



January 8, 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

We welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Joy Myers. Before entering seminary, Joy spent several years in teaching. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree in education, both from Northern Illinois University. A graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, Joy served the Fox Valley Presbyterian Church in Geneva, IL until 2006, when she came to serve the First Presbyterian Church, Edwardsville, IL. Joy has served the Presbyterian Church (USA) at all levels, including as Moderator of the Blackhawk Presbytery and Vice-Moderator of the Committee on Polity and Ordered Ministry of the General Assembly. Joy and her husband, Ron, are both enjoying retirement.

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.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in honor of Mary Hunnicutt on her 75th birthday, given by her children; and, to the glory of God and in celebration of Russell & Sue Dittmar's 25th anniversary, given by Larry & Prudy Dittmar and Gary & Robin Looman.

Liturgist: Elder Margo Van Mill

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 104

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

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2017

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.

Creator God, our soul's delight,
your voice thunders over the waters,
liberating the future from the past.
In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth,
Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son.
May we recall our baptism,
and be disciples of the Anointed One. 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 SENTENCES

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman,
the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family.

Praise be...Let us worship our God!

+ *HYMN 407

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

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*THE CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us be bold and confess our sins,
for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you show no partiality,
yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting.
Forgive our intolerance,
and help us to see as you see,
that we may be found acceptable in your sight,
through Jesus our Christ.**

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God forgives all our sins and promises to bring us to everlasting life.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Come and Remember

Sandy Willard Rogers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42: 1-9

EPISTLE READING

Acts 10: 34-43

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Cantor: *A voice from heaven said,*

"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3: 13-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Joy Myers

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Profession—*the Apostles' Creed*

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the prayer continues, ending:

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
From age to age your creation sings your praises.
You feed even the birds of the air,
and you clothe the fields with lilies.
You gave your blessing to Abraham
and his descendants,
and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

You fulfilled your covenant to us in Jesus.
He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son,
the star that guides us to wisdom,
the treasure hidden in a field.
He is the landowner who overpays the workers,
the judge who separates good from evil.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

For us he lived, for us he died,
for us he rose to eternal life.
Then and now he invites us to your banquet.
On the night before he died, he took bread,

and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and give it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
We hear his call, we repent our ways,
and we enter with joy into the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Send your Holy Spirit here
on your gathered disciples.
Make of this meal the body and blood
of forgiveness.
Heal us and grant us your righteousness,
that we may love you and serve our neighbors.
Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our Father in heaven,
the Rock on which we build,
the Dove alighting on us all.
We worship you and sing our praises,
today and to the end of the age. Amen.

Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**...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 Myers from the plate in her left hand.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

*CHARGE & BLESSING



*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



MUSIC NOTES

Ralph Vaughan Williams heard a folk tune in Kingsfold, Sussex in England. He harmonized the tune and called it KINGSFOLD. We sing this today with the text of *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was one of the most important British composers of the 20th century. His compositions include nine symphonies, six operas, a ballet, chamber music, vocal and choral pieces, and film music. In addition, Vaughan Williams served as editor for the 1906 English Hymnal, for which he also composed several hymn tunes including SINE NOMINE (For All the Saints). (www.classicfm.com)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 50.1, 40.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Gail Ramshaw as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 50.1, 7.

"Threefold Amen" words and music in the public domain.

PRAYERS

of Joy

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

the birth of Emma Alison Harmon, daughter of Brad & Katie Harmon (Nov. 18)

the birth of Landon Anthony Irvine, grandson of Bill & Ruth Irvine (Oct. 27)

for Healing & Wholeness

Jim Foord (Margo Van Mill's son-in-law)

Sally Usai

Anna White (granddaughter of Jim & Sue White)

Barb Newman

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)

Don Buchholz (brother-in-law of Ruth Connor)

Vi Boyd

Rachael Harlan (friend of Donna Huffman)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Chris Hanson (father of Marion Hamilton)

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

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)

Barb Knes & Stacey Bordes and family on the death of their mother and grandmother, Marge Dalton (Nov. 17)

Laurie Meinert and family on the death of her cousin's son, Christopher Koeller (Nov. 6)

Jim & Sue White and family on the death of his father, Ed White (Nov. 2)

for those Deployed

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

for the World & its People

victims of the terrorist attack in Istanbul

victims of the terrorist attack in Berlin

the people of Aleppo and Syrian refugees

victims of the earthquake in Indonesia

victims of the earthquake near Japan



*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

2016
Sam Connor
Linda Dencker
Shelley Geiger
Craig Graber
Bill Pires
Jim Salter

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

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Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

Diaconate

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Stan Whiteley

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