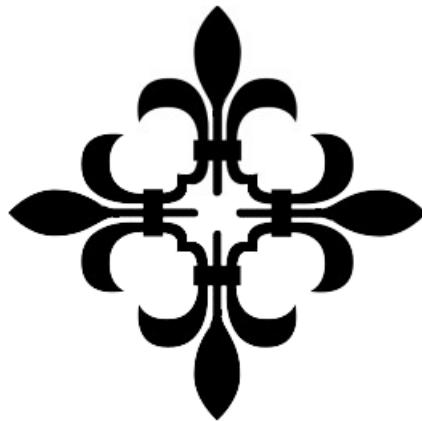


new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



August 3, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

Our worship stems from the Presbyterian/Reformed branch of the Christian faith, and you'll find much of what you need to participate in this bulletin. If you're unfamiliar with these traditions, you can also simply let the prayers of the community carry you forward. There is no wrong way to come to God in prayer. We're glad you're here.

During Today's Worship

We welcome to worship today the Traveling Minstrels: Christine Sasse, violin; Suzanne Harlamert, cello; and Carl Sasse, guitar. More about the Traveling Minstrels can be found on page 8.

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 found in the Outreach & Information Center in the narthex or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery (infant—Pre-K) in Room 204 (main level).

Worship Feast, an alternative Christian formation experience for elementary-age children is available during the service. Children who wish to participate may be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted across the hallway.

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.

Large-print bulletins are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you.

The offering...Your financial contributions to New Hope may be placed in one of the two offering stands located at the entry to the main sanctuary doors.

The Eucharist (the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion) is open to all the 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.

Restrooms are located on the south side of the building, across the hall from the kitchen. When you exit the worship space, turn left and they are down the hall on the right.

Liturgist: Deacon Bob Davenport

Acolyte: Libby Davenport

Tech team: Bill Lamey & Julie Nowakowski

Wifi network: NHPCGuest

Wifi password: Reformed

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

New Hope broadcasts our worship livestream to our website. The video and audio of the service are recorded and may be replayed. Your participation in our worship constitutes your consent for you and/or your child(ren) to have your image and/or voice potentially recorded and replayed.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Come with Joy

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

✠ This prayer is offered to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.

Lord make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

-attributed to Francis of Assisi (c. 1181-1226)

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Abby Davenport

What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?
**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**
...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Ps. 116:12-13

*HYMN 412

God, Reveal Your Presence

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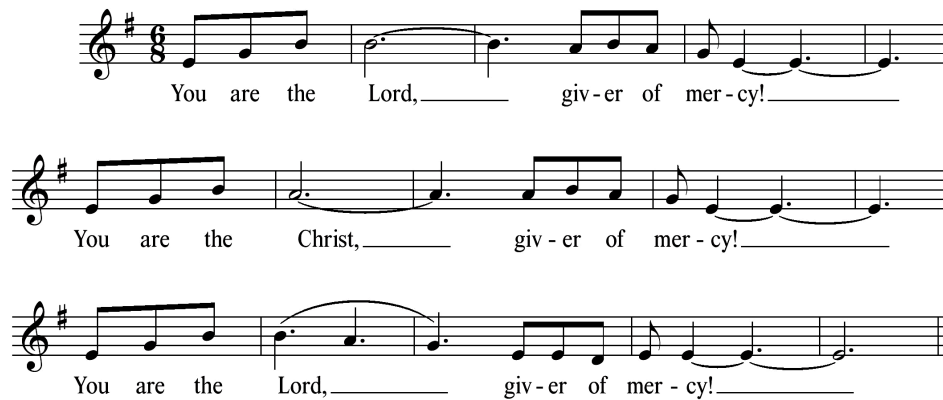
*THE CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, we confess
that we have not lived in faith and love.
You offer us the gift of salvation,
but we spend our lives in vain pursuits.
You provide enough for all to share,
but we store up treasures for ourselves.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to seek the way of heaven
and to let go of earthly desires
so that we might have abundant life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ *Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.*

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER



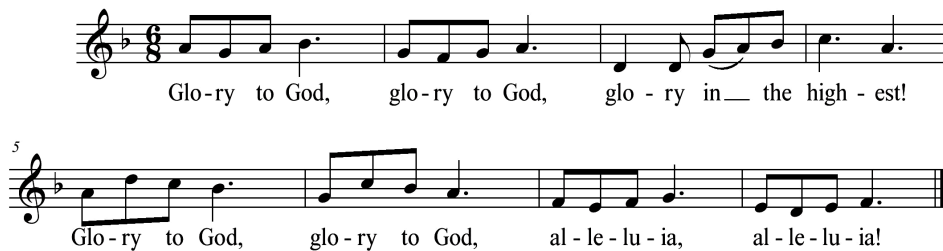
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

✠ *Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."*

Glory to God

GLORIA



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA 7



GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

✠ *A moment for silence and reflection.*

*HYMN 847

Our Hope, Our Life

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

...through Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

✠ *Financial contributions to the mission and ministry of New Hope may be placed through the slot of the offering stand located at the entry to the sanctuary, or securely online via the QR code on page 10.*

I Surrender All

arr. Victor C. Johnson

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.

...to seek and serve and sing your praise,
until you gather us up in glory
and bright, unending song.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

✠ Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. Please approach the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

✠ Please cup your hands to receive the bread. Gluten-free bread is available at the plate in the center.

Deep River (with Shall We Gather at the River)

arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



"I've Been Wondering..."
FAQs about Worship

Why does worship always begin with the greeting, "Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"? Why not simply, "Good morning"?

We never want to underestimate the power and importance of words. Such a greeting as "Good morning" is something we say to each other that constitutes "polite" speech. The reality, however, is that it is not always a "good" morning. Consider the man who just lost his job, or the woman who is mourning the death of a loved one. The quality of the day is beside the point of our gathering. We gather as Christians for worship not because it's a "good morning" or a "glorious day," because often it doesn't feel that way. We come together as the Church because of Jesus the Christ. Paul often addressed his congregations: *"Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."* Or *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all"* (2 Cor. 13:14). That is not something you will hear at a Rotary meeting or the Elk's Lodge. A greeting like this signifies that we are called together by a power far greater than ourselves. It sets the tone for *this* assembly.

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).

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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*Striving to welcome and include all,
worship God,
grow in Christian faith,
serve others,
and be God's love in the world.*

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Colleen Shear

Diaconate

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Bob Dencker
Jerry Dyer
Martha Lamey

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