



November 29, 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 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 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 in celebration of Billy McDanel's birthday, given by Craig Clarke and Debbie McDanel.

Liturgist: Kayla Martinez

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 176

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

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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.

Holy One, you have promised us
that the day of our salvation is near.
Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer,
so that we may stand with confidence and joy
at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

+ *INTROIT 88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* v.1

VENI EMMANUEL

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

*LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE †

(8:45) Debbie Karsten & Margo Van Mill

The days are coming, says the Lord,
when the promise will be fulfilled.

(11:00) Shelley Geiger, Jan Parker,

Connie Pettit & Del Phillips

**Heaven and earth will pass away,
but God's word will stand forever.**

+ *HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs.2-4

VENI EMMANUEL

*THE CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess
that we resist your holy realm.
You seek justice and righteousness,
but we pursue selfish agendas.
You promise us salvation,
but we trust in our own strength.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.
Lead us in your way of truth
so that we may be ready
to see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Rejoice, Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Jos. Martin

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* v.1 STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

***My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21: 25-36

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.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

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.

☞ 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
Christ Is Coming!

*HYMN 360

UNSER HERRSCHER

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*, refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

***Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.***

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Edith Genevieve Carron, granddaughter of Mark Phillips (Nov. 18)

for the Grieving

Kathy & Herb Gibbs and Eric on the death of her uncle, Carl Yauch (Nov. 23)

Richard & Sharon Martin on the death of his sister-in-law, Judy Martin (Nov. 22)

Ben & Kathy Kuehnle on the death of his sister, Shiela Kuehnle (Nov. 20)

Barbara & Greg Newman and family on the death of her aunt, Shirley Buxton (Nov. 15)

Steve Gerke on the death of his wife, Sally (Oct. 28)

for Healing & Wholeness

Susan Phillips, recovering from surgery

Richard Amos, cancer treatment (co-worker of Chris Meinert)

Ron Edwards, cancer treatment

for the World & its People

Syrian refugees

† *In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God with prayer.*



The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Brian Parrish, *Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Regina Jones, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

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
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey

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CALENDAR

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
Tuesday, December 1st		
9:30 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Narthex
Wednesday, December 2nd		
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Youth Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Worship Space
Thursday, December 3rd		
10:00 a.m.	Jubilee Circle	Conference Room
1:00 p.m.	Agape Circle	Conference Room
5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room
Friday, December 4th		
6:30 p.m.	Cookies with Santa	Worship Space
Sunday, December 6th	<i>2nd 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
12:30 p.m.	Sacred Conversations	Narthex

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

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COOKIES WITH SANTA

Friday, December 4th ~ 6:30—8:00 pm

1. FELLOWSHIP—for everyone!
2. MISSION—collecting men's white socks for Peter and Paul Community Services
3. PHOTO MOMENT—a professional photographer will capture pictures with Santa and provide a "take home" CD. All proceeds from the pictures will benefit Peter and Paul Community Services.
4. VOLUNTEER—many hands help make a fun activity for all. Consider how you might help and contact the church office to volunteer!

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.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated shoe boxes for the Shoebox Ministry. 37 boxes were donated. Thank you all for your gracious giving!

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

Nov. 29th—Linda Carr & Martha Lamey

Dec. 6th—No Worship Feast

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: 12/6 and 12/20.

SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great if you are planning your Thanksgiving trip. There are hotels and car rental agencies available for purchase. We also have your everyday needs such as Walmart. And now is the time to start thinking about holiday gift cards. Order on Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. A portion of each purchase comes back to the church as "free" money. Last year we collected over \$1000 to use for the youth. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398.

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

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, December 6, 2015

Malachi 3: 1-4

Luke 1: 68-79

Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6

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

FEMALE CONNECTION

Every Saturday Christmas Traditions comes alive with the life and spirit of the holiday season. It's time for Christmas shopping on Historic Main Street. We are going to start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 12 at Cracker Barrel at 901 Veterans Memorial Parkway (next to St. Charles Convention Center) for brunch before we shop. We will then proceed down to Main Street. If you want to join us later, locate us by calling Deb Mackin on her cell phone at 636-734-5618. We will enjoy shopping along with the characters and events (Santa Parade is at 1:30). For more information or questions, please contact Deb.

SACRED CONVERSATIONS ON RACE

Next Sunday, December 6th, 12:30 pm, we will explore our next steps in the conversation about how we might make a difference in helping to bridge the gap. All are invited.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

On Saturday, October 17, 2015, several ladies from our New Hope PW attended the Presbyterian Women-Giddings-Lovejoy (PW-GL) Fall Gathering in Belleville, IL. They participated in a workshop titled "The Santi-Panti Project." The Santi-Panti Project makes simple sanitary pads that promote good hygiene for young girls in Africa. Members of New Hope Church can help with this valuable project in three ways:

- Sew Santi-Panti pads; kits, created by New Hope Presbyterian Women, which include necessary fabric and directions, will be supplied.
- Donate girls' colored (not white) panties to use with the pads—please place donations in the labeled container on the right side of the narthex.
- Donate money to New Hope Presbyterian Women to send the finished project materials to the Michigan coordinator for "Little Dresses for Africa." Leave cash or check with Laurie in the church office. All checks should be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with 'Santi-Panti Project' on the memo line.

Contact Ann Schmid, 636-699-2142 for further information and ways to help!

AN ILLUSTRATED ADVENT

It can be difficult to find meaningful ways to engage your kids in faith formation at home, particularly during Advent. An Illustrated Advent is one way to slow down, ask questions, and try new things. There are coloring sheets that tell the story of Jesus' birth, scripture passages to read together, questions to spark family conversations, and suggestions for how to live out each week's theme.

These packets are being given to children in Sunday school classrooms on November 29th. There are also copies available on the Information Table. If you would like a copy for your child, you can also contact the church office.

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. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by December 20th.

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.