

new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



November 22, 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 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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo Van Mill. (11:00) Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of her father's birthday, given Stacey Bordes.

Liturgist: Kristin Judd

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 161

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

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 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.

Sovereign God,
come to us now in silent, holy power.
Still our distracted minds,
our bruised hearts, our longing bodies.
Then speak the power of Jesus' name
in such a way that we might hear it,
in such a way that we might bear it into the world—
as a people who seek not to preserve what we know
but to make palpable who you are—
for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH 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

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, the Risen One.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from the One who brings the new heaven and the new earth.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, who is both the lamb and the lion.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

Grace and peace to you, from Jesus, risen to rule with God over all things.

Let all the faithful shout for joy!

+ *HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*THE CONFESSION

**O Lord, your kingdom is not of this world.
We confess that we are too comfortable in the kingdoms of this world.
Convenience, ease, and fear
keep us from standing for your justice, your peace, and your people.
Too often, our lives do not reflect your rule in our hearts.
Forgive us, Lord.
Call to us again, renew our purpose,
so that we may believe your truth and listen to your voice.
Help us to claim your kingdom
with our voices, our hearts and our lives.**

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

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

Gloria

Sonja Poorman

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 1: 4b-8

*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 18: 33-37

THE ALLELUIA (Glory to God 591)

HALLE HALLE

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, halleluhah!

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.

COMMUNION HYMN 530

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

congregation, refrain; cantor, verses;

(Refrain)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.

And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

☞ *After the presider and communion servers have received the elements, and before the concluding prayer, the whole assembly is invited to share a moment of silent contemplation before God.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*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.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



“I’ve Been Wondering…”
FAQs about Worship

Eucharist, Holy Communion, Lord’s Supper—which of these names for the sacrament is correct?

The short answer is that all of them are correct and each highlights a different aspect of what the sacrament signifies. First of all, “sacramentum” is a Latin word that means “mystery.” We call it a “mystery” because it is a way we can see something that really happens to us on the inside. We have different names for this sacrament. “Eucharist” comes from a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” Every time we worship God we give thanks to God for taking care of us. The sacrament, then, is a thanksgiving meal at which we give praise and gratitude to God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, which brings salvation to the world. Sometimes we call it the “Lord’s Supper.” This name reminds us of when Jesus gave it to us, sitting around the table with his disciples on the night before he died. This is a meal we have to share together as we remember that night long ago when Jesus took bread and wine and told his disciples to remember him every time we gather at the Table and that he will be with us. From this meal, we receive spiritual nourishment for the journey of faith and discipleship. When we use the name “Holy Communion” we are saying that the sacrament brings us together and makes us “one with Jesus Christ and with all who share this feast,” as we affirm in the Eucharistic prayer or Prayer of Great Thanksgiving. The sacrament, then, is a meal of thanksgiving and remembrance that is set aside (holy) for us to abide in fellowship (commune) together.

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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Session

Fellowship
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
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CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22nd

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
1:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens	Church-Wide

Monday, November 23rd

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Youth Room
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Tuesday, November 24th

7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Narthex
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Wednesday, November 25th

7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space
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Thursday, November 26th

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27th

Day After Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29th

	<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

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

November 22, 2015

HARVEST OF TALENTS

The Harvest of Talents is today after the second service. Please take a moment to look over the items made by members of our congregation!
NEW this year, we have a "silent auction" table for some high value items. Please check them out & place your bid. Bidding for this table will end with an announcement approximately 30 minutes after church. All other tables displaying our church's immense variety of talents will remain a free will offering. All proceeds from sales benefit the Deacon Benevolence Fund.

COOKIES WITH SANTA

1. Friday, December 4th ~ 6:30—8:00 pm
Everyone is invited!
1. Fellowship & mingle
2. Have a cookie and beverage
3. Talk with Mrs. Claus and listen to a story
4. Visit Santa
5. Photos with Santa
6. Have another cookie...
7. Craft and coloring
8. Donate socks

Simple, easy and fun! See you there!

COME, JOIN THE JOURNEY!

The Journey begins with a single step. Fourteen people have already signed up to participate in the inaugural voyage towards baptismal living, and it's not too late for you to sign up, too. Beginning January 10th right after second service, we will share lunch together and begin the process called *The Journey*.

So, what is *The Journey*? During the first phase, called "Come and See", you'll have the opportunity to join with others who are seeking to deepen their relationship with God and fellow Travelers. There will be storytelling, listening, and a chance to ask questions – along with other opportunities to enrich you and inspire you on your spiritual travels throughout your life.

There are other phases, too, and all focus on living into being a missional church together. We hope you'll travel with us as we discover where we've been, where we want to go, who we've been and who we want to be. There are sign-up sheets on the Information table. Once you've completed the form, drop it in the offering plate or in the church office. Bon Voyage! Questions? Ask Linda Dencker, Terry Martinez or Ruth Irvine.

CHILDREN

The 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. The nursery is available for children from birth through five years old.

Worship Feast, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God & their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

November 22nd—Jane Cox & Shelley Geiger
November 29th—Linda Carr & Martha Lamey

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

Children's Music Ministry is held during the last 15 minutes of Sunday School on these dates: 11/22, 12/6 and 12/20.

ADULT MISSION TRIP WORK DAYS

The Mission Team will again be helping Habitat for Humanity in Pensacola FL next summer.

To help raise funds for the trip they are offering their services to help with outside work days this fall.

If you have projects you need help with please contact Nancy Seals at 639-294-0295 or e-mail her at nseals@charter.net. Willing helpers will cheerfully work for you for a donation to the Trip. Another way to help is to purchase Script cards for Sam's Club which will be used to feed the group. Thanks for your support of this mission of our church.

MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

November Meal-A-Month: 2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm 25: 1-10
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13
Luke 21: 25-36

The choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm.

HOLIDAY HEARTS GIVING TREE

The Holiday Hearts Giving Tree is back up in the Narthex! Please take a moment to stop by and check out the ornaments, which contain wish lists of the family members the Deacons are sponsoring for Christmas. Pick an ornament, buy the appropriate gift, and return the gift to the tree (with the ornament please!) to help make a family's Christmas a little brighter! Gifts are due back to the church on or before December 13th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

NEW ADULT STUDY

A Thrill of Hope is a 6-week study for Advent and Christmas. Sundays, Nov. 29-Jan. 3 at 9:45 a.m., this study presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America's premier Biblical scholars. Questions? contact Chris James

FLOWER CHART

The 2016 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

JANUARY QUILTS & COMFORT

Calling all quilters – PW needs your help. On January 16, 2016 from noon until 2:00 pm, PW will host "Quilts and Comfort" with Ann Hazelwood, a local authority on quilts and quilting. Each guest will have an opportunity to participate in the program. Right now, we need you to think about contributing small quilted items to include in a raffle that will be part of the program. So, as you are making placemats, a table runner, crib quilt, tote bag, lap quilt, book cover...you get the idea... as a Christmas gift, make a second one to raffle. Contact Mary Powers at marystahr@charter.net or 636-978-1135.

2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

To date, a total of 101 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$360,629.00 for the work of the church in 2016. Of those cards received, 47 members increased their giving over 2015.

"If you haven't completed an "Estimate of Giving" card for 2016, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join us on TODAY after the Harvest of Talents for the Hanging of the Greens. Please help as we prepare our church and worship space for the season of Advent and Christmas. Pizza and drinks will be provided for those who help!

FINANCIAL CORNER

October Contributions	30,051.00
Monthly Budget	<u>34,891.00</u>
	- 4,840.00
Contributions to date	351,289.55
Budget to date	<u>348,910.00</u>
	2,379.55

EVENING OF CAROLS

Turn your heart to Christmas by attending An Evening of Carols, an Advent celebration for the entire family, on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Join your New Hope family and friends to celebrate the quiet spirit of the true meaning of Christmas.

- Instrumental music
- Canticles in Candlelight by Joseph Martin
- Christmas cantata presented by the New Hope choir
- The Advent story
- Candlelit singing of familiar carols
- Dessert
- Child care provided upon request
- Bring your family and friends

A sign-up sheet for reservations, child care and donations of desserts is located on the information table. You may also contact Nancy Seals at 636-294-0295 or nseals@charter.net.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 9.

POINSETTIAS

You may order a "live" poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and take it home with you after the 11:00 pm service that night. You may also purchase a "virtual" poinsettia, 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 Christmas Eve bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the "live" or "virtual" poinsettia is \$9.00 each. Orders must be received by December 20th.