

New Hope Presbyterian Church



March 29, 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: The Mid and Senior High Youth.

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 174

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

March 29, 2015

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**

John 12: 12-16
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. Worshipers pass into the narthex to the pealing of the hand bells. Once inside the sanctuary, worshipers may find a place to be seated, but remain standing through the hymn.

+ *PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALE WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

HANDBELL ANTHEM

Palm Sunday Procession

Michael Helman

THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

PSALTER

Psalm 31: 9-16

Make Your Face to Shine, cantor

(Glory to God 811)

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2: 5-11

*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

John 18: 1-27

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.

(11:00) ANTHEM

The Appeal of the Crucified

John Stainer

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. As you come forward to the Table, you may place your palm frond at the baptismal font, or you may take it with you to have as you begin the journey through this Holy Week.

☞ 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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*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.

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord's Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord's Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord's Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at www.pcusa.org/sacraments.



- April 2 ***Maundy Thursday***
7:00 p.m. Word & Sacrament
 with the Liturgy of Footwashing
- April 3 ***Good Friday***
7:00 p.m. Service of the Word
 with the choir and organ presenting
 John Stainer's oratorio, *The Crucifixion*
- April 4 ***Great Vigil of Easter***
7:45 p.m. Service of Light, Word, Baptism & Eucharist
- April 5 ***Easter Sunday...The Festival of the Resurrection***
8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Word & Sacrament

The Journey of Holy Week...

Over the past few years at New Hope Presbyterian Church we have been expanding the vocabulary of our faith to include the word Triduum (pronounced *TRIH-doo-um*) after the Latin, “Three Days.” This single word draws together the inseparable relationship between Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (with the Easter Vigil) and Easter morning which are celebrated as one extended liturgy. Though we come and go between our homes and church during this stretch of days, you might notice that the Triduum’s liturgies have no benediction until the end of the Easter Vigil.

What does it mean?

Each of our worship services during the Triduum (and the whole of Holy Week) give us all a pretty good spiritual “work out.” Not only do we come together *a lot*, there is a lot we *do together* in worship besides listening. The richness of meaning calls us to do a lot of praying, singing, moving, and processing, as we gather, pour water, tell again the story of our faith, and share bread and wine. The Triduum invites us to discover how each day is significant to the other. Just imagine reading J.K. Rowling’s, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* without reading the first two books in the series. Something would be lost. So too, each day of the Triduum—Thursday to Friday, Friday to Saturday, and Saturday to Sunday—brings something indispensable to the meaning of the whole event.

Remembering by Doing

One of the distinguishing features of Christianity is that it is an historical religion. The liturgical year that shapes our worship reflects God’s acting in history, especially Jesus’ arrest, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Together, this concentration of events creates an intensity of liturgical experience over a very short time span. It is the very intensity of this experience, in fact, that has formed and renewed God’s people over hundreds of years. We remember what God has done for us in Jesus Christ by enacting it in our worship, locating ourselves within the larger story of God’s people, and living out God’s Word at the Font and at the Table. It is a very active sort of remembering. In giving our lives over to this week, we taste new life of the crucified and risen Lord.

Maundy Thursday

This day in Holy Week is traditionally referred to as “Holy Thursday” or “Maundy Thursday.” The word “maundy” is derived from the Latin “mandatum” which means “command” and refers to the new commandment to love one another which Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, the night before his death (John 13:34). The congregation gathers this evening to remember that night so long ago when our Lord broke the bread and gave the cup and so instituted this holy supper which has been for more than 1900 years, the Church’s holiest occasion of communion and celebration. The mood of the service is not triumphant but somber and reflective as we recall the eve of Jesus’ passion and death. At the same time, there is also unmistakably present the note of faith and hope, even as there was on that first Maundy Thursday. So do we as the Church once more gather with our Lord to prepare for his suffering and death but also to anticipate the glory of his resurrection which we will celebrate on Easter.

Once again this year, we will observe the Liturgy of Footwashing as a part of our worship on this night. Just as ashes are a central symbol of the meaning of Ash Wednesday, so the act of footwashing is a central symbol of the meaning of Maundy Thursday. Footwashing is a powerfully symbolic response to Jesus’ own example and his command that his disciples love one another as he loves us.

Following the homily, worshipers will be invited to proceed to one of two stations to have their feet washed. Once a person’s feet are washed, he or she will turn and wash the next person’s feet. This is an intimate experience of servanthood that Jesus demonstrates for us. Many may choose not to participate because it asks us to be vulnerable. We don’t like to expose our feet in public. We hide them, cover them and dress them. But to have one’s feet washed, and to wash others, is to cross boundaries of intimacy. By doing so, however, we ritually embody the sort of servanthood Jesus asks us to show toward one another.

This will be completely voluntary. No one will be compelled to participate. Like the whole of our liturgy, no one is ever forced to engage in particular acts of worship. Rather, the footwashing is both a gift and a challenge that is meant to pull us out of our comfort zones. You may choose to participate or not. During the footwashing, the congregation will sing the song, *Live in Charity*, a prayerful, meditative song based on the ancient Latin hymn, *Ubi Caritas*. Another hymn to be included is *This Is the Night*.



Kelly Rider kellyrider.com

Good Friday

The Good Friday service is a penitential service that allows for much contemplation and for the power of silence to speak for itself. The passion narrative will be presented through the choir and organ presenting John Stainer's oratorio, *The Crucifixion*.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Great Vigil of Easter is "the brightest jewel of Christian liturgy." It is one of the most ancient and revered celebrations of the church. In the ancient church, the Easter Vigil marked the time when the catechumens (pronounced *KAT-ě-coo-mens*)—those who had studied and prepared through all of Lent—were baptized just before dawn and then shared the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time with the gathered community.

Of all the services of worship throughout the year, the Easter Vigil is the one that tells the story of salvation history from creation through Christ's resurrection. In retelling the stories, we locate ourselves amongst God's people within the story.

The Great Vigil of Easter is a service of worship, but it is worship like you have never experienced it before. The service begins outside around a fire, which represents the light of the risen Christ shining amidst the darkness of death. From there the service moves inside for retelling the story of salvation. Following that, we will all gather at the waters of the font to renew the promises of our baptismal covenant. Once renewed, we will gather at the Lord's Table to give thanks (eucharist) and share the meal of our faith. Easter officially begins at sundown on Easter Eve. Therefore, the Great Vigil of Easter serves as the first service of the season of Easter!

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Stacy Pearson, *Director of the Preschool*
Brian Parrish, *Director of Music Ministries*
Mike Greene, *Pianist*
Laura Brown, *Office Manager*
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

Fellowship

Katie Harmon (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)
Margo Van Mill (2017)

Formation for Discipleship

Deb Garten (2015)
Shelley Geiger (2016)
Jennifer Everly (2017)

Ministry, Mission & Evangelism

Jim Salter (2016)
Jim Cox (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

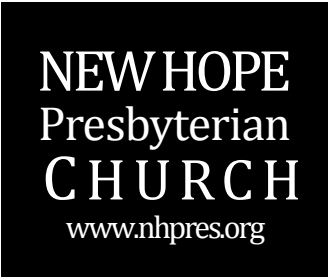
Jerry Dyer
Jackie Etling
Bill Judd
Kristen Moore
Jim Phillips

2016

Earl Bostic
Ruth Connor
Marion Hamilton
Stan Whiteley
Jan Parker

2017

Laura Eikmann
Steve Gerke
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Kurt Romkey



Sunday, March 29th

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.	Easter Egg Hunt	

Tuesday, March 30th

7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
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Wednesday, April 1st

6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space

Thursday, April 2nd

7:00 p.m.	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Worship Service	Worship Space
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Friday, April 3rd

7:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday</i> Worship Service	Worship Space
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Saturday, April 4th

9:30 a.m.	<i>Easter Vigil</i> Easter Vigil Practice	Worship Space
7:45 p.m.	Worship Service	Worship Space

Sunday, April 5th

8:45 a.m.	<i>Easter Day</i> Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 p.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Please join us this Lenten season!

Palm Sunday, March 29th
Word & Sacrament at 8:45 am & 11:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
Word & Sacrament at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd
Service of the Word at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil, April 4th
Service of Light, Word, & Eucharist at 7:45 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th
Word & Sacrament at 8:45 am & 11:00 am

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“I was hungry and you gave me food.” - Matthew 25:35. All across the world, our church works in countless communities where people lack access to basic necessities like food, clean water, education, or sanitation. Your gift to “One Great Hour of Sharing” supports programs that work to end hardships. Please consider giving to the “One Great Hour of Sharing” collection on Palm Sunday, March 29th and watch for inserts in the coming weeks giving more information about “One Great Hour of Sharing.”

FINANCIAL CORNER

February Contributions	39,266.42
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	4,809.43
Contributions to date	72,467.89
Budget to date	<u>68,914.00</u>
	3,553.89

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

Nursery: meets in the upstairs nursery
Pre-K Class: meets in the Butterfly Room on the lower level
K - Grade 2: meets in the Caterpillar Room on the lower level
Grades 3 - 5: meets in the lower level kitchen off of the Sunshine Room
Grades 6 - 12: meets in the Youth Room on the lower level
Contemporary Issues Adults - meets in the Conference Room
Think: An Adult DVD and Discussion - meets in room 103 (The Gathering Place)

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.

CHILDREN

Today, March 29th April 5th
Infant Nursery
Jane Cox Jane Cox
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
March 29th—Linda Carr & Deb Garten
April 5th—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-nhpc>

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.

MARCH MEAL-A-MONTH

1 boxed meal like Dinty Moore Classics, 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, April 5th, 2015
Isaiah 50: 4-9a
Psalm 31: 9-16
Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 14: 1—15: 47

ADMIN & SUPPORT UPDATE

The Admin & Support committee would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and talents to last Saturday’s work day. It was a beautiful day and the following tasks got completed:

- Painted hallway near kitchen
- Cleaned out closet in furnace room
- Repaired sprinkler head in Turtle Room
- Replaced/repared overhead lights
- Repaired sprayer in lower level kitchen
- Anchored new safe in office
- Fertilized grass
- Painted trim around drinking fountain
- Stained and repaired dumpster fence
- Trimmed bushes and trees
- Cleaned up circle flower bed
- Cleaned kitchen
- Removed basketball pole
- Replaced lights in Kisker Road sign

In addition to the work day, the committee would also like to let everyone know that the repair of the water damage to the narthex ceiling was completed on time and on budget.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to New Hope’s Office Manager, Laurie, on her marriage to Chris Meinert on March 13th! Laurie will be changing her last name to Meinert.

YOUTH GROUP

March 29th—Youth usher for both services. Then, after the 11:00 am Worship Service, help hide eggs for the Easter egg hunt!
April 4th—9:30 am—Easter Vigil Practice
April 4th—7:45 pm—Easter Vigil
April 11th—OASIS Food Pantry at 9:45 am
April 12th—Bowling at Cave Springs (meet at church at 1:50 pm)

FLOWER CROSS

What better way to celebrate the glory of Easter than with fresh flowers? Many of you know of New Hope’s tradition of creating a "living cross" for Easter morning, but for those who may be new to us, here's an explanation and invitation. We fill a wood and wire cross with fresh greenery and flowers from our gardens for a beautiful symbol of resurrection. Please bring cuttings from your gardens (or your local store) to church Sunday morning and insert them into the cross. We'll be there to assist you if you'd prefer that we do it. Happy Easter!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 29th, for the annual Easter Egg hunt at New Hope! Sponsored by the Youth Group, the hunt begins after the 11:00 am worship service. Children between the ages of 2 years old and 5th grade are invited to participate and are asked to bring a basket to gather their eggs. Please meet at the front door and ask your children to wait until instructed to begin the hunt!

PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

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 program and lunch will be \$12.00.
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 or 636-978-1135

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Spring is here! Need some help with cleaning? The adult mission trip group is still taking calls to help in any work you may have around the house. Members of the team will come to your house in exchange for a free will donation. To set up a time to get help with your spring cleaning call Linda Judd at 636-578-3352.

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year’s Vacation Bible School, G-Force: God’s Love In Action , is scheduled for July 13 - 17 from 9:00 am until noon. Please plan to be a part of this great week of sharing God’s love with boys and girls age 2 through fifth grade. There are many, many opportunities to help! Volunteer forms are now available on the Information Table in the Narthex. We need your help to make this year’s VBS a success. Please consider volunteering!