

New Hope
Presbyterian Church



January 5, 2014

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 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, will not meet today, the first Sunday of the month, so that children may be with the congregation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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: (8:45) Craig Graber, Patrick Murphy (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Kirk Garten, Randy & Sylvia Malta and Kay McCarthy.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of Willie Oswald's birthday, given by Kurt & Jody Romkey.

Liturgist: Del Phillips

Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 150

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 or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 636/936. 2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Feast of the Epiphany

January 5, 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

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to cease talking and enter a period of quiet reflection.
This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

O Lord our God, your glory shines
as far as the east is from the west,
from the north to the south,
so that all people may see and be radiant,
so that every heart might thrill and rejoice.
Guide us on our baptismal journey in Christ.
Overwhelm us with the joy of your presence.
May we enter your house
and pay homage to him whose infant arms
were already reaching out to the ends of the earth
that all might be gathered in.
In your triune name, we pray. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY

***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.*** (Tune: OLD HUNDRETH LM, *Glory to God* 607)

*OPENING SENTENCES

We have seen the rising star;
the mystery of the ages is revealed.
The nations will come in wonder
to sing the praise of the Lord.

Is. 60:3,6; Matt.2:2; Eph.3:5

+ *HYMN 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

*THE CONFESSION

God-with-us,
we confess that we have not embraced your love.
You have searched for us,
and yet we hide from you.
You have lavished us with blessing,
and yet we treasure earthly things.
Forgive us, loving God.
Shine on us with grace and glory
and reveal to us your promise:
good news of great joy in 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

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
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 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.*** (Tune: GLORIA PATRI, *Glory to God* 581)

(11:00) ANTHEM

As Shepherds Kept Their Lonely Vigil

arr. Sally DeFord

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

PSALTER

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

All Hail to God's Anointed (Glory to God 149)
The cantor/choir will sing and the congregation may sing along.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3: 1-12

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (v.5)
***Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.*** (Tune: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, *Glory to God* 151)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2: 1-12

THE ALLELUIA (*Glory to God 586*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Tune: ALLELUIA 7, *Glory to God 586*)

SERMON

The Rev. Robert J. Hagel

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 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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

☞ All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*HYMN 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.

Kindly return your hymn books to the carts in the narthex.



“I’ve Been Wondering…”
FAQs about Worship

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.

Why are those baskets near the Lord’s Table and what do we do with them?

During the invitation to the Lord’s Table, the presider says, “Come, share the feast of the risen Christ.” The Lord’s Supper, the Eucharist, is a meal of thanksgiving to which we are invited by Christ to feed upon God and be nourished for our spiritual journey of faith. This is a meal that cannot be shared or celebrated too often. Welcomed by Christ, we come to the Table for our spiritual nourishment, but we do so not for ourselves alone. The meal is not simply for our own spiritual contentment, but serves also as fuel for our discipleship in service to others. Coming to the Lord’s Table, we act out that Day when “people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29). The Lord’s Table is one at which all will be fed and no one will go away hungry.

Until that Day, we live our faith by seeing to it that the hungry among us have food to eat. So, as an expression of our faith and commitment to help the poor, the baskets near the Lord’s Table are for us to fill with non-perishable food. You may bring the food with you and place it in the baskets as you come forward to the Table, or you may place it in the baskets at any other time that is convenient for you. Once a month, following our sharing of the Lord’s Supper, we bless the food in the baskets, giving thanks to God for those who have brought it, as well as for those who will receive it and be strengthened by it. Then, our children and youth carry the food out of the sanctuary to be delivered to the O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry. On the second Saturday of the month, our youth and others work at the Food Pantry, distributing the food to the hungry. So come, share the feast of the risen Christ and be filled with God. Then go, feed others as Christ has fed you.

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Laura Brown, *Office Manager*
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Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Bailey Hight, *Child Care Provider*
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Preschool Teachers

Lori Christensen
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Session

2013
Rick Cassetta
Linda Dencker
Mark Everly
Holly Martinez
Julie Nowakowski
Tyler Etling

2014
Miranda Fleschert
Ruth Irvine, Clerk
Jim Pettit
Susan Phillips
Allen Sebaugh

2015
Katie Harmon
Neal Powers
Michael Ray
Nancy Taylor

Deacons

2013
Donna Huffman
Bill Irvine

2014
Kimm Besgrove
Don Higgason
Pat Murphy

2015
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

News & Opportunities

Sunday, January 5th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Session Coordinating Council	Conference Room

Tuesday, January 7th

7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
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Wednesday, January 8th

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space

Thursday, January 9th

10:00 a.m.	Jubilee Circle	Senior High Room
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room

Friday, January 10th

9:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Lower Level Kitchen
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Saturday, January 11th

9:45 a.m.	Youth at OASIS Food Pantry	
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Sunday, January 12th

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Education	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Lower Level
3:00 p.m.	Mid High Youth	Demolition Ball
3:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth	Demolition Ball
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Senior High Room

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

2014 Giving Envelopes are available by the Information Table. Please make sure to stop by and pick up your giving envelopes for next year!

2013 Giving Statements will be available by the Information Table in the Narthex beginning Sunday, January 12th. Please remember to pick up your statement while at church!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, January 19th at 12:00 pm in the Worship Space. Annual reports will be available to the congregation beginning Friday, January 17th. Annual reports will be emailed to members and a limited number of reports will be available in hard copy. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the report, please call or email the church office.

2014 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2014 Flower Calendar is available in the Narthex. Sign up for flowers to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or to remember a loved one. Flowers are \$30.00 and may be taken home after the second service each week.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

For members who participate in the electronic funds transfer program through VANCO: Please remember that if you changed your monthly contribution amount for 2014, you must also update that amount through VANCO. Please contact the church office or go online to our website at www.newhopepc.org if you have any questions..

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study: "Into the World: the Acts of the Apostles"
 Tuesday, January 21 – April 22, 2014
 Morning Session 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.; Evening Session 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
 Senior High Room, Lower Level
 Cost: \$20.00/Resource Book
 Leader: Barbi Smith

Luke is your guide as you relive the events of the early church. Catch the wind of the same spirit that brings renewed life to today's Christians. Participants visit the key personalities, review their activities, reflect on their meaning, and discover their message to the Church today. 14 Sessions. Sign up for this course on the sign up sheet on the information table in the Narthex or email Barbi Smith at stlbarbi99@gmail.com. Childcare will be provided.

CHILDREN

Today, January 5th **January 12th**
Infant Nursery
Carol Dodds Nancy Taylor
Pre-K Nursery
Barbi Smith Vicky Koonley

The infant nursery is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

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
January 5th - No Worship Feast
January 12th - Bridget Dekeuster

Kid's Fellowship Club is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade and meets on Sundays from 3:00 until 4:30 pm in the lower level of the church, unless otherwise indicated.

January 5th - no KFC due to Christmas break!
January 12th - Game Night - Bring your favorite board game! We'll try to play them all!

MISSION

JANUARY MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans stew, 1 box rice or pasta mix, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, butter, 1 box/bag cookies

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at both services.

Lectionary for Sunday, January 12, 2014

Isaiah 42: 1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10: 34-43
Matthew 3: 13-17

The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm. Singers of all talents are needed and welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Brian Parrish at bparrish@newhopepc.org.

The Handbell Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. For more information, please contact Terry Martinez.

SANCTUARY SHAWLS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has provided a basket of sanctuary shawls which is located on the table in the Narthex. These shawls may be used during the cold-weather months if anyone feels chilly when he/she comes into the church. Please feel free to take one if you'd like, use it during church, and then return it to the basket following service.

WELCOME TABLE VOLUNTEERS

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to help staff the Welcome Table during 2014. This includes meeting and directing visitors, welcoming first time visitors and acting as welcome director on Sunday mornings. If you're out-going and like meeting new people, this volunteer position is perfect for you! Contact Jim Pettit or the church office if you're interested in learning more!

YOUTH NEWS

Mid High meets on Sundays at 3:00 pm in the Mid High Room. Senior High meets on Sundays at 4:30 pm in the Senior High Room.
January 5th - No Youth Group meetings due to Christmas break!
January 11th - OASIS Food Pantry at 9:45 am
January 12th - Demolition Ball: Cost is \$20, includes an hour of Demolition ball, pizza and soda. We will meet there! Time TBA!
Confirmation begins at 6p.m. that evening!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save the date for the January PW meeting on Sunday, January 26th following the 11 o'clock service. PW will be working with the youth to present a lunch and guest speaker with a focus on mission to others. More information will follow. Have a blessed holiday season!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

2014-2015 Preschool Enrollment
On January 26th church members will have the opportunity to enroll their preschooler in New Hope Presbyterian Preschool's 2013-2014 school year! We are accepting 2+'s (2 years and 9 months prior to start of class), 3's (3 years old by July 31, 2013) and older 3's (4 years old by December, 2013) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday the 4's (4 years old before August 1) and 5's (5 years old by December, 2014) can enjoy the program. There is a \$60 registration fee per child. We also offer Adventure Club as an extended option and before and after school care for those enrolled in preschool. If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Pearson at 636-922-9900 or email at spears@newhopepc.org.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

To send a job lead for Employment Ministry, visit the church website at www.newhopepc.org and click on the "Employment Ministry" tab under "Ministries". At the bottom of the page is a link that opens an email to us!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Do you have a group that meets at New Hope? If so, please make sure that your event is on the church calendar! Whether a one time meeting, or regularly scheduled event, please call Laurie Brown at the church office to verify that your group is on the schedule. With more and more groups using our beautiful building, it's becoming necessary to make sure that events are properly scheduled! Thanks for your cooperation!

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Jubilee Circle will be meeting at 10:00 am on Thursday, January 9th in the Senior High Room
Joy Circle will be meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

COMMUNICATIONS

Help us keep in touch! If you are not already on the New Hope email list, join now and receive weekly newsletters before Sunday, as well as other updates that are important to members and friends. Just visit the New Hope website at www.newhopepc.org to register. Click on the "Contact Us" button on the right side and choose "Join Email List". You can then choose the email notices you wish to receive. Call the church office with questions!