



November 26, 2017

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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 in the Outreach & Information Center in the foyer or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in 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 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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo Van Mill. (11:00) Kim Carr, Mel Fairchild, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Dave Knes' birthday, given by Stacey Bordes.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Laurie Meinert (11:00) Jim Pettit

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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 26, 2017

8:45 a.m.

THE GATHERING

☞ *As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers. Please silence electronic devices. Announcements pertaining to the life of the church are provided in the weekly News & Opportunities. The prayer below is offered to help center one's heart and mind for worship. The start of the Opening Voluntary signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You raised up your Son, O God,
and seated him at your right hand
as the shepherd and king
who seeks what is lost,
binds up what is wounded,
and strengthens what is weak.
Empowered by the Spirit,
grant that we may share with others
that which we have received from your hand,
to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Majesty

arr. Mark Hayes

+ *OPENING HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

*GREETING & OPENING SENTENCES

*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.**

Worshipers 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

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

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1: 15-23

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 31-46

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jesus, Lord to Me

arr. Mark Hayes

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

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.

...Blessing and glory to you, O God.

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The prayer continues.

...Wisdom and thanks to you, O God.

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The prayer continues.

...Honor to you, O God.

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The prayer continues.

...Power and might to you, O God.

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The prayer continues.

...We praise you today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Once more.

Amen.

And once more.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us.

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.

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COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Lift High the Cross

arr. Larry Shackley

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*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

Rollo Dilworth

*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.

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

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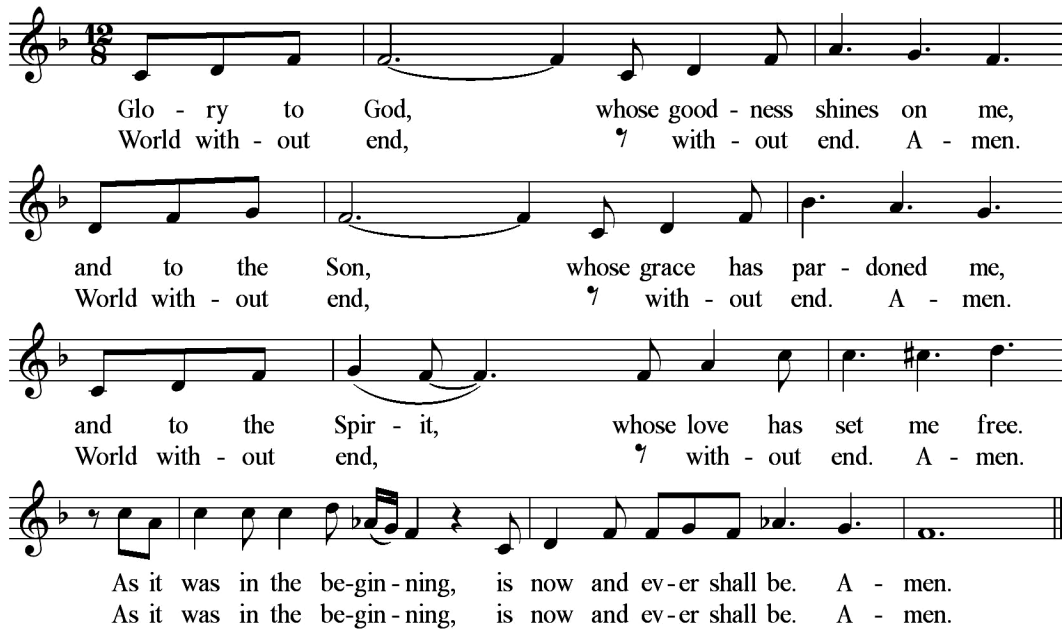
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*Glory to God,
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Paul Vasile



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and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
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Bob Dencker

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“I’ve Been Wondering...”

FAQs about Worship

Why do we pour water into the font?

In ancient times, people regarded *flowing* water as *living* water. Standing water was (and is) known to become stagnant, but flowing water was and continues to be a habitat for life. We pour water into the font not just on those occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, but on every occasion we gather for worship because it is the waters of baptism that signify who we are as God’s beloved. Baptism is not merely a static event in the life of an individual, but a dynamic process of living by God’s grace into the fullness of life in the Christian community. When water is poured in the liturgy, we hear the sound of God’s baptismal grace and we see anew the water that sustains life on earth and our life with God. It reminds us of our baptismal identity as God’s own, of our ongoing need for God’s grace, and of our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Why do people touch the water when they pass by the font?

The great reformer Martin Luther was a monk who had experienced a crisis of faith in which the more he tried to attain God’s love, the more he realized he could not do enough to rise above his own failings. One day while he was reading the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans, he was awakened to God’s magnificent grace that, of course we can do nothing on our own to win God’s love, but that God loves us despite ourselves. It was an incredibly freeing realization as God’s grace led him to the connection between the love of God and the meaning of the sacrament. Rather than “I *was* baptized,” Luther came to declare, “I *am* baptized!” Baptism for Luther became his life-long comfort because it reminded him over and over again that, amidst all the difficulties of life, the truth of God’s love and of his own grace-filled identity as a child of God can be seen and heard and felt in the waters of baptism. When we touch the water in the font, we feel with our own skin what we hold in our hearts, that we, too, are God’s beloved claimed by grace, no matter what. Thanks be to God!

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.

MUSIC NOTES

Today's prelude *Majesty* is one of the classic songs of the contemporary Christian genre, with over 30 years of continuous use. Its composer Jack William Hayford (b. 1934) is a native of Los Angeles. He grew up in the Foursquare Pentecostal tradition and became pastor of the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, California in 1969. The church was then a struggling, aging congregation with only 20 members. By 1980 it had been renamed The Church on the Way, and membership was over 3,500. The central theological theme of this hymn is straightforward: Christ is King, and as King of all, he is the sovereign of all and his name is to be exalted.

(-C. Michael Hawn, www.umcdiscipleship.org)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Doxology, Word and Music in the public domain.

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 216.

Opening Sentences, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 42.1, 188.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 45.1, 143.

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, as found in Gail Ramshaw, *Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks: A Collection of Litanies, Laments, and Thanksgivings at Font and Table* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2017), 60-61.

PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Gil Rin Mackin, to Stephanie & Stephen Mackin (grandson of Deb & Edd Mackin, October 26))
the birth of William Andrew Fletcher, to Nicki & Andy Fletcher (grandson of Jeff & Ruth Connor, October 9)
the birth of Rosemarie Lyla Beselman, to Katie & Mark Besselman (September 23)

for Healing & Wholeness

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| Joe Axetell | Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy) |
| Jack Cassidy (father of Kathy Freeman) | Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke) |
| Jim Finks | Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley) |
| Mike Dame | Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey) |
| Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears) | Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey) |
| Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals) | Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr) |
| Lori Seidler | Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack) |
| Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly) | Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit) |
| Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts) | Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert) |
| Herb Gibbs | Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman |
| Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen) | Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey) |
| Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman) | Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend) |
| Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law) | David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman) |
| Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid) | Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin) |
| Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin) | Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph) |
| Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman) | Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter) |
| Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey) | Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit) |
| Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell) | Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche) |
| Fay Teacutter | Sheri Clayton |
| Susan Phillips | Garry Clayton |
| Anna Mae Richardson | Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann) |
| John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker) | Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann) |
| Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman) | W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White) |
| Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel) | Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox) |
| Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin) | Bob Mudrovic |
| Charlie Stephens (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend) | |

for the Grieving

Chris & Laurie Meinert on the death of his mother, Jane Meinert (November 9)
Mary Powers on the death of her mother, Mary Stahr Harris (September 28)
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of his sister, Ruth Gnau (September 26)
Barb Knes and family on the death of her father, Norris Dalton (September 10)
Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)
Emmett Kelewae & Joann Stewart on the death of his son, Gene Kelewae (August 12)

for the World and its People

victims of the attack in Texas
victims of the attack in New York
victims of the attack in Las Vegas
victims of the hurricanes in TX, FL, & the Caribbean

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)



*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

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

2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

2019
Jerry Dyer
Kirk Garten
Bill Lamey
Alyssa Murray
Sue White

Diaconate

2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine, Moderator
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey

2019
Sharon Barnes
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