

New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



May 31, 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 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 10:30 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:** New Hope Youth

**Flowers:** To the glory of God and memory of Bertha Mayes, given by Tina Johnson; and to the glory of God and in celebration of their 4th wedding anniversary, given by Mark & Katie Besselman.

**Liturgist:** Barb Griffith

**Sound Booth:** Mike Dame

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 139

### **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

*Trinity Sunday*

May 31, 2015

10:30 a.m.

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## **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, you sent your son Jesus  
to lead us in faith to everlasting life.  
Give us new birth by water and the Spirit  
so that we may enter your eternal realm;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
and in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. 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

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

*Isaiah 6:3*

**the whole earth is full of God's glory.**

+ \*HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

\*THE CONFESSION

**Holy, triune God, we confess  
that we have not lived for your glory.  
You came to love and save the world,  
but we condemn others in your name.  
You send us out to tell good news,  
but we hide from our calling in fear.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.  
Give us new life in your Spirit  
so that we may serve you faithfully  
and live as your beloved children;  
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.***

### **THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6: 1-8

\*PSALTER *(Glory to God 10)* *Sing Glory to the Name of God*  
Psalm 29

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

EPISTLE READING Romans 8: 12–17

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! v.1 (Glory to God 591)*

HALLE HALLE

***O God, to whom shall we go?  
You alone have the words of life.  
Let your words be our prayer and the song we sing:  
hallelujah hallelujah!***

GOSPEL READING John 3: 1–17

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 591)*

HALLE HALLE

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

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**

\*HYMN 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *As We Go*

***As we go, may your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned,  
share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world as we go.***

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\*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](http://www.pcusa.org/sacraments).

### ***Why do we have times of silence in the liturgy?***

We live in a world saturated with noise and our culture bombards us with sounds all around. Cell phones and computers, television and radio constantly vie for our attention. In the midst of life in this sort of world, the church gathers to *hear* God’s voice in song, scripture, sermon and prayer, but also to *listen* for the Holy Spirit and respond from the depths of our hearts. Silence is the space within the liturgy for this to happen. Aidan Kavanagh has said that silence in worship is “the thunderous quiet of people communicating that which escapes being put into mere words.” In our worship, silence is observed at the time of confession, following the sermon, during the prayers of the people, and elsewhere depending upon the season. Learning to engage silence requires just that—discipline and effort, but we are blessed if we try because this silence can become a fruitful oasis by which we are nourished in communion with God. Consider these scriptures: “*Be still, and know that I am God*” (Psalm 46:10); “*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!*” (Habakkuk 2:20).

### ***Why do those reading scripture say, “Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church?”***

Rather than giving information about the reading (i.e. book, chapter and verses already printed in the worship bulletin), liturgists (readers, also known as “lectors”) address the meaning of what is happening when we gather. This is a statement of belief that the Triune God continues to speak in the present time through the Holy Spirit. So we are bid to “listen.” This moves the reading of scripture beyond a mere recitation of ancient words. Rather, it is God becoming manifest to shine forth in the Word read and proclaimed. Thus, the liturgist begins with a strong verb—“*Hear...*”—as a summons for us all to take notice and attend to this still-speaking God.

# New Hope Presbyterian Church

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Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

## ***Session***

|                       |                                   |   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <i>Fellowship</i>     | <i>Formation for Discipleship</i> | <i>Ministry, Mission &amp; Evangelism</i> |
| Craig Graber (2016)   | Deb Garten (2015)                 | Jim Salter (2016)                         |
| Margo Van Mill (2017) | Shelley Geiger (2016)             | Jim Cox (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, May 31st**

|            |                                 |                   |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 9:45 a.m.  | Christian Formation             | Various Locations |
| 10:30 a.m. | Word & Sacrament                | Worship Space     |
| 2:00 p.m.  | Wedding Anniversary Celebration | Worship Space     |

**Monday, June 1st**

|           |                |                 |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|
| 7:00 p.m. | Deacon Meeting | Conference Room |
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**Tuesday, June 2nd**

|           |                         |                 |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 6:00 p.m. | Strategic Planning Team | Conference Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | A.A. Meeting            | Worship Space   |

**Thursday, June 4th**

|           |                               |                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5:50 p.m. | Employment Ministry Committee | Lower Conference Rm |
| 7:00 p.m. | Employment Ministry           | Lower Conference Rm |

**Sunday, June 7th**

|            |                     |                   |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 9:45 a.m.  | Christian Formation | Various Locations |
| 10:30 a.m. | Word & Sacrament    | Worship Space     |

**NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule  
 9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes  
 10:30 am—Word & Sacrament

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| April Contributions   | 34,241.00         |
| Monthly Budget        | <u>34,457.00</u>  |
|                       | - 216.00          |
| Contributions to date | 147,577.89        |
| Budget to date        | <u>137,828.00</u> |
|                       | 9,749.89          |

**PER CAPITA**

Per capita letters are included in the quarterly giving statements available on the Information Table. The blue envelope in your giving envelopes pack is to be used for the per capita apportion. New Hope is required to pay the per capita apportion for each active church member. To date, we have received \$2,524.47, which is 24% of our total per capita apportionment. If you did not receive an envelope, please contact the church office. Per capita apportionment is \$30.30 per church member.

**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  
 Reflecting on Your Faith Journey (Adult Discussion Class) - meets in room 103 (The Gathering Place)

**DEACONS' CORNER**

Please be sure to let a Deacon or the church office know if you have or you know of a care concern within our congregation. We can be identified by our gold Deacon pins. You can also find us available at the welcome table before and after each service.

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.nhpres.org](http://www.nhpres.org).

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## CHILDREN

**Today, May 31st**  
Nursery

**June 7th**

Martha Lamey

Alyssa Murray

**The Infant & Pre-K nursery** is located on the main level, Room 204. It is located out the side door of the worship space at the end of the hallway.

**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

May 31st—Jane Cox & Linda Carr

June 7th—No Worship Feast

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering one of the nurseries or during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

## STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

We recognize that there has not been much said lately about our strategic planning process, but we want you to know that we are still very much at work meeting, studying, and discerning where God is leading us. You will hear more from us in the near future, but for now we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you! Strategic Planning Team, Kelly Hantack (chair), Kirk Garten, Ruth Irvine, Del Phillips, Linda Dencker, Bill Judd

## WORSHIP

**New Hope worships** each Sunday during the summer at 10:30 am.

**Lectionary for Sunday, June 7th, 2015**

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

## AGAPE CIRCLE

Agape Circle has just concluded a wonderful year of Bible study and fellowship. Thank you Connie Hopkins for hosting us at our annual salad luncheon. New circle co-leaders for the coming year will be Margaret Mortland and Anne Finks. Agape Circle is open to all the ladies of the congregation and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the first Thursday afternoon of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the conference room. This coming year, September 2015 through May 2016 we will be studying COME TO THE WATERS by Judy Record Fletcher. The cost of the study book is \$8.50 and you can leave your check in the church office no later than June 28. Please make your check payable to New Hope Presbyterian Church and mark the memo line Horizons Magazine. For more information please contact Anne Finks at 636-946-6429

## JUNE MEAL-A-MONTH

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

## 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School, G-Force: God's Love In Action, is scheduled for July 13 - 17 from 9:00 am until noon. Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through fifth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Volunteer forms are now available on the Information Table in the Narthex. We need your help to make this year's VBS a success. Please consider volunteering!

The VBS donation board will be up in the Narthex soon. Please consider choosing a few items to donate to VBS to help lower the cost of our program!

### VBS registration forms are now available on the Information Table!

Registration has begun for New Hope's 2015 VBS program! Registration forms are available on the VBS table in the Narthex. This year's VBS will be held July 13 - 17 from 9 a.m. - noon. Please remember to save the VBS dates and tell all of your family, friends and neighbors!

## YOU'RE INVITED

The congregation is invited to an open house to celebrate Jennifer Lippert's graduation from Francis Howell High School. Please join the Lipperts on Sunday, June 7th between 1:00 and 3:00 pm to celebrate. Their address is 4650 Peggyann Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304

## PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

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](mailto:marystahr@charter.net) or 636-978-1135

## SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great if you are planning your summer vacation. There are hotels and car rental agencies available for purchase. We also have your everyday needs such as Walmart. Order on Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. A portion of each purchase comes back to the church as "free" money. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398.

## DEACON HELP NEEDED!

Ever thought about volunteering at church but just can't seem to find the time during the day or on a weekend? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The deacons are looking for volunteers to help with their home meal assistance. The program works like this: volunteers would receive a phone call asking them to prepare a meal for a church member in need. Once the meal is prepared, the volunteer would deliver the meal to the member. It's that easy! And it makes a big difference to a family who is working their way through an illness, loss of a loved one, or other traumatic event. If you feel called to help the deacons with this important mission, or you know someone who could benefit from a home-cooked meal, please contact the church office.