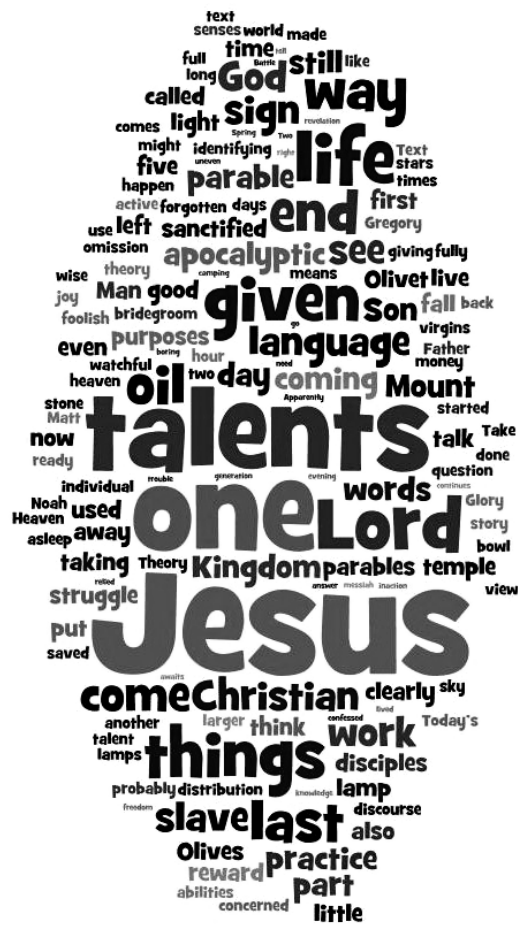


New Hope Presbyterian Church



November 16, 2014

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 Welcome 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.

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) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Tyler Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Paul & Martha Hacker, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and honor of Jody Romkey's birthday, given by Kurt & Jody Romkey.

Liturgist: (11:00) Elder Kristin Judd

Sound Booth: (8:45) Joe Petrowsky

(11:00) Bill Irvine

Last Sunday's Attendance: 189

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Welcome 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

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Ever-living God,
before the earth was formed
and even after it shall cease to be,
you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. 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

Clothe yourselves with faith and love;
be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

1 Thess. 5:8

**The Lord is with us!
Let us worship God.**

+ *HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*THE CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You adorn us with the armor of light,
but we hide ourselves in darkness.
You trust us with the message of grace,
but we bury that treasure in fear.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne.**

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

Only God

Mary McDonald

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4: 1-7

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ, Be Our Light (refrain) (Glory to God 314)*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 14-30

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 at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



"I've Been Wondering..."
FAQs about Worship

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.

Why do we say "Amen" at the end of prayers?

"Amen" is a Hebrew word that can be translated "so be it" or "may it be so" or even "yes" though it has always been voiced in the liturgy as an English transliteration. Worship is the activity of the whole people of God and the prayers prayed by the pastor or liturgist are not his or her own, but are prayed on behalf of the whole congregation. "Amen" is the congregation's way of affirming what has been prayed in the liturgy on its behalf. In addition to being the assembly's response to the prayers, the "Amen" voices the congregation's assent at blessings, baptism, anointing and the sharing of the Lord's Supper.

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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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)	Neal Powers (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
	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

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
2:30 p.m.	Children's Choir	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Sunshine Room
3:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting	Youth Room

Monday, November 17th

7:00 p.m.	New Officer Orientation	Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	MME Committee	Conference Room

Tuesday, November 18th

10:00 a.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
11:15 a.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
1:30 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
3:00 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
6:00 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room

Wednesday, November 19th

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

Thursday, November 20th

10:00 a.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
11:15 a.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
1:30 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
3:00 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Worship Space
6:00 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Safe Sanctuary Class	Conference Room
7:15 p.m.	Focus Group	Youth Room

Sunday, November 23rd

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.	Harvest of Talents	Narthex
1:30 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens	

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

2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

To date, a total of 91 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$300,919.00 for the work of the church in 2015. Of those cards received, 48 members increased their giving over 2014. "Estimate of Giving" cards were recently mailed out to those who were unable to attend on Consecration Sunday. 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.

"THE TWELVE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS"

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a special holiday event, A Dessert Potluck and "The Twelve Words of Christmas," a dvd presentation of the twelve words that changed history. Activities for elementary age children will be provided as well as childcare for younger children if requested. Plan to bring a dessert to share and enjoy an inspiring program and great fellowship. Please let us know you are planning to come by adding your name to the sign up on the Information Table or emailing Barbi Smith at bsmith@nhpres.org.

FINANCIAL CORNER

October Contributions	37,196.00
Monthly Budget	<u>37,821.25</u>
	- 625.25
Year-to-date Contributions	366,902.80
Year-to-date Budget	<u>378,212.50</u>
	-11,309.70

HARVEST OF TALENTS

The Harvest of Talents is coming on November 23rd after the 11:00 am service. We will have a "Talents on Display" sheet on the Information Table for people that plan to bring items. If you wish, you may sign your name along with the items you plan to bring on November 23rd. This will give everyone a preview of the items that will be made available from our talented congregation! Then, bring your items on that morning and place them on the tables. After the service, everyone can check out all of the wonderful creations and make your selections. Free-will donations will be accepted items and all proceeds will benefit the Deacon's Benevolence Fund.

CHILDREN

Today, November 16 **November 23rd**
Infant Nursery
Ruth Connor Carol Dodds
Pre-K Nursery
Deb Garten

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

November 16th - Jennifer Taylor & Kathy Mudrovic
November 23rd - Jane Cox & Julie Nowakowski

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

Kids Fellowship Club is a fun-filled fellowship club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet two Sunday afternoons each month in the Sunshine Room on the lower level.

Today - Big Screen Movie Night! We will watch "How to Train Your Dragon 2" on the BIG Screen while we enjoy nachos and popcorn and soda! Bring a friend and a small bean bag chair if you have one.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir (ages 3 - elementary school) will meet today in the Worship Space from 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Contact Tracy Grundy or Marion Hamilton for more information.

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

COOKIES & MILK WITH SANTA

Join us on December 5th from 6-8 PM for Cookies and Milk with Santa event! Kick off the holiday season with a fun-filled evening! Enjoy stories with Mrs. Claus, create special Christmas crafts, and of course, sit on Santa's lap and share your wish list! Face painting, professional photos with Santa, and an unique children's only shopping experience (the Emporium) are also part of the festivities (at an addition charge).

Tickets can be purchased from the education office (located in the lower level of the church), or pick up an order form from the table in the narthex and drop off in the church office or the education office with your payment.

You may also visit the preschool website for more information about Cookies and Milk with Santa at www.newhopepreschool.org

PW COOKBOOKS

PW Cookbooks are being sold in the Narthex today! These books make great Christmas gifts and all of the recipes were submitted by New Hope members and friends. The proceeds of the cookbook sales go towards the PW Scholarship Program.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Today - Youth meeting in the Senior High Room from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm for games, fun and conversation. Contact Chris James for details.

PW ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Advent-By-Candlelight is Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7 P.M. in the worship space. This is a pleasant beginning to the Advent season; a way to enjoy music, devotions and dessert for ALL women of the congregation and family, friends and neighbors. You are encouraged to host or co-host a table of eight. A host is responsible for providing a centerpiece, tableware, and dessert. Assistance can be provided if there is uncertainty in creating a table.

Reservation forms are on the "Information Table" in the Narthex as well as on the PW bulletin board located in the east hallway opposite the drinking fountain. Hostess guidelines are attached to each reservation form. Child care will be provided when noted. The cut off date for reservations is November 22. Reservation forms may be placed in the collection plate or returned to the church office.

If you would like to attend Advent-By-Candlelight but do not want to host a table indicate this by using the bottom section of the form. For any questions please speak to one of the committee members listed below or call Margaret Mortland at 636-459-5251. There is no charge for this event but a free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses and the rest of the offering will go to mission projects.

Plan to attend this inspirational evening when we set time aside from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ.

Advent-By-Candlelight Committee: Margaret Mortland, Mary Powers, Jennifer Everly, and Kathy Freeman

NOVEMBER MEAL-A-MONTH

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

FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection will be meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 7 PM in the Narthex at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, snacks, and 'turkey feet' (a dominoes game normally known as 'chicken feet'). We will also have a holiday gift exchange that is for Thanksgiving or Christmas with a value from \$5-8, examples include ornaments and candles. All women are invited to attend. Please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin.

ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION & SUICIDE

It is a sad fact that more youth (15 - 19 years old) die from suicide than from the top 6 medical causes of death combined. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for both the 10 - 14 and the 15 - 19 age groups in the United States and is second for the 20 - 24 age group. For every completed suicide in the 15 - 24 age group, about 900 attempts are made.

CHADS Coalition for Mental Health is an agency which offers outreach programs as well as family support programs to advance the awareness and prevention of depression and suicide in children and youth. Information about depression and suicide prevention for adolescents can be found on their website at www.chadscoaliton.org or on the gold handout on the Information Table.

SAFE SANCTUARY

A Safe Sanctuary Class will be offered on Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 pm. All persons working with children or youth are required to attend a class and submit to a background check. If you are planning to attend this class, please RSVP to Barbi Smith at bsmith@nhpres.org.