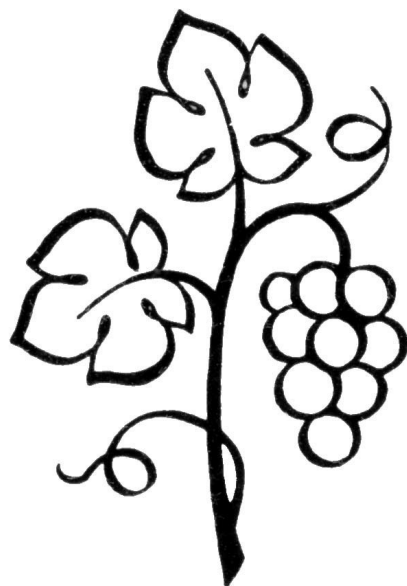


New Hope
Presbyterian Church



May 3, 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, will not meet today, the first Sunday of the month, so that children may be with the congregation for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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) Craig & Kyle Graber, Patrick Murphy. (11:00) Sharon Barnes, Bryan & Laura Eikmann, Bill & Martha Lamey, Randy & Sylvia Malta.

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

Last Sunday's Attendance: 175

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

8:45 & 11:00 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 the glorious garden, giver of grace,
apart from your Word we can do nothing.
Cultivate in us a sense of connection in Christ.
Prune our excess and help us to grow in faith
so that we may bear good fruit for the world;
through Jesus Christ, the true vine. 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

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Let us worship God.

+ *HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God,
that you have made us your own
by water and the Word in baptism.

**You have called us to yourself,
enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit,
and nourished us in the community of faith.**

Uphold us and all your servants
in the gifts and promises of baptism,
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

**To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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)*

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.***

(11:00) PRESENTATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Presenter: Mary Powers, PW Co-Moderator

Recipient: Lauren Martinez

(11:00) ANTHEM

Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal Hopson

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8: 26-40

PSALTER

Psalms 22: 25-31

In the Presence of Your People, cantor

(Glory to God 631)

EPISTLE READING

1 John 4: 7-21

*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: 1-8

THE ALLELUIA

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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
For Everyone Born

*HYMN 769

FOR EVERYONE BORN

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

Easter is not simply one day, but a season of the church year known as the Great Fifty Days, lasting for seven weeks from Easter day to the day of Pentecost. Seven weeks times seven days per week equals 49 days, plus one day to express the completeness of resurrection life and the totality by which Christ's resurrection overcame the power of sin and death.

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of replacing the Prayer of Confession with a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Following the penitential season of Lent, one way to celebrate Easter is to forgo the practice of corporate confession and give thanks for the new life that Easter brings and the Sacrament of Baptism signifies. Also during Eastertide, New Hope is reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the record of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

The tall candle near the baptismal font is called the Paschal Candle. "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for "Passover," the central festival for the Jewish people in which the Hebrews celebrate their deliverance from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the land of Canaan. On the night before their deliverance through the Red Sea to freedom, the Lord instructed the people to kill a lamb and spread the blood on the doorposts of their homes. That night, the Lord would pass through the land of Egypt and kill the firstborn of every home, but would *pass over* the homes that had the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, thereby sparing the Hebrews the punishment exacted upon the Egyptians (Exodus 12). We read this story in our worship every year on Maundy Thursday.

For us Christians, Christ is our "paschal lamb" who was sacrificed that we might be delivered from slavery to sin to the freedom of life in communion with God and one another. God completed that work with the Resurrection of Christ. So the fullness of Easter, lived out in our worship over the three days from Maundy Thursday to Easter is the Christian Passover, or Pascha. The Paschal Candle is lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter, in which we proclaim that the light of Christ shines in the darkness of sin and death to give light to the world. The candle remains lit throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lighted at baptisms and funerals. In baptism, we die with Christ and are raised with him to newness of life. Death is the completion of our baptism in which all things are revealed and we are forever united with God.

So the Paschal candle tells our story as Easter people. Ours includes a lamb, a cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, A (Alpha) and Ω (Omega), reminiscent of what Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13).

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Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

Session

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission & Evangelism</i>
Craig Graber (2016)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
Margo Van Mill (2017)	Shelley Geiger (2016)	Jim Cox (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, May 3rd		
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	Sunshine Room
12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Luncheon	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Harmony Faith Family	Conference Room
Monday, May 4th		
7:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting	Conference Room
Tuesday, May 5th		
7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting	Worship Space
Wednesday, May 6th		
9:00 a.m.	Celebration of Aging	1st United Presbyterian Church
6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir	Worship Space
Thursday, May 7th		
10:00 a.m.	Jubilee Circle	Youth Room
1:00 p.m.	Agape Circle	Conference Room
5:50 p.m.	Employment Ministry Committee	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Employment Ministry	Worship Space
7:00 p.m.	Joy Circle	Conference Room
Friday, May 8th		
9:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Youth Room
Saturday, May 9th		
8:00 a.m.	Strategic Planning Team	Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	OASIS Food Pantry	
Sunday, May 10th	<i>Mothers' Day</i>	
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.	Piano Recital	Worship Space

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

New Hope's Summer Worship Schedule Beginning on Sunday, May 24th, New Hope will begin it's summer worship schedule below:
 9:45 am—Christian Formation Classes
 10:00 am—Word & Sacrament

First quarter giving statements are available on the Information Table. Please pick up your copy and make sure the statement reflects your records. Please contact Laurie Meinert at the church office with any questions.

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 apportion. New Hope is required to pay the per capita apportion 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.

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!

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)

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 3rd

Infant Nursery

Nancy Seals

Pre-K Nursery

May 10th

Jennifer Everly

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

May 3rd—No Worship Feast

May 10—Ann Rademan & Jane Cox

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 infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-nhpc>

FEMALE CONNECTION

Ladies, it's time for a little Putt-Putt. On Thursday, May 21, we'll meet at 6:30 PM at the Swing-A-Round Golf Center on Veteran's Parkway (that's the south service road of I-70) between Zumbuhl and Cave Springs. We'll play a fun round of miniature golf and then we'll swing over to Culver's on Muegge for some frozen delights. Please join us; no signup is necessary, just show up. We always have a great time and we always enjoy the extra fellowship that a new person brings to our group. In case of rain, we'll meet at Culver's at 6:30. For more information or questions, please contact Deb Mackin. We hope to see you there!

WORSHIP

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

Lectionary for Sunday, May 10, 2015

Acts 10: 44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

PW BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 17th

PW has many reasons to celebrate this year. In May, we will recognize our scholarship recipient, elect and install officers, and receive a birthday offering to support two organizations that minister to abused women and children and to victims of trafficking, prostitution and addiction. PW's national organization has designated Bethesda Christian Community Center and The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux as recipients of this year's Birthday Offering grants.

Sign up at the information table to join PW for a soup and salad lunch after church on May 17. Please bring a salad to share. To request child care, contact Mary Powers by May 14 at 314-277-5440 or marystahr@charter.net.

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!

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!

THANK YOU!

We want to thank each of you for the calls, cards, emails, and words of encouragement during both of my parents' illness, and during my mother's recent death. What may seem like so little to you, meant a great deal to us. Kathy, Herb and Eric Gibbs

THANK YOU!

Children's Choir practice is cancelled for today. We will start practices again in the fall and will inform parents of future practice dates and times. We would like to thank all of the children and parents who participated!

MAY MEAL-A-MONTH

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

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on Tuesday, April 14, the Session:

- Received Fritz & Mary Waltman into membership;
- Authorized for Pastor James to celebrate the Lord's Supper on the Confirmation/Youth Retreat;
- Scheduled a service of ordination/installation for April 26th for Kay McCarthy, Margo VanMill and Steve Gerke;
- Discussed and made plans for the discontinuation of the preschool;
- Made plans for its meeting with our Confirmation students on May 3rd;
- Discussed the Hunger Project as a possible mission opportunity; and
- Discussed the ratification of Amendment 14F to the Constitution of the PC(USA).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who helped make A Taste of Pampered Chef a great success! Thanks to all who attended, to the kind gentlemen who helped set up, to those who helped clean up, to Adam for the flyers, to Kathy who assisted, and most especially to Donna Huffman who is so very generous with her time and talent.