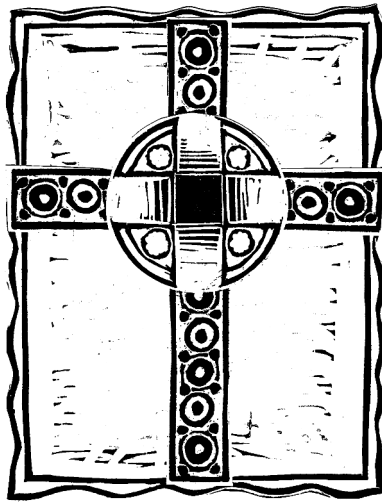


new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Advent Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 17, 2017

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 worship today the music of *A Fifth Above Woodwind Quintet*, who will play several selections. The Quintet is composed of Andrea Clark, flute; Cathy Woelbling-Paul, oboe; Katie Myler, clarinet; Daniel Shavers, bassoon; and Doug Luke, horn. Each of these outstanding musicians is an active performer in ensembles including the St. Louis Wind Symphony, St. Louis Civic Orchestra, Gateway Festival Orchestra, Illinois Symphony, St. Louis Philharmonic, University City Symphony Orchestra, Washington University Orchestra, and the Town and Country Symphonic Orchestra.

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 in the Outreach & Information Center in the foyer or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in 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, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door 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: (8:45) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Ken Pinkley, Todd & Liz Rasche, Joe Seidler.

Liturgist: Ruth Irvine

Sound Booth: (8:45) Cary Lippert (11:00) Jim Pettit

Last Sunday's Attendance: 195

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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
Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE (8:45) *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Mark Hayes
(11:00) *Two American Carols* arr. David Bussick
A Fifth Above Woodwind Quintet

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

Prayer of Preparation

Merciful God of peace,
your word, spoken by the prophets,
restores your people's life and hope.
Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace,
that we may hold fast to your great goodness
and in our lives proclaim your justice in all the world. Amen.

+ *OPENING HYMN 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come* WAITING

*LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE † (8:45) Jared & Tara Larrew, Madison,
OPENING SENTENCES McKenzie, & Samantha; and Camellia Callahan
O Radiant Dawn, (11:00) Erik & Marion Hamilton, Jonathan & Matthew

splendor of eternal light,
Sun of justice:
Come, shine on those who live in darkness
and in the shadow of death.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Ruler of the nations,
Monarch for whom the people long,
you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity:
Come, save us all,
whom you formed out of clay.

Come, Lord Jesus.

While the advent candle is lighted, the congregation will sing O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

+ *HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Day-spring, come— and cheer our spi-rits by thine ad - vent here; dis -
O come, Des - ire of na - tions, bind all peo-ples in one heart— and mind; bid

perse the gloom - y clouds— of night, and death's dark shad-ows put— to flight.
en - vy, strife, and dis - cord cease; fill the whole worldwith heav - en's peace.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

*THE CONFESSION

God our Maker, we confess
that we are not ready to meet you.
You send your Spirit to release us,
yet we remain captivated by sin.
You stand among us in Christ Jesus,
yet we claim we do not know you.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Make us holy; make us whole.
Keep us safe and sound
until the day of your coming;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

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

+ RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)*

GLORIA

Glo - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

PICARDY

Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu-ia, Lord most high.

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(8:45)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Mark Hayes

(11:00)

Silent Night

arr. Mark Miller

A Fifth Above Woodwind Quintet

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,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, reign - ing God of
pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,
all cre - a - tion seeks your light! Bles-sed is the one who
comes in your name. Bles-sed be the Lord most high!

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation sings,

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen,
Christ the Lord will come a - - gain.

The prayer continues. After the words, "...you are all in all, one God, now and forever," the congregation sings,

A - - - men, a - - - men.
A - - - - - men, a - - - men.

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

**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.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*(8:45)
(11:00)*

*While We Are Waiting, Come
Festival of Carols
A Fifth Above Woodwind Quintet*

Don Cason
arr. Paul Nagle

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

O ANTIPHONS

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting in expectant hope for the coming of the Savior at Christmas. That waiting and expectancy is revealed in the O Antiphons, a litany for the season of Advent with a recurring cry of “Come, Lord Jesus.” The O Antiphons are so named because each of them begins with the interjection “O.” Of uncertain origin, they were in use by the eighth century, and were highly regarded during the Middle Ages. Making use of Old Testament images as descriptors of Christ, the O Antiphons were sung before and after the chanting of the *Magnificat* (Mary’s song, Luke 1:46-55) in evening prayer during the last week of Advent, from December 17th through 23rd. The first letters of the key Latin words—Sapientia (Wisdom), Adonai (Lord), Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse), Clavis David (Key of David), Oriens (Sunrise), Rex Gentium (King of Nations), and Emmanuel (God with us)—when read backward, spell “Ero cras,” “I shall be there tomorrow,” that is, on December 24th.

New Hope member Bob Dencker has created paintings depicting each of the O Antiphons, which will appear over the course of the season of Advent. Today’s paintings depict the fifth and sixth of the O Antiphons—*O Radiant Dawn* (Zechariah 6:12) and *O Ruler of the Nations* (Haggai 2:8).

† THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter’s season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that great day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ’s coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles to symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Prayer of Preparation, as found in *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2002), 33.

Opening Sentences, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 167.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," words and music in the public domain.

Prayer of Confession, as found in *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching & the Arts*, Vol. 51.1, 16.

"Angels We Have Heard on High," words and music in the public domain.

"Alleluia," words and music in the public domain.

"Sanctus," "Memorial Acclamation," and "Great Amen," setting to the tune, PICARDY, and arranged by Kimberly Bracken Long.

PRAYERS

of Joy

the birth of Gil Rin Mackin, to Stephanie & Stephen Mackin (grandson of Deb & Edd Mackin, October 26)
the birth of William Andrew Fletcher, to Nicki & Andy Fletcher (grandson of Jeff & Ruth Connor, October 9)
the birth of Rosemarie Lyla Beselman, to Katie & Mark Besselman (September 23)

for Healing & Wholeness

Michael McCallister (cousin of Laura Eikmann)	Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)
Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)	Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)
Eric Rudolph (son of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)	Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Mryl Daniels (friend of Carl & Carolyn Doerr)	Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Joe Axetell	Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Jim Finks	Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Mike Dame	Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)	Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)	Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)	Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)	Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Herb Gibbs	Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)
Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)	David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)
Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)	Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)
Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)	Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)
Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)	Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)
Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)	Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)
Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)	Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)	Sheri Clayton
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)	Garry Clayton
Fay Teacutter	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
Susan Phillips	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
Anna Mae Richardson	W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)
John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)	Bob Mudrovic
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)	
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)	

for the Grieving

Kathy & Gary Freeman on the death of her father, Jack Cassidy (December 7)
Chris & Laurie Meinert on the death of his mother, Jane Meinert (November 9)
Mary Powers on the death of her mother, Mary Stahr Harris (September 28)
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of his sister, Ruth Gnau (September 26)
Barb Knes and family on the death of her father, Norris Dalton (September 10)

for the World and its People

victim of the fires in California
victims of the attack in Texas
victims of the attack in New York
victims of the attack in Las Vegas

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

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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.*

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Dr. Gay Holmes Spears, *Director of Music Ministries*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*

Session

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

2019
Jerry Dyer
Kirk Garten
Bill Lamey
Alyssa Murray
Sue White

Diaconate

2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Stan Whiteley

2018
Mark Besselman
Bill Irvine, Moderator
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey

2019
Sharon Barnes
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