

Love cannot endure indifference. It needs to be wanted.  
Like a lamp, it needs to be fed out of the oil of another's heart, or its flame burns low.

– Henry Ward Beecher

November 12, 2017

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## **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 in the Outreach & Information Center in the foyer or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in 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 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) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips. (11:00) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristin Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

***Flowers:*** To the glory of God and in celebration of her 60th birthday, given by Jody Romkey.

***Liturgist:*** Elder Bill Lamey

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

***Last Sunday's Attendance:*** 186

### **If You Are New to New Hope**

***Information about our church*** can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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

## *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

November 12, 2017

8:45 a.m.

### **THE GATHERING**

☞ *As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers. Please silence electronic devices. Announcements pertaining to the life of the church are provided in the weekly News & Opportunities. The prayer below is offered to help center one's heart and mind for worship. The start of the Opening Voluntary signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.*

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God of justice and love,  
you illumine our way through life  
with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need,  
and awaken us to the needs of others,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Soon and Very Soon*

arr. Jack Schrader

#### + \*OPENING HYMN 362

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

#### \*GREETING & OPENING SENTENCES

#### \*THE CONFESSION

**Merciful God,**  
**in your gracious presence**  
**we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**  
**Although Christ is among us as our peace,**  
**we are a people divided against ourselves**  
**as we cling to the values of a broken world.**  
**The profit and pleasures we pursue**  
**lay waste the land and pollute the seas.**  
**The fears and jealousies that we harbor**  
**set neighbor against neighbor**  
**and nation against nation.**  
**We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,**  
**of intellect and reason,**  
**and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
heal and forgive us.  
Set us free to serve you in the world  
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

*Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

##### 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*

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

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

##### EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

##### \*THE GOSPEL

##### THE ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA



##### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 1-13

##### SERMON

##### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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##### PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN

***THE EUCHARIST***

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. Joel Raney

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

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 cantor sings,*

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the Highest, hosanna in the Highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, 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

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## PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

### ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 350

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Amen*

arr. Jack Schrader

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?*

arr. Marianne Kim

Kathy Kuehnle & Gay Spears, piano duet

Prayer of Preparation

O God of justice and love,  
you illumine our way through life  
with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need,  
and awaken us to the needs of others,  
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\*DOXOLOGY

*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.*

Rollo Dilworth

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+ \*HYMN 352

*My Lord! What a Morning*

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 Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Paul Vasile

Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.  
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The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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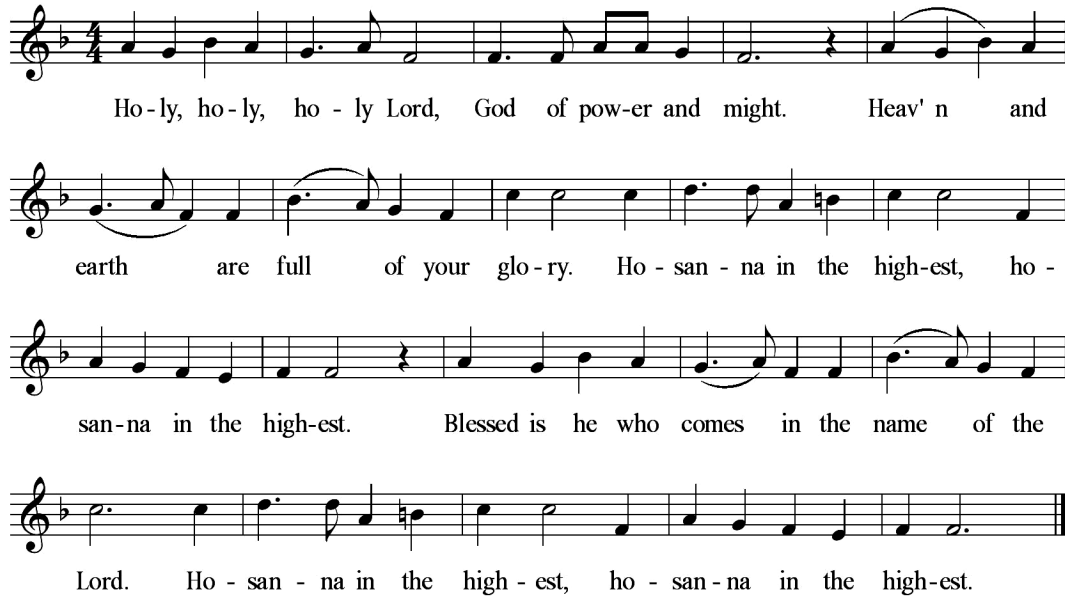
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav' n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -  
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## **“I’ve Been Wondering...”**

### **FAQs about Worship**

#### ***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](http://www.pcusa.org/sacraments).

#### ***Why does the pastor wear a robe and what is it called?***

The whole of our worship—the liturgical space, its architecture, liturgical furnishings (font, table, pulpit) and even our order of worship—is full of symbols, pointing to something meaningful beyond themselves. Even the clothing pastors and other liturgical leaders wear says something important.

At the time of the Reformation in the 16th century, pastoral leaders of Protestant Churches wanted to dissociate themselves from what they perceived to be a sort of clerical elitism practiced by priests who set themselves apart as “intermediaries” between God and the people. To that end, many Protestant pastors chose to wear clothing common to the academy, simply signifying the importance in the Reformed Tradition of an educated clergy. These robes, often known as Genevan gowns, are traditionally black, though can also come in the colors of the academic institution from which a particular degree is earned. A robe with velvet stripes on the sleeves indicate that its wearer has earned a doctoral degree.

Another kind of robe that is often worn by liturgical leaders is called an alb, which comes from the word “alba” meaning “white.” It reaches back into history much further than the academic regalia known to many Protestants. In the earliest centuries of the Church, when people were baptized, each one—fresh from the water—was clothed in a white robe. It expressed the idea that to be baptized was to “clothe yourself with Christ” (Galatians 3:27) and to join the multitude of people who had “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). This garment became one of the basic symbols of baptism and became the garment of choice by those serving the Christian assembly as its liturgical leaders.

Neither a Genevan gown nor an alb is “better” or more “right” than the other. Each simply says something different about the person wearing it and about the assembly being served.

## MUSIC NOTES

Several of the pieces you will hear and sing today in worship are based upon traditional African-American spirituals. They include the hymns *My Lord, What A Morning* and *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*. The instrumental pieces *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?* and *Amen* are also based upon spirituals.

## WORSHIP RESOURCES

Doxology, Word and Music in the public domain.

Prayer of Preparation, as found in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Leaders Desk Edition*, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2006), 116.

Prayer of Confession, as found in the *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (USA) (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993), 88.

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## PRAYERS

### *of Joy*

the birth of Gil Rin Mackin, to Stephanie & Stephen Mackin (grandson of Deb & Edd Mackin, October 26))  
the birth of William Andrew Fletcher, to Nicki & Andy Fletcher (grandson of Jeff & Ruth Connor, October 9)  
the birth of Rosemarie Lyla Beselman, to Katie & Mark Besselman (September 23)

### *for Healing & Wholeness*

Joe Axetell	Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)
Jack Cassidy (father of Kathy Freeman)	Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)
Jim Finks	Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)
Mike Dame	Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Dona Holmes (mother of Gay Spears)	Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)
Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)	Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)
Lori Seidler	Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)
Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)	Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)
Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)	Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)
Herb Gibbs	Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman
Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)	Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)
Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)	Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)
Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)	David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)
Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)	Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)
Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)	Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)
Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)	Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)
Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)	Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)
Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)	Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)
Fay Teacutter	Sheri Clayton
Susan Phillips	Garry Clayton
Anna Mae Richardson	Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)
John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)	Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)
Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)	W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)
Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)	Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)
Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)	Bob Mudrovic
Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)	

### *for the Grieving*

Chris & Laurie Meinert on the death of his mother, Jane Meinert (November 9)  
Mary Powers on the death of her mother, Mary Stahr Harris (September 28)  
Allen & Carolyn Rudolph on the death of his sister, Ruth Gnau (September 26)  
Barb Knes and family on the death of her father, Norris Dalton (September 10)  
Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)  
Emmett Kelewae & Joann Stewart on the death of his son, Gene Kelewae (August 12)

### *for the World and its People*

victims of the attack in Texas  
victims of the attack in New York  
victims of the attack in Las Vegas  
victims of the hurricanes in TX, FL, & the Caribbean

### *for those deployed*

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)



*Striving to welcome and include all,  
worship God,  
grow in Christian faith,  
serve others,  
and be God's love in the world.*

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*  
Dr. Gay Holmes Spears, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*

### ***Session***

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

2019  
Jerry Dyer  
Kirk Garten  
Bill Lamey  
Alyssa Murray  
Sue White

### ***Diaconate***

2017  
Laura Eikmann  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Stan Whiteley

2018  
Mark Besselman  
Bill Irvine, Moderator  
Kelley Hurrell  
Martha Lamey

2019  
Sharon Barnes  
Jennifer Bommarito  
Robert Dencker  
Carolyn Doerr  
Linda Judd

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