



*"There is no substitute for learning to be a Christian by being in the presence of significant lives made significant by being Christian."*

*-Stanley Hauerwas*

September 11, 2016

## **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 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 worshipers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

**Ushering for today's worship:** (8:45 am) Michael Black, Cindy Martin, Jim & Debbie Phillips, (11:00 am) Craig Clarke, Kirk Garten, Bill & Linda Judd, Kristn Judd, Debbie McDanel, Joe Seidler.

**Flowers:** To the glory of God and in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary, given by Kathy & Herb Gibbs.

**Sound Booth:** (8:45 am) Mark Phillips (11:00 am) Deb Garten

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 132

### **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

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 11, 2016

8:45 a.m.

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**THE GATHERING**

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Undaunted you seek the lost, O God,  
exultant you bring home the found.  
Touch our hearts with grateful wonder  
at the tenderness of your forbearing love.  
Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us,  
and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever. Amen.

+ \*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH 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

+ \*HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\*THE CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess  
that have not turned away from sin.  
You search for us, like lost sheep,  
but we pretend not to hear your voice.  
You treasure us, like lost coins,  
but we spend our lives in foolish ways.  
Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Help us to repent and return to you,  
so that we may join the joyful feast  
of redemption and restoration;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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 Exodus 32: 7-14

EPISTLE READING 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION 369 *Blessing and Honor (v.3)*

O QUANTA QUALIA

***Ever ascending the song and the joy,  
ever descending the love from on high;  
Blessing and honor and glory and praise:  
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.***

GOSPEL READING Luke 15: 1-10

THE ALLELUIA 587

CELTIC ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Alleluia!  
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SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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PASTORAL PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

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*The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,*

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***...Christ has died;***

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***...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 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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Rejoice with me, people of God.

*based on Luke 15*

**God has gathered us in from the wilderness,  
and swept away the darkness of the night.  
Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.**

\*CELEBRATION OF WELCOME OF AFFIRMERS

*☞ Affirmers and Companions gather at the door of the sanctuary. The pastor invites them into the sanctuary where they will be welcomed by the congregation. The congregation faces the Affirmers.*

*To the Affirmers:*

God's word is like bread for our hearts; we cannot live without it.  
God's word is like rain that comes down upon the earth,  
bringing forth fruit in our lives.

Come and be with us as a hearer of the Word of God.  
Let the Word of God guide your way and bring you everlasting life.

*Congregation:*

**We rejoice to welcome you!**

**Join us as together we seek to live God's love in the world!**

+ \*HYMN 12

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#### PRESENTATION OF AFFIRMERS

*Each Affirmer will be introduced to the congregation by his or her Companion. They will then respond to the following questions, as they prepare to renew and live out their baptismal covenant among us.*

What do you ask of God's church?

What do you seek from God's Word?

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#### COMMITMENT

Companions, will you care for your new partner in faith,  
in word and deed, with love and prayer?

**With gladness, I will.**

Will you help them through your example  
to know God and to discover the way of following Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

*To the congregation:*

All of you who are assembled here  
are called to welcome and support these Affirmers and their Companions.  
Will you help them in their journey to hear the Gospel of Christ  
and be strengthened as members of the household of faith?

**We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

#### PRAYER

...We praise you, O God, and we bless you.

**Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (v.1)

ST. DENIO

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

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John L. Bell  
Glory to God 698

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be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me As I Am'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'

THE THREE GIFTS

THE CROSS

*Take, O Take Me As I Am*

*See above*

THE BIBLE

*☞ The Companion presents a Bible to each Affirmer:*

*{Name}, receive this Bible.*

Hear God's Word with us.

Learn and tell its stories.

Discover its mysteries.

Honor its commandments.

Rejoice in its good news.

May God's life-giving Word, sweeter than honey,  
inspire you and make you wise.

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\*THE BLESSING

*☞ The congregation stands as each Companion lays hands on the Affirmers.*

...With all your people may they bear witness to your grace and praise you forever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*☞ Following the blessing, you may share the peace of Christ with those around you saying, "The peace of Christ be with you", responding, "And also with you."*

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The Rev. Dr. Christopher Q. James, *Pastor*  
Mike Greene, *Pianist*  
Laura Meinert, *Office Manager*  
Monica Schrautemeier, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Kelly Brueggemann, *Child Care Provider*  
Sharon & Melissa Lukes, *Child Care Providers*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*

***Session***

2016  
Sam Connor  
Linda Dencker  
Shelley Geiger  
Craig Graber  
Bill Pires  
Jim Salter

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

***Diaconate***

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Stan Whiteley  
Jan Parker

2017  
Laura Eikmann, Moderator  
Donna Huffman  
Kay McCarthy  
Kurt Romkey

2018  
Mark Besselman  
Bill Irvine  
Kelley Hurrell  
Martha Lamey  
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