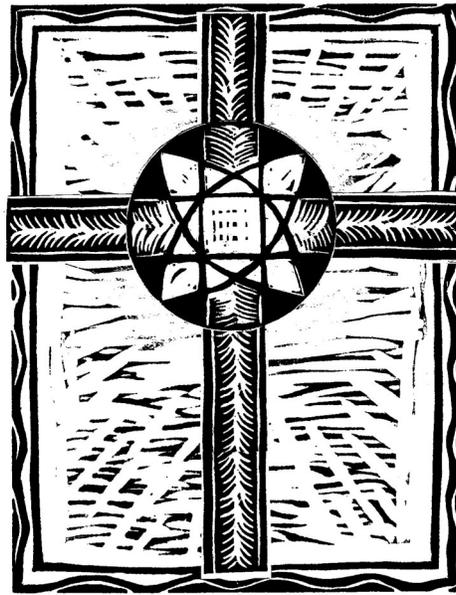


# New Hope Presbyterian Church



Christmas Cross, Kelly Rider (kellyrider.com)

December 28, 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, is available during the 11:00 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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

**Ushering for today's worship:** (8:45) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill (11:00) Jerry Brown, Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly

**Sound Booth:** (8:45) Mike Dame (11:00) Bill Irvine

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 211

### **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 (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  
*First Sunday after Christmas*

December 28, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

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**THE GATHERING**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer of Preparation

*This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

Loving God, in your child Jesus Christ  
our eyes have truly seen your glory  
and the wonder of your saving power.  
By your Spirit, send us out in peace—  
proclaiming good news to all people,  
sharing the light of your revelation,  
growing in strength and in wisdom,  
and worshiping you night and day;  
through Christ, your promised Word. 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

Rejoice in God! Marvel at all that God has done!

**Our eyes have seen the glory of God, made known to us.**

Rejoice in God, Creator of all that has life.

**Our eyes have seen the love of God, come to us in a baby.**

Rejoice in God, giver of redemption and grace.

**Our eyes have seen God's redeeming love, alive in Jesus.**

Rejoice in God, the Spirit of peace and grace.

**Our eyes have seen the power of God, at work in changing the world.**

+ \*HYMN 145

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

\*THE CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we confess  
that we fail to live in your light.  
You reveal your saving love,  
but we hide your love from others.  
You claim us as your children,  
but we do not claim you as our God.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Let your will be done in our lives  
so that we may live in peace  
according to your word;  
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 *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

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 4: 4-7

\*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Angels from the Realms of Glory (V.4)(Glory to God 143)*

REGENT SQUARE

***All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!***

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 22-40

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

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.*

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

**Mackenzie Jane Moore**

Daughter of John & Kristen Moore

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

\*PROFESSION – *the Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

LAYING ON OF HANDS

HYMN 486

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

WELCOME

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ**

**and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God**

**and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

***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.*

#### PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE SENDING***  
*Love Has Come*

\*HYMN 110

BRING A TORCH

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



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Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

## ***Session***

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

*Formation for Discipleship*  
Susan Phillips (2014)  
Lauren Martinez (2014)  
Deb Garten (2015)  
Shelley Geiger (2016)

*Ministry, Mission & Evangelism*  
Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)  
Jim Salter (2016)

*Worship, Music & the Arts*  
Kristin Judd (2014)  
Michael Ray (2015)  
Linda Dencker (2016)

*Administration & Support*  
Kathy Gibbs (2015)  
Bill Pires (2016)

## ***Deacons***

2014  
Kimm Besgrove  
Jennifer Everly  
Don Higgason  
Pat Murphy  
Laura Eikmann

2015  
Jerry Dyer  
Jackie Etling  
Bill Judd  
Kristen Moore  
Jim Phillips

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Stan Whiteley  
Jan Parker

**Sunday, December 28**

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

**Monday, December 29th**

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Youth Room
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**Tuesday, December 30th**

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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**Wednesday, December 31st**

12:00 p.m.	<i>New Year's Eve</i> Church Office Closes	
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**Thursday, January 1st**

*New Year's Day*  
Church Office Closed

**Sunday, January 4th**

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

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# News & Opportunities

**NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

2015 Giving Envelopes are available by the Information Table. Please make sure to stop by and pick up your giving envelopes for next year!

The Church Office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on December 31st and will be closed all day on January 1st.

All contributions must be received by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 30th to be included on the 2014 year-end giving statements.

2014 giving statements will be available at the information table beginning January 11th.

Ordination and Installation of the class of 2017 Elders and Deacons will be on Sunday, January 11th, at the 11:00 am service. The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, January 18th, immediately following the 11:00 am service.

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

November Contributions	40,983.00
Monthly Budget	<u>37,821.25</u>
	3,161.75
Year-to-date Contributions	407,460.80
Year-to-date Budget	<u>416,033.75</u>
	- 8,572.95

**2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

To date, a total of 117 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$366,579.00 for the work of the church in 2015. Of those cards received, 63 members increased their giving over 2014. Our anticipated, non-pledged income for 2015 is \$69,271.00, which brings our total anticipated income for 2015 to \$435,850.00.

If you haven't completed an "Estimate of Giving" card for 2015, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.nhpres.org](http://www.nhpres.org).

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## CHILDREN

### Today, December 28th

*Infant Nursery*  
Carol Dodds  
*Pre-K Nursery*  
Nancy Seals

**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

December 28th - Barbi Smith & Kelly Hantack  
January 4th - No Worship Feast

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-newhope>

## 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!

## WORSHIP

**New Hope worships** each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am

### Lectionary for Sunday, January 4, 2014

Jeremiah 31: 7-14  
Psalm 147: 12-20  
Ephesians 1: 3-14  
John 1: 10-18

## CHILD CARE PROVIDER

We are now seeking a Child Care Provider. This position is for Sunday mornings and occasional Sunday or week day meetings. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for an application for employment.

## JANUARY CIRCLES

Jubilee Circles will meet on January 8th at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Childcare is available.

Agape Circle will meet on January 8th at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room.

Joy Circle will meet at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room.

## DEACONS GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Deacons' Wishing Tree! Through your kindness we were able to provide three families from St. Louis Crisis Nursery with a wonderful Christmas.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, January 25th. PW is hosting the annual chili supper after the 11:00 am service. So dust off those chili recipes and be ready to join us on January 25th!

## 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.

## 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 2015, you must also update that amount through VANCO. Please call Laurie Brown at the church office if you have any questions or require assistance.

## 2015 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2015 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.

## SOUND BOOTH

We have a great team of volunteers helping out in the sound booth on Sunday mornings, but we could use a few additional people. Training is provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mike Dame at [mike@mikedame.net](mailto:mike@mikedame.net).

## DECEMBER MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

## EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

To send a job lead for Employment Ministry, visit the church website at [www.newhopepc.org](http://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!

## JOY OFFERING

Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC (USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to shine the One True Light of Christ's love on the poor in circumstance or spirit.

Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.