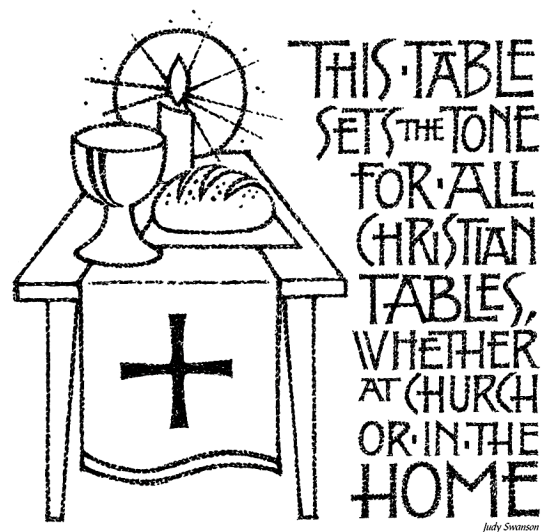


New Hope Presbyterian Church



August 16, 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 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley, Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Joe Seidler.

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary, given by Kirk and Deb Garten.

Liturgist: Lindy Stacy

Sound Booth: Mike Dame

Last Sunday's Attendance: 166

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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

PRELUDE

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.

Eternal God,
our Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven.
Help those who receive his body and blood
to be the body of Christ for the world,
sharing the riches of his grace
with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life;
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. 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

Give thanks to God with all your heart.

Great are the works of the Lord!

The Lord is gracious and merciful to us,
faithfully feeding us, day by day.

+ *HYMN 504

We Come as Guests Invited

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*THE CONFESSION

Holy Lord,

**you offer us the bread of heaven
that provides eternal nourishment.**

Yet we seek a fast food diet of beliefs and practices
that do not satisfy the hunger in our souls.

Forgive us.

Help us to rely on a feast that will last,
a feast of justice, mercy, forgiveness, and love.

Help us to walk away from meals of greed,
comfort, convenience, and self reliance.

Invite us, again and again, to feast at your abundant table,
where there is room enough for all.

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 9: 1-6

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5: 15-20

*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

John 6: 51-58

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.

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 522

I Am the Bread of Life

I AM THE BREAD

Cantor, verses

Congregation, refrain

(Refrain)

***And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.***

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

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*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 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 all the time and it 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's not. 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 that 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 pour water into the font?

In ancient times, people regarded flowing water as living water. Standing water was (and is) known to become stagnant, but flowing water was and continues to be a habitat for life. We pour water into the font not just on those occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, but on every occasion we gather for worship because it is the waters of baptism that signify who we are as God's beloved. Baptism is not merely a static event in the life of an individual, but a dynamic process of living by God's grace into the fullness of life in the Christian community. When water is poured in the liturgy, we hear the sound of God's baptismal grace and we see anew the water that sustains life on earth and our life with God. It reminds us of our baptismal identity as God's own, of our ongoing need for God's grace, and of our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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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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

Sunday, August 16th

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

Monday, August 17th

7:00 p.m.	Ministry Mission & Evangelism	Conference Room
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Tuesday, August 18th

6:30 p.m.	Worship, Music & Arts Committee	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space

Wednesday, August 19th

6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Youth Room
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space

Thursday, August 20th

5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Narthex

Sunday, August 16th

9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 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.

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News & Opportunities

August 16, 2015

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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Birth—Toddler: meet in the upstairs nursery
Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level
K - Grade 5: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level
Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level
Contemporary Issues (Adults) - meets in the Conference Room
Reflecting on Your Faith Journey (Adult Discussion Class)-meets in Room 103 (The Gathering Place)
Today's discussion prompt: *Why are you a part of New Hope Presbyterian Church?*

FINANCIAL CORNER

July Contributions	34,587.46
Monthly Budget	<u>34,891.00</u>
	- 303.54
Contributions to date	251,282.95
Budget to date	<u>244,237.00</u>
	7,045.95

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS

We are collecting school supplies for needy students. The following are items needed to help equip students for a successful year: pencils, crayons, markers, glue, loose leaf paper, spiral notebooks, backpacks, pocket folders, colored pencils, pencil boxes, scissors, and pens. There is a collection box located by the food pantry donation baskets. Please consider donating a few items! Supplies are being collected through August 23rd.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, August 30th at 11:45 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. Please RSVP to Laurie Meinert in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@nhpres.org. Childcare is available upon request.

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
August 16th—Tara Larrew & Jane Cox
August 23rd—Linda Carr & Kelly Hantack

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>

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 gently used purses and tins to use for the cookies. There is a crate available by the Information Table for your donations. Please call the church office if you have any questions and thank you, in advance, for your donations!

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, August 23, 2015
1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6: 10-20
John 6: 56-69

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

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 \$5,115.39 which is 48% 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.

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE KIDS!

Formation for Discipleship is looking for a few more New Hope Sunday School Teachers for the 2015-16 school year! Teachers join teams of 3-4, and take turns leading lessons with our awesome New Hope Children and Youth. Open positions are in Birth-Toddler, Grade 3-5, and Youth Classes. Please contact Shelley Geiger at 636-578-8328 or slg925@aol.com for more information

AUGUST MEAL-A-MONTH

1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF NEW HOPE!

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). If you need a book, please contact either Alyssa Murray at amurray03@live.com or 636-875-6277 or leave a check in the church office, payable to New Hope Presbyterian Church, earmarked "PW Horizons Book". They are \$8.50 each. We hope all women of the church will be able to attend. Childcare will be available and we will meet in the "Sunshine Room" on the lower level.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, September 26, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
I hope you’ve heard about the mission event we’re planning. 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 the packing crew 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!). If you’d like to know more, please contact Jim Cox, Jim Salter, Mary Powers, or Mark Everly.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- At its meeting last Monday, August 10, the Session:
- agreed to serve as the host site for the 2016 planning retreat of our presbytery’s Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team;
 - endorsed a matching-funds grant application from the presbytery for Pastor James to attend a course in mediation skills in Chicago, Oct. 5-9;
 - received the report of the Strategic Planning Team and began to coordinate its implementation;
 - as a part of the strategic planning process, approved funding for church leaders to attend the catechumenate training institute (a process of intentional faith formation) in Sacramento, Oct. 1-3;
 - approved the position description and compensation range of the new Children’s & Youth Ministries Coordinator; and
 - began the process of developing the annual operating budget for 2016.

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 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