

# New Hope Presbyterian Church



February 15, 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 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 worshipers, 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, Joe Seidler.

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and in memory of Awbry Smith, given by Ernie & Lisa Smith and Terry & Sandy Smith.

***Liturgist:*** (11:00) Kirk Garten

***Acolyte:*** (11:00) Ethan Schrautemeier

***Sound Booth:*** (8:45) Joe Petrowsky (11:00) Bill Irvine

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 210

### **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

## *Transfiguration of the Lord*

February 15, 2015

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

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.*

Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
you are beyond our knowing,  
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,  
whose compassion illumines the world.  
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,  
who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity,  
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. 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

On mountaintops and in valleys,  
**the glory of God surrounds us.**  
In whispers and in shouts,  
**the glory of God speaks to us.**  
In nature's variety and color,  
**the glory of God calls to us.**  
In baptism's claim and communion's welcome,  
**the glory of God comes home to us.**

+ \*HYMN 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*THE CONFESSION

**Holy God, you are so far beyond our understanding;  
your glory is more than we can comprehend.  
We persist in making you too small;  
we restrict your wisdom and mercy  
to what we can explain.**

**Forgive us.**

**Open our eyes to your infinite splendor  
and make us more faithful,  
that we may follow, in trust,  
wherever you lead.**

*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.***

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Immortal Love, Forever Full*

Dan Kreider

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2: 1-12

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

\*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

Mark 9: 2-9

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.*

## **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***

\*BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

HYMN 33

*Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show*

LLANFAIR

Now is the time. The season has arrived.

**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.**

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



## FAQs ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

### ***What is "Transfiguration Sunday"?***

"Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday" is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

### ***Where do we get the word "alleluia" and what does it mean?***

The Hebrew word hallel means "a song of praise." Combine the Hebrew words hallel and YHWH (the four Hebrew consonants that stand for the name of God), and you get Halleluyah, commonly pronounced "Hallelujah" or "Alleluia," which is usually translated into English as "Praise the Lord."

-from *The Companion to the Book of Common Worship*, Peter C. Bower, ed. (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003), 149.

### ***Why do we "bury" the alleluia 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.

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Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*  
Katie Jones, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

## ***Session***

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission &amp; Evangelism</i>
Katie Harmon (2015)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
Craig Graber (2016)	Shelley Geiger (2016)	Margo Van Mill (2017)
Jim Cox (2017)	Jennifer Everly (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***

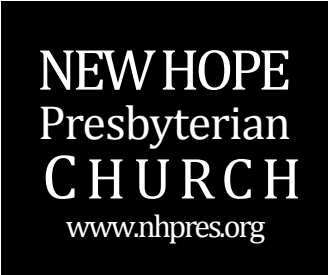
2015  
Jerry Dyer  
Jackie Etling  
Bill Judd  
Kristen Moore  
Jim Phillips

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Stan Whiteley  
Jan Parker

2017  
Laura Eikmann  
Steve Gerke  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Kurt Romkey



CALENDAR



February 15, 2015

News & Opportunities

<b>Sunday, February 15th</b>		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Youth Group Meeting	Worship Space
<b>Tuesday, February 17th</b>		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
<b>Wednesday, February 18th</b>		
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
5:45 p.m.	Soup Supper	Narthex
7:00 p.m.	Worship Service	Worship Space
<b>Thursday, February 19th</b>		
5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Worship Space
<b>Friday, February 20th</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Preschool Movie Night	Worship Space
<b>Saturday, February 21st</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Worship Space
<b>Sunday, February 22nd</b>		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal	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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ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of prayer, fasting, and preparation before Easter. In worship, at 7:00 pm, we will observe the 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 Information 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.

FEMALE CONNECTION

It's cold outside, so the Female Connection is staying in for a movie & dessert. We will meet in Mid Rivers Mall in the area in front of the Wehrenberg ticket office on Thursday, February 19. We'll meet at 6:30 PM and choose a movie then. Our plan is to see a movie and then we'll go for dessert and fellowship after the movie. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Mackin.

FINANCIAL CORNER

January Contributions	33,201.47
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 1,255.53
Contributions to date	33,201.47
Budget to date	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 1,255.53

HOW TALENTED ARE YOU?

Can you sing? Dance? Play an instrument? Act in a short play? We know how talented our congregation is and now we're giving you the opportunity to show those talents off! Anyone who is interested in performing their 'talent' for a church-wide family dinner and a show should pick up an information form available on the information table and return it to the church office. Then watch for more information in the weeks to come. If we have enough interest, we'll be sponsoring a church-wide talent show!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

New church directories are now available on the Information Table. Please take one per family. If you would like more than one copy, please email Laurie in the church office at lbrown@nhpres.org.

## CHILDREN

<i>Infant Nursery</i>	
Jane Cox	Ruth Connor
<i>Pre-K Nursery</i>	
Jennifer James	Julie Nowakowski

**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**

February 15th—Linda Carr & Shelley Geiger  
February 22nd—Jane Cox & Jeanna Groat

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

**FEBRUARY MEAL-A-MONTH**

## WORSHIP

## EASTER LILIES

## VANILLA FROM MEXICO

## PRESCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

## YOUTH NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS

## NEWS FROM ADMIN & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

## PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

## ATTENTION NEW HOPE GRADUATING SENIORS

New Hope Presbyterian Women is pleased to announce the second annual scholarship for our graduating high school seniors. Applications for this \$1,000 merit scholarship are available beginning Sunday, January 25, 2015, on the Information Table in the narthex and on the church website. All applications are due in hard copy to the church office by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2015. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, May 3, 2015. For more information contact Mary Powers, 636-978-1135, or [marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net).