday, January 14th. Annual reports will be emailed to members and a limited number of reports will be available in hard copy. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the report, please call or email the church office.

FINANCIAL CORNER

December Contributions	42,644.00
Monthly Budget	<u>37,821.25</u>
	4,822.75
Year-to-date Contributions	450,124.80
Year-to-date Budget	<u>453,855.00</u>
	- 3,730.20

2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

To date, a total of 118 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$386,979.00 for the work of the church in 2015. Of those cards received, 64 members increased their giving over 2014. Our anticipated, non-pledged income for 2015 is \$55,550.00, which brings our total anticipated income for 2015 to \$442,529.00.

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.

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, January 4th
Infant Nursery
Barb Griffith
Pre-K Nursery

January 11th
Carol Dodds
Martha Lamey

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

January 4th - No Worship Feast
January 11th - 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>

CHURCH CALENDAR

Do you have a group that meets at New Hope? If so, please make sure that your event is on the church calendar! Whether a one time meeting, or regularly scheduled event, please call Laurie Brown at the church office to verify that your group is on the schedule. With more and more groups using our beautiful building, it's becoming necessary to make sure that events are properly scheduled! Thanks for your cooperation!

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, January 11, 2015

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

CHILD CARE PROVIDER

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.

JANUARY CIRCLES

Jubilee Circles will meet on January 8th at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Childcare is available.

Agape Circle will meet on January 8th at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Joy Circle will meet at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

HELP WANTED

The Worship, Music & the Arts Committee will be taking down the greens following worship today, January 4th. Anyone who is able to help will be welcomed and much appreciated.

2015 SPRING DIRECTORIES

2015 Spring Directories will be available in the coming weeks. If you have changed any of your contact information (address, phone numbers or email addresses), please contact the church office or email Laurie at lbrown@nhpres.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, January 25th. PW is hosting the annual chili supper after the 11:00 am service. So dust off those chili recipes and be ready to join us on January 25th!

SANCTUARY SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided a basket of sanctuary shawls which is located on the table in the Narthex. These shawls may be used during the cold-weather months if anyone feels chilly when he/she comes into the church. Please feel free to take one if you'd like, use it during church, and then return it to the basket following service.

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 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.

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.

JANUARY MEAL-A-MONTH

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

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

To send a job lead for Employment Ministry, visit the church website at www.newhopepc.org and click on the "Employment Ministry" tab under "Ministries". At the bottom of the page is a link that opens an email to us!

THANK YOU!

To the Session and Members of NHPC, Thank you so much for the lovely reception on December 28. Thank you, too, for the Project Peanut Butter quilt print (which I will cherish) and all of the cards and kind words. We have many wonderful memories together. One of the things I loved most at NHPC was teaching in the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Sunday School Class. They loved it when I ended the class by pronouncing a blessing on each one of them. So, I end out time together by saying, "May God be with each one of you and bless you as you follow Jesus - this week and for always! Amen."

Peace,
Barbi Smith