

PALM SUNDAY



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March 20, 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, 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, Joe Seidler.

Liturgist: Elder Margo Van Mill

Sound Booth: (8:45) Mark Phillips (11:00) Deb Garten

Last Sunday's Attendance: 167

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

Palm Sunday

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8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

☞ The congregation gathers outside around the crosses in the circle drive to prepare for the processional into the church. Ushers distribute worship bulletins and palms fronds. Announcements pertaining to the life of the congregation are provided in the weekly News & Opportunities insert in the worship bulletin.

***GREETING**

Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

***PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Luke 19: 28-40
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

***BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

**We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and all who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

☞ The procession into the church begins. Once inside the sanctuary, worshipers may find a place to be seated, but remain standing through the hymn. The Lenten banners that are a part of the procession were colored by our children in Worship Feast, as well as our youth and other members of the congregation.

+ *PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALE WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

(11:00) PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS

Sophia Bommarito Jonathan Hamilton Aidan Schrautemeier

LITANY OF PRESENTATION

What is the church?

**We are the church:
the people who believe the good news about Jesus,
who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper.
Through these means of grace,
the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.**

How do we know this good news?

**Through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached.
The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and helps us rely on its promises today.**

from Belonging to God: A First Catechism, PC(USA), Questions 35, 37

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Holy God, in baptism we promise to guide and nurture
by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging one another to know and follow Christ
and to be faithful members of his church.
We pledge ourselves anew to this promise.
As these children read and study their Bibles,
may your Spirit help them
to learn about your love for them in Jesus Christ,
that they may know you, love you
and follow you with the whole of their lives. Amen.**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23: 1-49

HOMILY

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

(11:00) ANTHEM

Come Jerusalem, Sing Hosanna!

Don Besig

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.

☞ 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 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



Holy Week at New Hope

Palm Sunday, March 20

8:45 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament
9:30 Lenten Buffet Breakfast
11:00 Service of Word & Sacrament
12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday, March 24

7:00 p.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

Good Friday, March 25

7:00 p.m. Service of the Word

Holy Saturday, March 26

7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter
Services of Light, Readings,
Baptism & Eucharist

Easter Day, March 27

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Service of Word & Sacrament

PRAYERS

of Joy

Jeremiah (L.J.) Graham, one-year anniversary of being cancer-free (grandson of Tim & Sue Starkey)

for Healing & Wholeness

Alyssa Murray, back surgery (Mar. 21)

Lauren Jansen

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

Janice Funk (sister of Sue White)

W.T. Bryant, cancer (nephew of Sue White)

Deb Karsten, back surgery

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Michelle Dugger (Jan Parker's great-niece)

Bette Powers, heart attack (Laurie Meinert's aunt)

Mike Black, knee replacement (Jan. 26)

Rick Koonley

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Kathy Freeman, recovery from surgery

Bob Mudrovic, recovering from stroke

Paul Hacker, knee replacement

Bob Koehler, heart-bypass surgery (brother of

Elaine Barbee and Ruth Connor)

Gerry Van Mill, cancer

Richard Amos, cancer (co-worker of Chris Meinert)

Ron Edwards, cancer

for the Grieving

Steve Hyink and Jordan, on the death of his wife, Mary (Mar. 11)

Barbara Newman and family on the death of her uncle, Wayne Buxton (Mar. 2)

Wade Thompson and family on the death of his wife, Tonya (friend of Chris Meinert)

Lindy Stacy and family on the death of her father, Richard Staats (Jan. 31)

Bill & Linda Judd and Kristin on the death of his sister, Leta Lorenzen (Jan. 8)

for those away

Deb Karsten, wintering in Arizona

for the World & its People

Victims of flooding in Louisiana

Syrian refugees

for Travelers

Affirmers (preparing for affirmation of baptism)

Stacey Bordes

Jane Cox

Bob Dencker

Daryl Denkmann

Joyce Denkmann

Shelley Geiger

Grace Harmon

Barb Lynn

Dave Lynn

Laurie Meinert

Susan Petrowsky

Mary Powers

Ann Schmid

Sue Starkey

Tim Starkey

Amie Tilk

Patrick Tilk

Catechumen (preparing for baptism)

Greg Marshall



The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*
Jan Parker, *Interim Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Regina Jones, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

2016
Sam Connor
Linda Dencker
Shelley Geiger
Craig Graber
Bill Pires
Jim Salter

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

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
Bill Irvine
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey
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