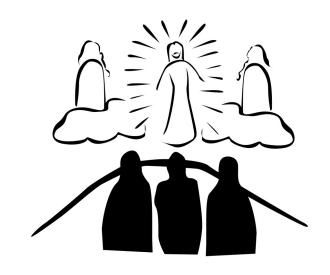
# New Hope Presbyterian Church



March 2, 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 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, will not meet to-day, 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 fellows worshipers, 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, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta, Kay McCarthy.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in memory of Awbry Smith, given by Ernest Smith.

**Lituraist:** Del Phillips

Acolyte: (11:00) Ryan Dittmar Water Bearer: (11:00) Quinn Barbee Sound Booth Technician: (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Russell Dittmar

Last Sunday's Attendance: 189

### 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

## Transfiguration of the Lord

### March 2, 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.

God of majesty and might,

Psalm 99:4; 2 Peter1:18

you have blessed us with revelations of your glory.

Give us the gift of faith,

that we may hear your voice for ourselves

and see Jesus Christ revealed to us

that we may stand on our own without fear. 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

The Lord said to Moses: Come up to the mountain,

Ex. 24:12, 16-17

and the glory of the Lord shone all around.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

Jesus led his disciples up a high mountain, and he was transfigured, shining like the sun.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

Matt. 17:1-2

\*THE CONFESSION

+\*HYMN 263

God of glory, we confess

that we have not sought your face.

Your light shines all around us

and yet we fail to see it.
Your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen.
Forgive us; give us grace.
Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our mission, each day, to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
We look to false gods for help

Worshipers 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 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 Only God Mary McDonald

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 24: 12-18

\*PSALTER Psalm 2

Why Do Nations Rage Together (Glory to God 758)

EPISTLE READING 2 Peter 1: 16-21

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION Raise a Song of Gladness (Glory to God 155) JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth. Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart! GOSPEL READING Matthew 17: 1-9

THE ALLELUIA (Glory to God 587)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**SFRMON** 

### 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 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CELTIC ALLELUIA

### 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

Upon extending the bread and cup toward the congregation...

Holy things for holy people.

Only one is holy, one is Lord: Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

### 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

### \*BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

HYMN 33 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

LLANFAIR

The liturgy continues...

**PSALTER** 

Psalm 139, selections

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me... Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you... How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you. Amen.

**Congregation: Take the Alleluia from us.** 

Take down the colors of rejoicing and replace them with purple, the color of penitence and preparation.

If we are to rise with Christ, we must die to our old selves.

The Alleluia banner is removed and the paraments are changed to purple.

The Alleluia is gone. The colors of joy are put away. No more shall our hearts sing Alleluia until that day when our Christ is raised Son of God in power.

We wait and count the days.

Watch and pray.

Watch and pray that we will not enter into temptation.

Watch and pray that we will be found ready when our Christ returns.

**PRAYER** 

### \*BLESSING & CHARGE

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

We have worshiped our God and been reminded of all that the Lord has done for us. Go from this place to share the love of God.

We have put away the Alleluia, for there is a time for everything, and we prepare ourselves for the mystery of Christ's passion. It is the time to consider the depths of God's love and human sinfulness—and how God's love is triumphant.

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit.

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

### Why do we "bury" the alleluias at the start of Lent?

What we do with *alleluias* only makes sense in context with the larger meaning of Lent. So let's start there. Lent arrives each year as the earth prepares to awaken from its winter slumber. So, too, does the church prepare itself for renewal in the springtime of Christ's resurrection. Lent is about the church recovering its center in the dying and rising of Christ as well as preparing candidates being called by God to the waters of baptism. In short, we all learn again how deep is our hunger for God. Marking this spiritual journey are faith practices: communion with God, restraint from excess, and generous sharing. We know these practices as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. When we bury *alleluias* at the start of Lent, we begin a "fast" from using a word which is pungent with the fragrance of Easter. Like seed planted in the soil, we put away our *alleluias* until that time (at the Great Vigil of Easter) when their return to the liturgy trumpets the glory of the resurrection. So, on Transfiguration Sunday, we sing an entire feast of *alleluias* and, then, with reverence and joy, place them in a "coffin" for 40 days.

## Lent & Holy Week at New Hope

March 5 Ash Wednesday

5:45 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Word & Sacrament

with Imposition of Ashes

March 9, 16, 23, 30 1st-5th Sundays in Lent

April 6

8:45 a.m. Word & Sacrament 11:00 a.m. Word & Sacrament

April 13 Palm Sunday

8:45 a.m. Word & Sacrament 11:00 a.m. Word & Sacrament

**April 17** *Maundy Thursday* 7:00 p.m. Word & Sacrament

April 18 Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Service of the Word

With the choir singing The Cruci@ixion

April 19 Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter

A service of Light, Readings, Baptism & Eucharist

April 20 Easter Day—The Festival of the Resurrection

8:45 a.m. Word & Sacrament 11:00 a.m. Word & Sacrament

# Notes

# New Hope Presbyterian Church

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The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, Pastor
Barbara Smith, Director of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation
Kathryn Sternhagen, Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Stacy Pearson, Director of the Preschool
Brian Parrish, Director of Music Ministries
Mike Greene, Pianist
Laura Brown, Office Manager
Monica Schrautemeier, Child Care Provider
Audrey Chipley, Child Care Provider
Marion Hamilton, Child Care Provider
Bailey Hight, Child Care Provider
Vickie Moore, Sexton
Cecilia Pomaa, Sexton

### Session

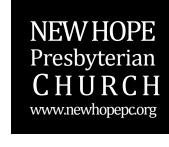
Fellowship Jim Pettit (2014) Katie Harmon (2015) Craig Graber (2016)

Formation for Discipleship Susan Phillips (2014) Lauren Martinez (2014) Nancy Taylor (2015) Shelley Geiger (2016) Ministry, Mission & Evangelism Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014) Neal Powers (2015) Jim Salter (2016)

Worship, Music & the Arts Michael Ray (2015) Linda Dencker (2016) Administration & Support Allen Sebaugh (2014) Rob Matheny (2015) Bill Pires (2016)

### Diaconate

2014 Kimm Besgrove Jennifer Everly Don Higgason Pat Murphy 2015 Jerry Dyer Jackie Etling Bill Judd Kristen Moore Jim Phillips 2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Richard Taylor
Stan Whiteley



# News & Opportunities

March 9th! Don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD one hour!

Spring Directories are now available! Copies are available on the Information Table and are labeled with each family's name.

### PW SCHOLARSHIP

### **Attention New Hope high school seniors:**

Presbyterian Women is excited to announce the first annual scholarship for our graduating high school seniors. Applications for this \$1,000 merit scholarship are available on the Information Table in the narthex and on the church website. All applications are due to the church office by 2:00 pm on March 23. 2014. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, May 4, 2014. For more information contact Ann Schmid, PW moderator, 636-699-2142, or ann\_schmid1@yahoo.com.

### THANK YOU!

personal hygiene items for the homeless! Your contributions help provide personal care packages to those in need. Please keep the donations coming! A list of items needed is available on the Information Table.

Kathy Freeman

### **NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday,

Please take only one directory per family!

Thank you to everyone who donated

and at www.newhopepc.org. The New Hope Presbyterian Church • Christopher Q. James, Pastor

**CALENDAR** 

Session Coordinating Council

Senior High Fundraising Dinner

**Employment Ministry Committee** 

Worship Space

**Worship Space** 

Lower Level

Worship Space

Conference Room

Senior High Room

Conference Room

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Senior High Room

Senior High Room

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**Worship Space** 

Mid High Room

Senior High Room

Senior High Room

Lower Level

Narthex

Various Locations

Conference Room

Lower Level Kitchen

Various Locations

Conference Room

Senior High Room

Word & Sacrament

**Christian Formation** 

Word & Sacrament

**Confirmation Class** 

**Deacons Meeting** 

Adult Bible Study

Ash Wednesday

Worship Service

Staff Meeting

Soup Supper

Choir Practice

**Jubilee Circle** 

Agape Circle

Joy Circle

**Employment Ministry** 

**PW Coordinating Team** 

Word & Sacrament

**Christian Formation** 

Word & Sacrament

Inquirer's Luncheon

Kids Fellowship Club

Mid High Fellowship

**Confirmation Class** 

Senior High Fellowship

Youth at OASIS Food Pantry

A.A.

Kids Fellowship Club

Sunday, March 2nd

8:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

12:15 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:45 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

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4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 9th

Friday, March 7th

Saturday, March 8th

Monday, March 3rd

Tuesday, March 4th

Wednesday, March 5th

Thursday, March 6th

Church office: 1580 Kisker Road, St. Charles, MO 63304; 636.936.2200

News & Opportunities, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex

## **ASH WEDNESDAY - SOUP SUPPER** Ash Wednesday (March 5th) marks the

In worship, at 7:00 pm, we will observe the

beginning of Lent, the 40 days of prayer,

fasting, and preparation before Easter.

imposition of ashes and share the Lord's Supper. Ashes, placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross, are a powerful symbol of both our own mortality and the need for repentance and forgiveness. Before worship, the Fellowship Committee will serve a simple soup supper at 5:45 pm, with breads, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and drinks. Cost: \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Sign-up inserts are available on the Welcome Table today. Please RSVP by placing the completed form in the offering plate along with your cash or check made out to NHPC and marked Soup Supper.

### **INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON**

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, March 9th at 12:15 p.m. for those interested in uniting with our congregation in membership. This will be a time of conversation to get to know one another better and to answer any questions you might have about New Hope. Childcare will be available for those who need it. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@newhopepc.org.

### **CHILDREN**

Today, March 2nd March 9th

Infant Nursery

Alison Marshall Ruth Connor

Pre-K Nursery

Jen Bommarito Katie Sternhagen

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 March 2nd - No Worship Feast March 9th - Barbi Smith & Nancy Taylor

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm? go=s.SignupLogin&urlid=10C0F4FA9A829A7 FA7-child

Use access code 1580 to log in.

**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.

March 2nd - Kids in the Kitchen March 9th - Blankets for Friends of Kids with Cancer

April 25th - Spring Overnight! Stay tuned for details!

### **KFC & YOUTH SWIMMING**

March 23, KFC and Youth Groups are going to the RENAUD CENTER for a WINTER SWIM PARTY. Time: 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$5.00/ person swimming. Younger siblings are welcome if parent is swimming with them!

### **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, March 9, 2014

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

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.

### **SAFE SANCTUARY CLASS**

A Safe Sanctuary Certification Class will be offered on Tuesday, March 11 in the Conference Room. All volunteers who work with children are required to complete the class and submit to a background check through the Missouri State Police. The class will take about an hour. Childcare will be provided if requested. Please register for this class by contacting Barbi Smith at stlbarbi99@gmail.com or 636 936-2200.

### **FEMALE CONNECTION**

Leaping Leprechauns during Lent The Female Connection is going to play "Bunco" for a celebration of St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 13 at 7 PM in the Narthex at the Church. Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. All women are invited to attend; no sign-up is necessary and we'll show you how to play (it's extremely easy). Following Bunco tradition, please bring a gift in the range of \$5-8 to exchange at the end of play. Some type of Easter or spring decoration would be appropriate. Wear your green!! Also, please bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!

### **YOUTH NEWS**

**March 2nd** - Senior High Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner! See below.

Get in touch with your inner-Cajun and be ready to celebrate the Senior High Mardi Gras dinner tonight! Doors open at 5p.m. Find a signup sheet on the information table or email Katie at ksternhagen@newhopepc.org.

### SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

OASIS Update: What a wonderful opportunity we embraced on Souper Bowl Sunday! The youth of our church challenged all of us to donate food products and money for the OASIS food pantry. We collected 402 cans and \$370 for OASIS. Thank you all for your generosity and your Christian spirit of caring for others.

Angel Tree Update: Last December, the Deacons sponsored three families and gift ideas for them were attached to our "angel tree" for the congregation to purchase. Thanks to all of you who were able to help. We made Christmas a bit brighter for three families which included four adults and eight children under the age of ten. Approximately 75 gifts were purchased for our "angel" families and the gifts ranged from socks to iPods to rent assistance. It's hard to gauge the amount of money that was spent to sponsor our "angel" families, but rest assured that those children and their parents thanked us through their smiles and tears of joy. What a blessed Christmas ministry that the Deacons encourage and that the congregation responds with amazing generosity. Thank vou!

### **MISSION**

### MARCH MEAL-A-MONTH

1 boxed meal, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save the date of Sunday, March 23rd for the next PW meeting! We will be celebrating our "Hats on for Cancer" that day and commemorating our donations to "Friends of Kids with Cancer." A decorated hat box will be on the Welcome Table during Sundays in March encouraging all church members to prayerfully contribute their donations to this valuable organization. During the meeting, Ann Schmid will share a presentation on "Hats in Art". Lunch will be Subway sandwiches, chips and cookies. Look for reservation forms on the Information Table and the PW Bulletin Board. Place reservation forms in the offering baskets or church office. Please bring individually sealed candy and/ or stickers of help stuff Easter Eggs for the church Easter Egg Hunt. Be sure to wear your hats on Sunday, March 23rd!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

This year's Vacation Bible School, Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God, is scheduled for July 13 - 17 (a.m. session) and July 14 - 18 (p.m. session).

Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God's love with boys and girls age 2 through sixth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Watch for the sign up sheet on the Information Table in the next few weeks!

### **ADULT MISSION TRIP**

The ADULT MISSION TRIP to Pensacola, Florida to work with Habitat for Humanity is June 7 - 14, 2014. Since this is a non-budgeted event, there will be several fundraisers to support it in the near future. If you are interested in going on the trip, there is information on the Information Table or you can contact Barbi Smith at 936-2200 or bsmith@newhopepc.org. If you are unable to go on the trip, but would like to support it, please watch for news of the Mission Trip fundraisers!