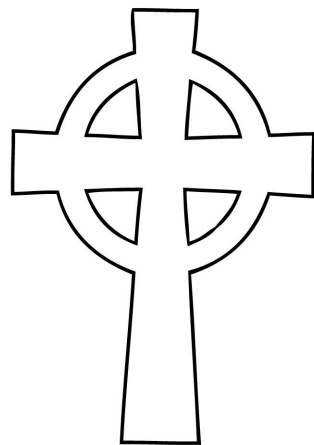


New Hope
Presbyterian Church



September 27, 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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:00) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill (11:00) Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Sound Booth: (8:45) Bill Irvine (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 190

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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

INTROIT

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.

O God, full of compassion,

Augustine of Hippo, 354-430

I commit and commend myself to you,

in whom I am, and live, and know.

Be the goal of my pilgrimage, and my rest by the way.

Let my soul take refuge from the crowding turmoil of worldly thought
beneath the shadow of your wings.

Let my heart, this sea of restless waves,
find peace in you, O God.

+ *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

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Psalm 118:24

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

+ *HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

*THE CONFESSION

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength.

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

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

And the Church Shall Rise

Stanpethel

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 20-22

EPISTLE READING

James 5: 13-20

*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 9: 38-50

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.

(11:00) WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS Terry & Deb Karsten

*THE APOSTLES' CREED—*Ecumenical Version*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 518

Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

Cantor, verses

Congregation, refrain

(Refrain)

***O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*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

Why do we gather around the font for the confession of sin?

"We love God because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19). As the people of God, we assemble for worship filled with baptismal confidence. Before we ever come to God, God has first come to us. Whenever and wherever we "find" God, we can be assured that God has first found us. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, our baptism is not an achievement on our part, but rather God's declaration of love and care for us. Knowing we are God's own and washed in love, we are able to approach the time of confession in honesty, vulnerability and the confidence that God will make us new.

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.

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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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News & Opportunities

Sunday, September 27th

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| 8:45 a.m. | Word & Sacrament | Worship Space |
| 9:00 a.m. | Blood Drive | Blood Mobile |
| 9:45 a.m. | Christian Formation | Various Locations |
| 11:00 a.m. | Word & Sacrament | Worship Space |
| 12:30 p.m. | Sacred Conversations | Worship Space |

Monday, September 28th

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| 7:00 p.m. | Formation for Discipleship | Youth Room |
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Tuesday, September 29th

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| 7:00 p.m. | A.A. Meeting | Worship Space |
| 7:00 p.m. | Called Session Meeting | Youth Room |

Wednesday, September 30th

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| 7:15 p.m. | Choir Practice | Worship Space |
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Thursday, October 1st

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| 10:00 a.m. | Jubilee Circle | Youth Room |
| 1:00 p.m. | Agape Circle | Conference Room |
| 5:50 p.m. | Employment Ministry Committee | Narthex |
| 7:00 p.m. | Joy Circle | Conference Room |
| 7:00 p.m. | Employment Ministry Committee | Narthex |

Sunday, October 4th

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| 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. | Session Coordinating Council | Conference Room |

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Hope's worship schedule:

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| 8:45 am— | Word & Sacrament |
| 9:45 am— | Christian Formation Classes |
| 11:00 am— | Word & Sacrament |

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, September 27th at 12:00 pm, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee and electing members of the congregation to the ordered ministries of Ruling Elder and Deacon, and to the Nominating Committee for 2016.

NEW ADULT STUDY

Love Does--"*This is a study about God's love...and the most amazing thing about that love is that it's not just a bunch of rules or stuff we have to agree with. God's love is different. It changes things. It's active. It works. It risks. God's love...does.*" This 5-week study will meet on Sunday mornings, Sept. 27-Oct. 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Room 103. Sign-up to reserve your book, *Love Does*, by Bob Goff, by emailing Chris James, cqjames@nhpres.org.

FINANCIAL CORNER

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| August Contributions | 36,300.60 |
| Monthly Budget | <u>34,891.00</u> |
| | 1,409.60 |
| Contributions to date | 287,583.55 |
| Budget to date | <u>279,128.00</u> |
| | 8,455.55 |

BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacons are sponsoring a blood drive at church on Sunday, September 27th. We are accepting walk-ins. Please visit the blood mobile in the parking lot!

2015—2016 SUNDAY SCHOOL

The 2015—2016 Sunday School Year has begun! Below is a list of classes that meet every Sunday at 9:45 am.
 Birth—2 year olds meet in the Nursery
 3 Year olds—Pre-K meet in the Butterfly Room
 Kindergarten—2nd Grade meet in the Caterpillar Room
 Grades 3—5 meet in the lower level kitchen
 Mid & Senior High meet in the Youth Room
 Contemporary Issues (Adults) - meets in the Conference Room
 "Love Does" (Adults Discussion Class) - meets in Room 103 (The Gathering Place)

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at www.nhpres.org.

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 and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers

Sept 27th—Deb Garten & Nancy Seals
October 4th—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>

SACRED CONVERSATIONS

As we strive to "welcome and include all" and "be God's love in the world", we invite you to be a part of a series of Sacred Conversations on Race. The next two meetings will be here at New Hope on Sundays, September 27 and October 25, 12:30-2:30 p.m. All are welcome! Sign-up by Wed., Sept. 23, by emailing Chris James at cjames@nhpres.org, to reserve your lunch and request child care. In light of all that's been happening, both locally and nationally, this will be an opportunity to work toward healing and unity for our community. Questions? Contact Chris James, 936-2200 x.11.

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday during the summer at 10:30 am.

Lectionary for Sunday, October 4th, 2015

Job 1: 1, 2: 1-10

Psalms 26

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on Tuesday, September 15, the Session:

- ♦ dialogued with our consultant, John Wimberly, about the strategic planning process, as well as the use of "teams" versus "committees" as a more efficient and effective way to include more people in ministry;
- ♦ approved the wedding of Valery Cassetta & Elsenja Muka on Oct. 24, 2015;
- ♦ called a meeting of the congregation for Sept. 27 at 12:00 p.m. to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and elect ruling elders, deacons and members to the Nominating Committee;
- ♦ received David & Vicky Howell, Terry & Deb Karsten, and Chris & Laurie Meinert into church membership; and
- ♦ began a dialogue about same-gender marriage.

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 the website: www.nhpres.org.

MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

September Meal-A-Month: 1 boxed meal, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

On October 5th, NHPC will participate in the PC(USA) Peacemaking Offering. Seventy-five percent of the offering will go to national projects and 25% will go towards a charity designated by the MME Committee. Watch for the News & Opportunities and various inserts for more information.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women will be hosting a purse auction and cookie sale on Saturday, November 7th from 2:00—4:00 pm. We are asking for donations of tins to use for the cookies. There is a crate available by the Information Table for your donation of tins. Purses and cookies should be brought on the date of the auction and purses should be filled with new items that could be found in a women's purse. This event is a fundraiser for the scholarship fund and future PW projects.

PW Fall Gathering—We invite you to participate in the 2015 Fall Gathering which will be held at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Illinois on Saturday, October 17, 2015. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with registration and coffee and will continue the theme from the 2015 church-wide Gathering, "One Body, One Spirit". The agenda includes two workshops: Together in Service – Sani Panties, supporting Little Dresses of Africa (Bring your fabric scissors) and Highlights from the 2015 Church wide gathering. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$10. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Registration forms with directions to First United Presbyterian Church are on the information table. Please send in your own registration and make travel plans that meet your needs. Contact Mary Powers at 636-978-1135.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

NHPC Employment Ministry (Thurs. 10/1 @ 7PM) - Job Searching Tools Available through the Library

Cathy Swanson's presentation will include an overview of library resources related to job searching. The presentation will focus on how to use the library's web page to find e-books, downloadable audio and video. It will include how to find information on a company. The presentation will also include how to access Hoopla. Hoopla has video, audio and ebook content and Universal class, which has online courses that provide certificates upon completion. Cathy Swanson Bio: Cathy Swanson earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Denver in 1982. For the next thirteen years she worked in various library systems. In 1995 she became a full time Reference Librarian at the St. Charles City-County Library District. Part of her job has been to teach Internet searching and library databases to the public and to the library staff. Cathy is the immediate past president of the Cave Springs Toastmasters Club, has achieved the Advanced Toastmasters Silver and Competent leader Awards.

COLLEGE & MILITARY CARE BOXES

The Deacons will again be sending Care Packages to college students and military personnel in October. If you have a loved one in one or both of those categories please send his/her name and contact information to the church office by calling or emailing to lbrown@newhopepc.org. Please specify if he or she is a college student or military personnel and if there are any allergies. Please submit names and addresses to the office by October 10th.