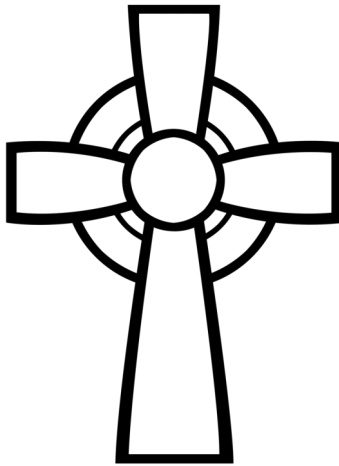


New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



November 23, 2014

## **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 Welcome 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.

**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) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer, Margo VanMill. (11:00) Jerry Brown, Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly.

**Flowers:** To the glory of God and in honor of Billy McDanel's birthday, given by Debbie McDanel and Craig Clarke.

**Liturgist:** (11:00) Del Phillips

**Sound Booth:** (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Russell Dittmar

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 157

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

**Information about our church** can be found at the Welcome 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  
*Reign of Christ Sunday*

November 23, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

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**THE GATHERING**

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

*This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

O God,  
in your Son Jesus Christ  
you richly bless us with all that we need,  
bread from the earth and the bread of heaven,  
which gives life to the world.  
Grant us one thing more:  
grateful hearts to sing your praise,  
in this world and the world to come. 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

O come, let us sing to the LORD  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

*Ps. 95:1,2*

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.**

+ \*HYMN 386

*Come, Worship God*

O QUANTA QUALIA

\*THE CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess  
that we are not ready for your holy realm.  
You guide us toward right paths,**

but we refuse to follow where you lead.  
You love and feed and care for us,  
but we fail to love and serve others.  
Forgive us, merciful God,  
so that we may return to your fold  
and rejoice in your presence;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the Lamb upon the throne.

*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 (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.***

### ***THE WORD***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

(11:00) ANTHEM

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Mark Hayes

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

\*THE GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION *Christ, Be Our Light (refrain) (Glory to God 314)*

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25: 31-46

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 586)*

ALLELUIA 7

***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 at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).*

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



## **“I’ve Been Wondering…” FAQs about Worship**

### ***Why do we pour water into the font?***

In ancient times, people regarded *flowing* water as *living* water. Standing water was (and is) known to become stagnant, but flowing water was and continues to be a habitat for life. We pour water into the font not just on those occasions when we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, but on every occasion we gather for worship because it is the waters of baptism that signify who we are as God’s beloved. Baptism is not merely a static event in the life of an individual, but a dynamic process of living by God’s grace into the fullness of life in the Christian community. When water is poured in the liturgy, we hear the sound of God’s baptismal grace and we see anew the water that sustains life on earth and our life with God. It reminds us of our baptismal identity as God’s own, of our ongoing need for God’s grace, and of our calling to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### ***Why do people touch the water when they pass by the font?***

The great reformer Martin Luther was a monk who had experienced a crisis of faith in which the more he tried to attain God’s love, the more he realized he could not do enough to rise above his own failings. One day while he was reading the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Romans, he was awakened to God’s magnificent grace that, of course we can do nothing on our own to win God’s love, but that God loves us despite ourselves. It was an incredibly freeing realization as God’s grace led him to the connection between the love of God and the meaning of the sacrament. Rather than “I *was* baptized,” Luther came to declare, “I *am* baptized!” Baptism for Luther became his life-long comfort because it reminded him over and over again that, amidst all the difficulties of life, the truth of God’s love and of his own grace-filled identity as a child of God can be seen and heard and felt in the waters of baptism. When we touch the water in the font, we feel with our own skin what we hold in our hearts, that we, too, are God’s beloved claimed by grace, no matter what. Thanks be to God!

### ***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).

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Audrey Chipley, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*  
Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

## ***Session***

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Formation for Discipleship</i>	<i>Ministry, Mission &amp; Evangelism</i>
Jim Pettit (2014)	Susan Phillips (2014)	Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)
Katie Harmon (2015)	Lauren Martinez (2014)	Neal Powers (2015)
Craig Graber (2016)	Deb Garten (2015)	Jim Salter (2016)
	Shelley Geiger (2016)	
<i>Worship, Music &amp; the Arts</i>	<i>Administration &amp; Support</i>	
Kristin Judd (2014)	Kathy Gibbs (2015)	
Michael Ray (2015)	Bill Pires (2016)	
Linda Dencker (2016)		

## ***Diaconate***

2014	2015	2016
Kimm Besgrove	Jerry Dyer	Earl Bostic
Jennifer Everly	Jackie Etling	Ruth Connor
Don Higgason	Bill Judd	Marion Hamilton
Pat Murphy	Kristen Moore	Stan Whiteley
Laura Eikmann	Jim Phillips	Jan Parker



CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 23rd**

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Harvest of Talents	Narthex
1:30 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens	

**Monday, November 24th**

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Youth Room
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**Tuesday, November 25th**

7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space
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**Wednesday, November 26th**

7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space
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**Thursday, November 27th**

*Thanksgiving Day*  
Church Office closed

**Friday, November 28th**

Church Office closed

**Sunday, November 30th**

<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>		
8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space

*News & Opportunities*, which is distributed during Sunday worship, is also available on the Welcome Table in the narthex and at [www.nhpres.org](http://www.nhpres.org).

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# News & Opportunities

November 23, 2014

**NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES**

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

**2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

To date, a total of 102 giving units completed an "Estimate of Giving" card and committed a total of \$334,739.00 for the work of the church in 2015. Of those cards received, 56 members increased their giving over 2014. "Estimate of Giving" cards were recently mailed out to those who were unable to attend on Consecration Sunday. If you haven't completed an "Estimate of Giving" card for 2015, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**HARVEST OF TALENTS**

The Harvest of Talents is TODAY after the 11:00 am service. Please place your items on the tables. After the service, everyone can check out all of the wonderful creations and make your selections. Free-will donations will be accepted items and all proceeds will benefit the Deacon's Benevolence Fund.

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

October Contributions	37,196.00
Monthly Budget	<u>37,821.25</u>
	- 625.25
Year-to-date Contributions	366,902.80
Year-to-date Budget	<u>378,212.50</u>
	-11,309.70

**"THE TWELVE WORDS OF CHRISTMAS"**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a special holiday event, A Dessert Potluck and "The Twelve Words of Christmas," a dvd presentation of the twelve words that changed history. Activities for elementary age children will be provided as well as childcare for younger children if requested. Plan to bring a dessert to share and enjoy an inspiring program and great fellowship. Please let us know you are planning to come by adding your name to the sign up on the Information Table or emailing Barbi Smith at [bsmith@nhpres.org](mailto:bsmith@nhpres.org).

**WISHING TREE**

You are invited to take an ornament from the wishing tree for items for the pre-school rooms. The tree will be up on November 23rd and November 30th. Please return item with ornament attached and place it under the tree by December 1st.

## CHILDREN

**Today, November 23rd** **November 30th**  
*Infant Nursery*  
Carol Dodds  
*Pre-K Nursery*  
Martha Lamey

Katharine Harmon  
Jennifer James

**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

November 23rd - Jane Cox & Julie Nowakowski  
November 30th - Barbi Smith & Sue Dittmar

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa9a829a7fa7-child>

**Kids Fellowship Club** is a fun-filled fellowship club for boys and girls in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We will meet two Sunday afternoons each month in the Sunshine Room on the lower level.

December 7th - Painted Pot! We will travel to the Painted Pot in O'Fallon where boys & girls will make two fused glass ornaments. Snacks/drinks will be provided. Drivers will be needed please!

## PW COOKBOOKS

Sunday November 23 Ann Schmid will offer the PW cookbook for sale before and after the second service. The proceeds supply the Scholarship Fund so that a deserving Senior from New Hope has some financial assistance upon entering college.

## WORSHIP

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

### **Lectionary for Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014**

Isaiah 64: 1-9  
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
Mark 13: 24-37

## COOKIES & MILK WITH SANTA

Join us on December 5th from 6-8 PM for Cookies and Milk with Santa event! Kick off the holiday season with a fun-filled evening! Enjoy stories with Mrs. Claus, create special Christmas crafts, and of course, sit on Santa's lap and share your wish list! Face painting, professional photos with Santa, and an unique children's only shopping experience (the Emporium) are also part of the festivities (at an addition charge).

Tickets can be purchased from the education office (located in the lower level of the church), or pick up an order form from the table in the narthex and drop off in the church office or the education office with your payment.

You may also visit the preschool website for more information about Cookies and Milk with Santa at [www.newhopepreschool.org](http://www.newhopepreschool.org)

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

December 7th is our Progressive Dinner! This is a very popular event and we would love to see all of our youth on this fun-filled evening. Watch for more information to be coming soon!

December 13th - OASIS Food Pantry

December 14th - Christmas Party

## NOVEMBER MEAL-A-MONTH

2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

## PW ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

To All Women of New Hope Church, Advent-By-Candlelight is Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7 P.M. in the worship space. This is a pleasant beginning to the Advent season; a way to enjoy music, devotions and dessert for ALL women of the congregation and family, friends and neighbors. You are encouraged to host or co-host a table of eight. A host is responsible for providing a centerpiece, tableware, and dessert. Assistance can be provided if there is uncertainty in creating a table.

Reservation forms are on the "Information Table" in the Narthex as well as on the PW bulletin board located in the east hallway opposite the drinking fountain. Hostess guidelines are attached to each form. Child care will be provided when noted. The cut off date for reservations is November 22. Completed forms may be placed in the basket next to the reservation forms. If you would like to attend Advent-By-Candlelight but do not want to host a table indicate this by using the bottom section of the form. For any questions please speak to one of the committee members listed below or call Margaret Mortland at 636-459-5251. There is no charge for this event but a free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses with the remainder to be divided 90% to the scholarship fund and 10% going to the preschool.

Plan to attend this inspirational evening when we set time aside from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. Advent-By-Candlelight Committee: Margaret Mortland, Mary Powers, Vicky Koonley, Jennifer Everly, and Kathy Freeman

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

**Christmas Poinsettias** You may order a "live" poinsettia to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve and take it home with you after the 11:00 pm service that night. You may also purchase a "virtual" poinsettia, 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 Christmas Eve bulletin. Please use the envelope provided on the Information Table for your order. The cost of either the live or "virtual" poinsettia is \$11.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by December 14th.

## SCRIP CARDS

The Christmas holidays are coming! Let scrip help with all of your shopping! It's easy to purchase scrip gift cards to all of your favorite stores before you go shopping. Then use the cards to pay for groceries, clothing, home improvement items, eating-out and more! Scrip cards also make the perfect gift for that hard to buy for person. New Hope earns a percentage of every card we sell!

## DEACONS GIVING TREE

The Deacons' Giving Tree is back up in the Narthex! Please take a moment to stop by and check out the ornaments, which contain wish lists of the family members the Deacons are sponsoring for Christmas. Pick an ornament, buy the appropriate gift, and return the gift to the tree to help make a family's Christmas a little brighter! Giving Tree gifts are due back to the church on or before December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.