New Hope Presbyterian Church

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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 of 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 fellows 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) Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Ken Pinkley, Joe Seidler, Ben & Christie Tutschulte.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary, given by Chris & Barb Griffith.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 161

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 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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.

Holy God, you set before us every day
a bounty of good things.
Bring us to your feasting table,
hungry for your Word,
eager to rebuild the cities you have made,
and ready to receive strangers,
so that we celebrate at all times and in all places
the peace which is life in you. 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

We have been called to the banquet.
This is the feast.
We have been summoned to the wedding.
This is the feast of life and light.
From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.
We have come to the banquet that has no end.
Alleluia! Amen!

+*HYMN 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* DARWALL'S 148TH

*THE CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You are the one who has saved us;
but we make false gods for ourselves.
You are the one who has called us;
but we make excuses and fail to answer.
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.

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 (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 Heavens Are Declaring* Beethoven
arr. Richard Kountz

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32: 1-14
EPISTLE READING Philippians 4: 1-9
*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 22: 1-14

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

*HYMN 506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* COPELAND

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC — *Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace) (Glory to God 752)*
cantor/choir

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 804 — *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* — MARION

*BLESSING & CHARGE

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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 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.

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Session

Fellowship
Jim Pettit (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)

Formation for Discipleship
Susan Phillips (2014)
Lauren Martinez (2014)
Deb Garten (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism
Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Neal Powers (2015)
Jim Salter (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