

# New Hope Presbyterian Church



Elizabeth Steele Halstead

February 22, 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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Sharon Leonard. (11:00) Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

**Liturgist:** Deacon Bill Judd

**Sound Booth:** (8:45) Joe Petrowsky

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 170

### **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

## *First Sunday in Lent*

February 22, 2015

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

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.*

Creating God,  
source of truth and giver of life,  
by your Word you brought all things into being.  
Enlighten us by the power of your Holy Spirit  
so that we may believe your Word made flesh  
and receive the fullness of abundant grace;  
through Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega. Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ \*HYMN 22

*God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

#### \*THE CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we are people of ashes and dust.  
You have claimed us in your covenant,  
yet we forget your steadfast love.  
You seek us out in the wilderness,  
yet we continue to wander in our sin.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Wash us clean, once again,  
so that we may return to you  
and follow your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

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

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Wings of the Dawn*

Linda A. Spencer

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

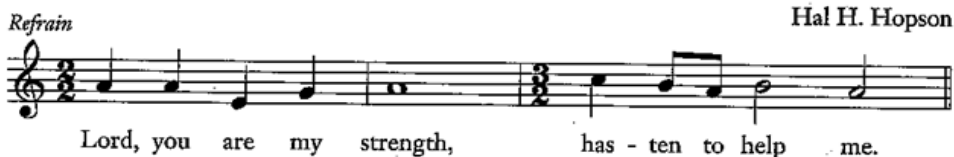
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9: 8-17

PSALTER

Psalms 25: 1-10

*The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.*



<sup>1</sup> Lord, I give myself to you.

<sup>2</sup> I trust you, God;

do not fail me nor let my enemies gloat.

<sup>3</sup> No mockery for the loyal, only for the traitors. (R)

<sup>4</sup> Teach me how to live; Lord, show me the way.

<sup>5</sup> Steer me toward your truth,

you, my saving God,

you, my constant hope. (R)

<sup>6</sup> I call on your tenderness, on your loyal love.

<sup>7</sup> Remember me, not my faults, the sins of my youth.

To show your own goodness,

God, remember me. (R)

<sup>8</sup> Good and just is the Lord, guiding those who stray.

<sup>9</sup> God leads the poor, pointing out their path.

<sup>10</sup> God's ways are faithful love

for those who keep the covenant. (R)

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3: 18-22

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (v.3) (*Glory to God* 197)

ELLACOMBE

***"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.***

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 9-15

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***

\*HYMN 167

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



## **I've Been Wondering..."**

### **FAQs about Worship**

#### ***What is Lent?***

Lent is a season of the church year. It is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) that serves as a time of preparation for Easter. Lent, as is a liturgical season, is more restrained and somber than during other seasons of the year, yet the Sundays in Lent witness not only the Lord's passion and death, but also his victory over sin and death. Even so, service music containing "alleluia" is traditionally not sung during these weeks, which explains why the Doxology and the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father") are omitted from the service.

The Lenten season is a journey with Jesus along the path to Jerusalem and the cross. It is a time to repent, which literally means "to turn around," to turn again to God with renewed trust and gratitude for the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. As such, Lent serves as a time of preparing for baptism and the renewal of the baptismal covenant in the journey toward Easter. The color of the season is purple, the color of royalty—and also the color of the robe put on Jesus when he was mocked and beaten (John 19:2). Thus, purple has become the color of sacrifice and penitence.

#### ***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 (removing them from our worship) for the season 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) 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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The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*  
Stacy Pearson, *Director of the Preschool*  
Brian Parrish, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Mike Greene, *Pianist*  
Laura Brown, *Office Manager*  
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)	Jim Cox (2017)
Margo Van Mill (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



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# News & Opportunities

**Sunday, February 22nd**

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

**Monday, February 23rd**

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Youth Room
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**Tuesday, February 24th**

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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**Wednesday, February 25th**

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space

**Thursday, February 26th**

5:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Worship Space
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**Sunday, March 1st**

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
2:00 p.m.	Youth Bowling	Cave Springs Bowl

**NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8th. Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night!

**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

**CHURCH WORK DAY**

Mark your calendars now for the Spring Work Day on Saturday, March 21st.  
**MEN:** Join us for the Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8:30 am, then stick around to help us with various projects throughout the church.  
**WOMEN:** Kathy Gibbs is preparing breakfast at her house before the work day. Meet at Kathy's house (4103 White Water Dr.) at 8:30 am. Please RSVP to Kathy if you plan to attend: yauchgibbs@att.net or 636/441-5126.  
 Please plan on joining us March 21st at 10:00 am to help spruce up the church for Holy Week and Easter!

**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!

*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).

The New Hope Presbyterian Church • Christopher Q. James, Pastor  
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## CHILDREN

**Today, February 22nd**      **March 1st**

*Infant Nursery*

Ruth Connor

*Pre-K Nursery*

Julie Nowakowski

Barb Griffith

Deb Garten

**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

February 22nd—Jane Cox & Jeanna Groat

March 1st—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>

**Children's Choir** will resume meeting in February to begin practicing for two performances: during the 11:00 am Worship Service on Easter Sunday (April 5th) during the 11:00 am Worship Service on Mothers' Day (May 10th). The choir is open to all children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Tracy Grundy and Marion Hamilton will be leading the practices. If you know of a child who likes to sing, please have them join us for our first practice in the Sunshine Room on the lower level, immediately following the 11:00 am service during the following dates: February 22, March 8, March 22, April 19 and May 3.

## FEBRUARY MEAL-A-MONTH

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

## WORSHIP

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

**Lectionary for Sunday, March 1st, 2015**

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

## EASTER LILIES

You may order a "live" lily to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and take it home with you after the 11:00 am service that day. You may also purchase a "virtual" lily, the cost of which will go to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Whichever you choose, you may still dedicate your gift in memory, honor or gratitude to someone. The list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or "virtual" lily is \$10.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by March 29th.

## VANILLA FROM MEXICO

The Rudolph's will be bringing vanilla home from Mexico when they return later this spring. If anyone would like some, please contact the church office. Donations received will go to the Presbyterian Women.

## YOUTH NEWS

March 1st—Join us for bowling from 2:00 Pm until 4:00 pm. We will meet at church at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00, which includes bowling and shoes. We will bowl at Cave Springs Bowl and return to church afterwards.

## THANK YOU!

A huge thank-you to all who attended the Trivia Night on Saturday, February 7th. The Adult Mission trip was able to raise over \$3,000.00 towards their trip to Pensacola, Florida to help with the Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night so successful!

## NEWS FROM ADMIN & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

From the Admin & Support Committee: Just wanted to let everyone know why the church was cool last Sunday. Apparently we had a controller board fail which was only signaling a portion of the burners to ignite. We also had one of the two burner units rusting which resulted in poor heating output. The heating system has been repaired and appears to be functioning normally again. Please continue to keep the HVAC system in your prayers, none of these repairs are inexpensive.

## PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

Thursday, March 19 The South Midwest Metro Cluster Winter Gathering will be at the Egg and I - 11692 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, Mo 63131, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. The theme is Joy- "let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all trees of the forest sing for joy." Psalm 96: 11-12. The cost will be \$10 for lunch.

Saturday, April 18 PW Giddings-Lovejoy Spring Gathering will be at First of Union Presbyterian Church in Union, MO. "God's Extraordinary Blessings" is the theme. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Mary Williams, currently a chaplain at a hospital in Joplin, Mo. The cost for the catered lunch will be \$10.00.

June 18-21 The Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women 2015 will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The theme is "One Body, One Spirit".

Contact Mary Powers for additional information and to register for these events. [marystahr@charter.net](mailto:marystahr@charter.net) or 636-978-1135

## 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).