

New Hope
Presbyterian Church



May 24, 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 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 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 worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill, Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

Liturgist: Deacon Steve Gerke

Sound Booth: Joe Petrowsky

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

The Feast of Pentecost

May 24, 2015

10:30 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.

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength,
now and always. Amen.

+ *DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDRETH 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

When God's people gather for worship.

Surely the Spirit of God is in this place.

When every voice is heard and everyone made welcome.

Surely the Spirit of God is in this place.

When every age and all colors are welcome.

Surely the Spirit of God is in this place.

When we carry God's welcome out into the world.

Surely the Spirit of God will be in every place.

When we tell the story of peace and justice with our lives.

Surely the Spirit of God will be in every place.

When we live in love and harmony with all people.

Surely the Spirit of God will be in every place.

+ *HYMN 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

This earth, O God, is our home, built by your Word and your breath.
Made alive by you, we come to know you
and to know ourselves as your people.

We give you thanks.

We drink your cooling waters.

We give you thanks.

We see your rivers, lakes, and oceans lush with creatures large and small,
food for the eye and for our nourishment.

We give you thanks.

We bathe and are refreshed in the waters you have made.

We give you thanks.

Now gathered at baptismal water,
a sign of your unending mercy,
we praise you for the gift of your Son who
in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension
embraced the world,
calling us to proclaim the good news that welcomes all people.

Make us one in you.

We praise you for the gift of prayer
that allows us to hear you speak in our midst
and gives us words when we are speechless with joy.

Make us one in you.

We praise you for the waters that bring us to this day,
to celebrate a new and renewed life in your name.

Make us one in you.

The prayer continues, ending...

through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

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)*
***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.***

GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-21

ANTHEM

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8: 22-27

*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Alive!* (v.5) (*Glory to God 246*)

TRURO

***Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

GOSPEL READING

John 15:26-27 - 16:4b-15

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

SERMON

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 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



PENTECOST

The Gift of the Spirit

According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1–13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power—the unseen power of God—moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it *ruach YHWH*, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us.

According to Joel (2:28–29), the *ruach* is to open everybody to God’s future. People young and old will dream and will have visions of hope; they will be able to loose themselves from the way things are now, because God is establishing a whole new economy of creation. The Holy Spirit breaks us out of our preoccupation with ourselves and frees us to serve neighbors, loosens our grasp on possessions, and sets us to loving people. New creation is what Joel is talking about. Pentecost is new creation.

The book of Acts tells the story of the outcome of Pentecost’s new creation: people witness in word and in deed to the risen Christ. At the outset, the newborn church immediately tumbled out into the streets to witness to God’s mighty works in the languages of people all over the world. By the end of the story, a tiny, Spirit-filled community of faith that broke from its present order has spread across the continents with incredible power to bring new things into being. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible.

The Spirit-filled experience ignited the faithful and sent them outward, giving utterance in word and deed to the good news. “The cause of good works, we confess,” states the Scots Confession (chapter 13) “is not our free will, but the Spirit of the Lord Jesus.” Our call as disciples of Christ is not only to celebrate but also to show and tell neighbors about God’s new world coming in the name of the crucified and risen Christ.

The same Spirit that empowered Jesus to love enemies was the Spirit that enabled the Corinthian church to love their antagonists. A living fellowship means living as the body of Christ by preaching the Word with freedom, breaking bread together, reconciling with adversaries, and serving neighbors, near and far. What makes possible the church’s witness to the resurrection of Christ is the Spirit of God.

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Session

Fellowship
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)

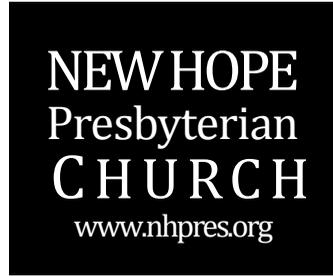
Administration & Support
Kathy Gibbs (2015)
Bill Pires (2016)
Clark Hurrell (2017)

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, May 24th		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
Monday, May 25th	<i>Memorial Day</i> Church Office Closed	
Tuesday, May 26th		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
Saturday, May 30th		
11:00 a.m.	Bridal Shower	Narthex
Sunday, May 31st		
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
10:30 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
2:00 p.m.	Wedding Anniversary Celebration	Worship Space

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule Beginning TODAY!

9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes
10:30 am—Word & Sacrament

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day.

FINANCIAL CORNER

April Contributions	34,241.00
Monthly Budget	<u>34,457.00</u>
	- 216.00
Contributions to date	147,577.89
Budget to date	<u>137,828.00</u>
	9,749.89

KITCHEN NEWS

During Spring Work Day, several of our wonderful ladies spent the day scrubbing down the kitchen and cleaning out cabinets. Many dishes were found that have been left here over the past months. Please check the kitchen counter to see if any of the items stacked there belong to you!

PER CAPITA

Per capita letters are included in the quarterly giving statements available on the Information Table. The blue envelope in your giving envelopes pack is to be used for the per capita apportionment. New Hope supports the mission of the larger church by paying the per capita apportionment for each active church member. If you did not receive an envelope, please contact the church office. Per capita apportionment is \$30.30 per church member.

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

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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CHILDREN

Today, May 24th
Nursery
Nancy Seals

May 31st
Martha Lamey

The Infant & Pre-K nursery is located on the main level, Room 204. It is located out the side door of the worship space at the end of the hallway.

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

May 24th—Jeanna Groat & Kathy Mudrovic
May 31st—Jane Cox & Linda Carr

We need many volunteers to ensure that our children's programs run smoothly. Please consider volunteering one of the nurseries or during Worship Feast! To sign up to volunteer in the nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

STRATEGIC PLANNING

We recognize that there has not been much said lately about our strategic planning process, but we want you to know that we are still very much at work meeting, studying, and discerning where God is leading us. You will hear more from us in the near future, but for now we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you! Strategic Planning Team, Kelly Hantack (chair), Kirk Garten, Ruth Irvine, Del Phillips, Linda Dencker, Bill Judd

WORSHIP

New Hope worships each Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day at 10:30 am

Lectionary for Sunday, May 31, 2015

Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17

AGAPE CIRCLE

Agape Circle has just concluded a wonderful year of Bible study and fellowship. Thank you Connie Hopkins for hosting us at our annual salad luncheon. New circle co-leaders for the coming year will be Margaret Mortland and Anne Finks. Agape Circle is open to all the ladies of the congregation and you are encouraged to attend. We meet on the first Thursday afternoon of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the conference room. This coming year, September 2015 through May 2016 we will be studying COME TO THE WATERS by Judy Record Fletcher.

The cost of the study book is \$8.50 and you can leave your check in the church office no later than June 28. Please make your check payable to New Hope Presbyterian Church and mark the memo line Horizons Magazine. For more information please contact Anne Finks at 636-946-6429

MAY MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans tuna, 1 box Tuna Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies,

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!

The VBS donation board will be up in the Narthex soon. Please consider choosing a few items to donate to VBS to help lower the cost of our program!

VBS registration forms are now available on the Information Table!

Registration has begun for New Hope's 2015 VBS program! Registration forms are available on the VBS table in the Narthex. This year's VBS will be held July 13 - 17 from 9 a.m. - noon. Please remember to save the VBS dates and tell all of your family, friends and neighbors!

PAMPERED CHEF ORDERS

The items that were ordered during the PW Pampered Chef party are here! Items are sorted and in boxes in the church office. Please stop by and pick up your order today!

DEACONS' CORNER

Please be sure to let a Deacon or the church office know if you have or you know of a care concern within our congregation. We can be identified by our gold Deacon pins. You can also find us available at the welcome table before and after each service.

PW REGIONAL & CHURCH-WIDE GATHERINGS

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

SCRIP CARDS

SCRIP cards work great if you are planning your summer vacation. There are hotels and car rental agencies available for purchase. We also have your everyday needs such as Walmart. Order on Sunday and pick them up the following Sunday. A portion of each purchase comes back to the church as "free" money. If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Everly at 314/369-4398.

DEACON HELP NEEDED!

Ever thought about volunteering at church but just can't seem to find the time during the day or on a weekend? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The deacons are looking for volunteers to help with their home meal assistance. The program works like this: volunteers would receive a phone call asking them to prepare a meal for a church member in need. Once the meal is prepared, the volunteer would deliver the meal to the member. It's that easy! And it makes a big difference to a family who is working their way through an illness, loss of a loved one, or other traumatic event. If you feel called to help the deacons with this important mission, or you know someone who could benefit from a home-cooked meal, please contact the church office.