

New Hope Presbyterian Church



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March 15, 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, 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) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Bill Irvine

Last Sunday's Attendance: 185

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 in Lent

March 15, 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.

Loving God,
giver of all light and life,
you sent Jesus Christ into the world
not to condemn, but to save.
Help us to lift up the light of Christ
so that the world might believe in him
and receive the gift of eternal life;
through Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ *HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

*THE CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that we are people of ashes and dust.
We grumble and complain
when you have provided all we need.
We continue to walk in darkness
when you have given light to the world.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Help us to trust in you
so that we may not perish
but may have eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

(11:00) ANTHEM

A Kyrie for Our Time

Don Besig

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21: 4-9

PSALTER (*Glory to God 653*)

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries

MORNING SONG

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

verses 1,6 All

verses 2,4 Women

verses 3,5 Men

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 2: 1-10

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (v.3) (*Glory to God* 197)

ELLACOMBE

*"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.*

GOSPEL READING

John 3: 14-21

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Do 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 par-

take 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

*HYMN 749

THE SENDING
Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



“I’ve Been Wondering...”

FAQs about Worship

What is Lent?

Lent is a season of the church year. It is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) that serves as a time of preparation for Easter. Lent, as is a liturgical season, is more restrained and somber than during other seasons of the year, yet the Sundays in Lent witness not only the Lord's passion and death, but also his victory over sin and death. Even so, service music containing "alleluia" is traditionally not sung during these weeks, which explains why the Doxology and the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father") are omitted from the service.

The Lenten season is a journey with Jesus along the path to Jerusalem and the cross. It is a time to repent, which literally means "to turn around," to turn again to God with renewed trust and gratitude for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. As such, Lent serves as a time of preparing for baptism and the renewal of the baptismal covenant in the journey toward Easter. The color of the season is purple, the color of royalty—and also the color of the robe put on Jesus when he was mocked and beaten (John 19:2). Thus, purple has become the color of sacrifice and penitence.

Why do we "bury" the alleluias at the start of Lent?

What we do with alleluias only makes sense in context with the larger meaning of Lent. So let's start there. Lent arrives each year as the earth prepares to awaken from its winter slumber. So, too, does the church prepare itself for renewal in the springtime of Christ's resurrection. Lent is about the church recovering its center in the dying and rising of Christ as well as preparing candidates being called by God to the waters of baptism. In short, we all learn again how deep is our hunger for God. Marking this spiritual journey are faith practices: communion with God, restraint from excess, and generous sharing. We know these practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we bury alleluias (removing them from our worship) for the season of Lent, we begin a "fast" from using a word which is pungent with the fragrance of Easter. Like seed planted in the soil, we put away our alleluias until that time (at the Great Vigil) when their return to the liturgy trumpets the glory of the resurrection. So, on Transfiguration Sunday, we sing an entire feast of alleluias and, then, with reverence and joy, place them in a "coffin" for 40 days.

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.

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Stacy Pearson, *Director of the Preschool*
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Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

Fellowship

Katie Harmon (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)
Margo Van Mill (2017)

Formation for Discipleship

Deb Garten (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)
Jennifer Everly (2017)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism

Jim Salter (2016)
Jim Cox (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

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15th

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

Monday, March 16th

7:00 p.m.	MME Committee	Conference Room
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Tuesday, March 17th

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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Wednesday, March 18th

6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space

Thursday, March 19th

5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Female Connection	Narthex

Saturday, March 21st

8:30 a.m.	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Narthex
10:00 a.m.	Work Day	

Sunday, March 22nd

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	PW Luncheon	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Children's Choir	Sunshine Room

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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News & Opportunities

March 15, 2015

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)
Topics:
Today—Mystery

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"I was hungry and you gave me food." - Matthew 25:35. All across the world, our church works in countless communities where people lack access to basic necessities like food, clean water, education, or sanitation. Your gift to "One Great Hour of Sharing" supports programs that work to end hardships. Please consider giving to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" collection on Palm Sunday, March 29th and watch for inserts in the coming weeks giving more information about "One Great Hour of Sharing."

FINANCIAL CORNER

February Contributions	39,266.42
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	4,809.43
Contributions to date	72,467.89
Budget to date	<u>68,914.00</u>
	3,553.89

CHURCH WORK DAY

Mark your calendars now for the Spring Work Day on Saturday, March 21st.
MEN: Join us for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 am, then stick around to help us with various projects throughout the church.
WOMEN: Kathy Gibbs is preparing breakfast at her house before the work day. Meet at Kathy's house (4103 White Water Dr.) at 8:30 am. Please RSVP to Kathy if you plan to attend: yauchgibbs@att.net or 636/441-5126.
Please plan on joining us March 21st at 10:00 am to help spruce up the church for Holy Week and Easter!

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.

CHILDREN

Today, March 15th March 22nd
Infant Nursery
Alyssa Murray Cindy Martin
Pre-K Nursery
Laura Eikmann Julie Nowakowski

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
March 15th—Sue Dittmar & Shelley Geiger
March 22nd—Jane Cox & Jeanna Groat

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

EASTER LILIES

You may order a “live” lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home with you after the 11:00 am service that day. You may also purchase a “virtual” lily, the cost of which will go to the Deacon’s Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or “virtual” lily is \$10.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by March 29th.

MARCH MEAL-A-MONTH

1 boxed meal like Dinty Moore Classics, 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, March 22nd, 2015
Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 1-12
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12: 20-33

SHOE COLLECTION UPDATE

New Hope donated 685 pairs of shoes during 2014. In the first two months of 2015, thirty-nine pairs of shoes have been donated to support clean water projects. In January of this year, Shoeman Water Projects joined Water for Panama to form Solea Water. Solea Water is dedicated to alleviating water poverty to bring hope to communities in Latin America. They collect shoes to reduce waste, provide affordable shoes in a secondary market, and create economic opportunities in developing countries to fund water programs. Solea’s goals are:

- ensuring that people have access to clean drinking water and do not die from readily preventable waterborne diseases
- making sure that children are healthy enough to go to school and women have the time to go to work as well as care for their families
- developing healthy communities that can devote time and resources to other social, cultural and economic pursuits than fetching water.

www.soleawater.org

YOUTH GROUP

March 22nd, 3:00 pm—5:00 pm: “Indoor Games”
March 29th—Youth usher for both services. Then, after the 11:00 am Worship Service, help hide eggs for the Easter egg hunt!

MARCH PW GATHERING

Sunday, March 22 at 12:00, PW will host Many Hands Workshop. After a light lunch, we will assemble 100 hygiene kits for homeless men who receive help from Peter and Paul Community Services, and we will stuff Easter eggs for New Hope’s annual egg hunt. Many hands will be needed to complete these projects, so plan to join us. Child care may be requested. Contact Mary Powers 314-277-5440 or marystahr@charter.net. We still need donated items to put in the hygiene kits. A list of items may be found on the information table. Please deliver donations to the church by the morning of March 22. The Peter & Paul Community Services Emergency Shelter provides case management, access to health care, substance abuse counseling and food for approximately 500 men annually. This program serves up to 60 men nightly, 365 days per year. The basic needs of shelter, food, showers, lockers and staff support are available nightly. Most importantly, the shelter provides a warm, safe, caring alternative to living on the street. The shelter is located in the Soulard neighborhood of St. Louis.

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 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 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

FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is going to play "Bunco" for a celebration of St. Patrick’s Day and the beginning of Spring on Thursday, March 19 at 7 PM in the Narthex at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. All women are invited to attend; no sign-up is necessary and we’ll show you how to play (it’s extremely easy). Following Bunco tradition, please bring a gift in the range of \$7-10 to exchange at the end of play; an Easter or spring item would be appropriate. Wear your green!! Also, please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!