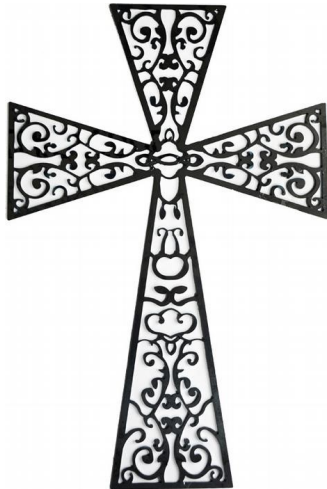


New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



September 6, 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**

***We welcome to our pulpit this morning*** the Rev. Jim Hartley, who is leading worship today while Pastor James is on vacation. An honorably retired Presbyterian minister, Jim began his ministry as a solo pastor in two small churches in Iowa. Later he served as the pastor of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. Most of his ministry came in two separate churches, each in a near-in suburb of Chicago, where he served as an Associate Pastor with responsibilities in Adult Education, Mission, and Pastoral Care. Jim has much experience as a Stephen Leader. He currently serves on the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy's Committee on Ministry. Jim and his wife, Ginny, reside in the city of St. Louis near their youngest grandchildren and the parents nurturing them. They have three sons spread out around the country.

***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 10:30 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:*** Graig & Kyle Graber, Patrick Murphy, Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta.

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and in loving memory of Awbry Smith, given by Ernie, Lisa, Terry and Sandi Smith; and, to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Melvin Leroy and Genevieve Regina Mallonee, given by Sharon Barnes.

***Liturgist:*** Jim Pettit                      ***Sound Booth:*** Joe Petrowsky

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 171

### **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

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 6, 2015

10:30 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.*

God of glory, at your command  
the thundering skies fall silent  
and the hills sing out with joy.  
Open our hearts to your Word  
and open our lips to proclaim  
the good news of Jesus Christ,  
in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

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

OLD HUNDRETH 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

For the stranger and the guest  
**the Lord prepares a table.**

Every child of God is welcome  
**to share this feast of grace.**

+ \*HYMN 610

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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\*THE CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess  
that we have not followed your way.  
You call us to love and serve you,  
yet we choose false and empty idols.**

**You call us to new life in Christ,  
yet we turn aside and fall back in fear.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Give us, by your Word and Spirit,  
the wisdom and strength  
to love and serve you faithfully;  
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.***

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

EPISTLE READING

James 2: 1-17

\*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 7: 24-37

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 591)*

HALLE HALLE

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
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 Hartley from the plate in his left hand.*

COMMUNION HYMN 498      *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*      BEACH SPRING

Cantor, verses

Congregation, refrain

*(Refrain)*

***By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured,  
Jesus feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.***

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 769

*For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

\*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 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!

***Why do we say “Amen” at the end of prayers?***

“Amen” is a Hebrew word that can be translated “so be it” or “may it be so” or even “yes” though it has always been voiced in the liturgy as an English transliteration. Worship is the activity of the whole people of God and the prayers prayed by the pastor or liturgist are not his or her own, but are prayed on behalf of the whole congregation. “Amen” is the congregation’s way of affirming what has been prayed in the liturgy on its behalf. In addition to being the assembly’s response to the prayers, the “Amen” voices the congregation’s assent at blessings, baptism, anointing and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper.

***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



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# News & Opportunities

**Sunday, September 6th**

9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

**Monday, September 7th**

*Labor Day*  
 Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 8th**

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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**Wednesday, September 9th**

6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Senior High Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space

**Thursday, September 10th**

10:00 a.m.	Circle Kick-Off	Sunshine Room
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room

**Saturday, September 12th**

9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry
11:45 a.m.	Female Connection

**Sunday, September 13th**

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:00 a.m.	"Flip Out for Sunday School"	Sunshine Room
	Pancake Breakfast	
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**

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule  
 9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes  
 10:30 am—Word & Sacrament

Beginning Sunday, September 13th, New Hope will resume the following Sunday schedule:

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

**DEACON PICNIC**

Save the date for the annual church-wide Deacon picnic on Sunday, September 20th, immediately following the second service. The Deacons are providing the main dish for everyone, as well as fun and games! We welcome the entire congregation, as well as friends, but do ask that you RSVP to the church office at 636/936-2200 or [lbrown@nhpres.org](mailto:lbrown@nhpres.org) or by signing up on the clip board on the Welcome Table. We also ask that each participant bring a dish according to the chart below:

Last Name Initial	Dish
A - G	Veggie or Side
H - M	Dessert
N - Z	Salad

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Deacons will be sponsoring a blood drive at church on Sunday, September 27th. Please watch for sign up sheets or call the church office to arrange a time to donate.

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

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

**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. In light of all that's been happening recently, 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

**2015—2016 SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR KICK OFF**

Sunday School goes, please help us kick off the new year next Sunday morning, Sept. 13! Join us for "Flip Out for Sunday School Pancakes Day!" A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served in the Sunshine Room on the lower level for kids of all ages and their parents, youth, adult Sunday School folk and Sunday School Teachers! Breakfast will run between 9-9:45 am. Remember, Sunday School starts at 9:45 am! Come join the fun! Your Sunday School Teacher will "Flip Out" to see you there!

## 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 6th—No Worship Feast

Sept 13th—Shelley Geiger & Linda Carr

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>

## PER CAPITA

Per capita letters are included in the quarterly giving statements available on the Information Table. The blue envelope in your giving envelopes pack is to be used for the per capita apportionment. New Hope is required to pay the per capita apportionment for each active church member. To date, we have received \$5,327.59 which is 50% of our total per capita apportionment. If you did not receive an envelope, please contact the church office. Per capita apportionment is \$30.30 per church member.

## WORK DAY

The Administration & Support Committee has scheduled a fall work day for Saturday, September 19th, immediately following the Men's Fellowship Breakfast. All are welcome to attend and help!

## WORSHIP

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

### **Lectionary for Sunday, Sept. 13th, 2015**

Proverbs 1: 20-33

Psalms 19

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-38

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

## FEMALE CONNECTION

The Female Connection is doing volunteer work this month at the Oasis Food Pantry on Saturday, September 12. Be there by 9:45 (park across the street at Youth In Need) and a challenge to everyone to bring some fresh produce and/or snack cakes. After our work is done we will go down to Main Street for lunch. For more information, please contact Deb Mackin.

## 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.

## COINS FOR KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

As you've heard, we need to raise a total of \$2,800 to buy the food for our Kids Against Hunger packing event on the 26th. Toward that end, proceeds from Coins for Concern between now and then will be designated to that effort. Please think about your change jar, that tray on the dresser, or wherever your loose change goes and bring those coins in on a Sunday soon. Remember -- 28 cents buys a meal for a hungry child. Do you have some 28-cent's to spare?

## MINISTRY, MISSION & EVANGELISM

Saturday, September 26, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. We need at least 40 volunteers to come to the church and help pack food to be delivered to hungry children in Haiti. We'll be putting dry food (rice, soy, vegetables, and supplements) into portion-control bags assembly line fashion. There is no age restriction, but we're not planning on providing child care. We ask that individuals donate \$25 each toward the cost of the material, shipping, and distribution. If you can't come in person, please consider donating anyway as we need to reach the \$2,800 minimum (10,000 meals!). You can sign up online to participate at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-kids](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-kids) If you would like to contribute monetarily, please make your checks payable to "NHPC" with "Kids Against Hunger" in the memo portion. If you'd like to know more, please contact Jim Cox, Jim Salter, Mary Powers, or Mark Everly.

Please visit the Festival of Sharing table in the narthex to pick up lists of items for Student Dental Pack, Personal Hygiene Pack, and Women's Prison Pack. The items should be placed in ziplock returned to the Festival of Sharing table by Wednesday, September 30. website: [www.festivalofsharing.org](http://www.festivalofsharing.org) Contact Mary Powers: 314-277-5440 or [marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net)

August Meal-A-Month: 1 can chicken & dumplings, 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

Thursday, September 24th ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm The New Hope Family is invited to participate in a hymn sing! Are there hymns you miss singing in Worship? PW is sponsoring an evening of favorite hymns. We'd like to have your suggestions for hymns you would enjoy singing. Please list the songs you would like to sing on the forms on the Information Table and place the form in the designated basket by Sunday, September 6th. A light dessert will be served.

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.

Presbyterian Women will be asked to vote on revisions to the bylaws of Presbyterian Women of New Hope Presbyterian Church on September 24 just before the Hymn-Sing. Copies of the proposed bylaws are on the information table.

Calling all ladies of New Hope! The Presbyterian Women invite you to attend the Circle Kick-off on September 10 at 10:00 a.m.. We invite all Circles (Agape, Joy and Jubilee) members, as well as anyone interested in attending Circle Bible lessons. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship, Bible study, and food! Pastor James will lead us in the first lesson of "Come to the Waters" by Judy Record Fletcher (Horizons study guide). All women are invited! Childcare will be available and we will meet in the "Sunshine Room" on the lower level.