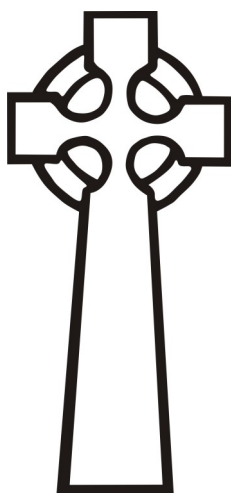


# New Hope Presbyterian Church



November 8, 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) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips  
(11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and in celebration of Barb Knes' birthday, given by her daughter, Stacy Bordes.

***Liturgist:*** Elder Margo Van Mill

***Sound Booth:*** (8:45) Joe Petrowsky      (11:00) Deb Garten

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 170

### **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

### *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

November 8, 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

##### 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 God, in Christ you have revealed  
the true measure of your generosity  
and the great treasure of your grace.  
Move us, even in the poverty of our hearts,  
to offer everything we have to you,  
so that our lives may bear witness  
to the abundance of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

##### + \*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

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***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

What does our God ask of us in this place and time?

**To worship with our whole hearts.**

What does our God seek in our lives?

**To care for one another with compassion and mercy.**

What service does God invite from us?

**To give what we have, with open hearts.**

What blessing does God seek for the world?

**That we share in raising up the poor, the lost and the broken.**

Let us worship God here, that we might grow in love and service everywhere.

##### + \*HYMN 367

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\*THE CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess  
that we have failed to seek your will.  
We revel in power and privilege  
while many are struggling to survive.  
We boast of our great contributions  
while some who have little give all.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Strip us of all pride and pretense  
and clothe us in your mercy alone,  
ready to meet you in your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Worshipers 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

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9: 24-28

\*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

Mark 12: 38-44

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 531      *Seed, Scattered and Sown*  
cantor, verses; congregation, refrain

SEED SCATTERED

*(Refrain)*

***Seed, scattered and sown; wheat, gathered and grown;  
bread, broken and shared as one, the living bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands;  
one cup that is shared by all, the living cup, the living bread of God.***

☞ *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 366      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

\*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**

#### ***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.

#### ***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).

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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  
Steve Gerke  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Kurt Romkey



# CALENDAR

## Sunday, November 8th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Sacred Conversations	1st Presbyterian Church in Ferguson

## Monday, November 9th

10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting	Youth Room

## Tuesday, November 10th

7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Orientation	Lower Level Office

## Wednesday, November 11th

6:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Dinner	Worship Space
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## Thursday, November 12th

6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Youth Room
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## Saturday, November 14th

9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry
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## Sunday, November 15th

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](http://www.nhpres.org).

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# News & Opportunities

## 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

To date, a total of 96 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$346,419.00 for the work of the church in 2016. Of those cards received, 47 members increased their giving over 2015. "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 2016, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING DINNER

We are looking forward to our Congregational Dinner hosted by the Session and the Strategic Planning Team on Wednesday, November 11, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We don't want you to have to worry about getting a meal together to bring to a potluck. We'll share a wonderfully catered meal at no cost to you. We'll share with you what we've discovered and what opportunities this Plan provides for all of us as a community to *"welcome and include all, worship God, grow in Christian faith, serve others, and be God's love in the world."*

## 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

## HARVEST OF TALENTS

Harvest of Talents will be held on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22nd. We invite the congregation to share their talents with us! Please start to work on any projects you would like to contribute, such as special food goods, craft works, needle arts, or anything else you can share. All proceeds go towards the Deacon Benevolence Fund, which is used to help members and the larger community in need.

NEW this year, we will 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 approx 30 minutes after church. All other tables displaying our church's immense variety of talents will remain a free will offering.

#### 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 8th— Jeanna Groat & Nancy Seals  
November 15th—Jennifer James & Elaine Barbee

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: 11/8, 11/22, 12/6 and 12/20.

#### 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!

#### WORSHIP

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

**Lectionary for Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015**

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Hebrews 10: 11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13: 1-8

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

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are now receiving applications for a part-time Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator. The job description and employment application can be obtained in the church office. If you know you or someone you know might be interested, please call the church office or visit website for more information.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

PW and the Choir will be sponsoring a Cantata and Evening of Carols on Wednesday, December 16th. Watch the News & Opportunities for more information!

#### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

##### CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY

New Hope will participate in the Samaritan's Purse International Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Shoeboxes should be filled with items for children and distributed to children around the world. Brochures and information are available on the information table. Please share in this worldwide ministry to bring God's love around the world. Boxes must be received by Nov. 15. Thanks for sharing your love and blessings!

##### QUILTERS

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

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Trunk-or-Treat! We had many children and visitors who enjoyed the evening tremendously and we couldn't have done it without you!

#### MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

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

#### FEMALE CONNECTION

##### Turkey Feet & Holiday Gift Exchange

The Female Connection will be meeting on Thursday, November 19 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 \$6-8, 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.

#### HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please join us on Sunday, November 22nd, 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.

#### 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.