

new hope
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



January 31, 2016

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, will not meet today so that children may be with the congregation for the Celebration of Welcome of Inquirers.

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: Mid High & Senior High Youth

Liturgist: Jim Pettit

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 168

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
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2016

8:45 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, you sent Jesus Christ
to fulfill the promise of Scripture.
Help us to hear and believe
the gift and challenge of the gospel,
so that we may accept and follow Jesus
as our Savior and Lord. 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

Our faith and hope are in the Lord.
God is our refuge and our rock.

**Now faith, hope, and love abide;
and the love of God will never end.**

+ *HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*THE CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess
that our lives do not reflect your glory.
You shine on us with wonder,
but we fail to see your beauty.**

**You speak to us with truth,
but we fail to heed your voice.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Open our eyes to your glory;
open our hearts to your mercy;
open our lives to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God v.1*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves,
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GOSPEL READING

Luke 4: 21-30

THE ALLELUIA 586

ALLELUIA 7

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
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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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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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,
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Hosanna in the highest.

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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.

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☞ *After the presider and communion servers have received the elements, and before the concluding prayer, the whole assembly is invited to share a moment of silent contemplation before God.*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

Will You Come and Follow Me, vv.1-4

KELVINGROVE

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Psalm 27:4

One thing have I asked of the LORD, which I long for,
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on your beauty, O LORD, and to seek you in your temple.**

*CELEBRATION OF WELCOME OF INQUIRERS

℟ Inquirers and Companions gather at the door of the sanctuary. The pastor invites them into the sanctuary where they will be welcomed by the congregation. The congregation faces the Inquirers.

To the Inquirers:

God's word is like bread for our hearts; we cannot live without it.
God's word is like rain that comes down upon the earth,
bringing forth fruit in our lives.

Come and be with us as a hearer of the Word of God.
Let the Word of God guide your way and bring you everlasting life.

Congregation:

We rejoice to welcome you!

Join us as together we seek to live God's love in the world!

+ *HYMN 1

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NICAEA

PRESENTATION OF INQUIRERS

*COMMITMENT

Companions, will you care for your new partner in faith,
in word and deed, with love and prayer?

With gladness, I will.

Will you help them through your example
to know God and to discover the way of following Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

To the congregation:

All of you who are assembled here
are called to welcome and support these Inquirers and their Companions.
Will you help them in their journey to hear the Gospel of Christ
and come into the household of faith?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYER

...We praise you, O God, and we bless you.

Amen.

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Nolan Williams, Jr.

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Take, O Take Me As I Am

John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

THE THREE GIFTS

THE CROSS

Take, O Take Me As I Am

See above

THE BIBLE

☞ The Companion presents a Bible to each Inquirer:
{Name}, receive this Bible.
Hear God's Word with us.
Learn and tell its stories.
Discover its mysteries.
Honor its commandments.
Rejoice in its good news.
May God's life-giving Word, sweeter than honey,
inspire you and make you wise.

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***THE BLESSING**

☞ The congregation stands as each Companion lays hands on the Inquirers.

...With all your people may they bear witness to your grace and praise you forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

☞ Following the blessing, you may share the peace of Christ with those around you saying, "The peace of Christ be with you", responding, "And also with you."

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Session

2016
Linda Dencker
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Bill Pires
Jim Salter

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
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Margo Van Mill

2018
Sam Connor, 2016
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

Diaconate

2016
Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017
Laura Eikmann, Moderator
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey

2018
Mark Besselman
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