

# New Hope Presbyterian Church



September 29, 2013

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

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

**Flowers:** To the glory of God and in celebration of Debbie Phillips' birthday, given by Jim Phillips.

**The white rose** at the foot of the cross is to the glory of God and in memory of Bonnie Schmickley, who died on Sunday, September 22nd. A visitation will be held at New Hope on Monday, October 7th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 7:00 p.m.

**Liturgist:** Katie Sternhagen

**Sound Booth Technician:** (8:45) Neal Powers (11:00) Kelsey Etling

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 197

### **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 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 636/936. 2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 29, 2013

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

**THE GATHERING**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11:00) INTROIT

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Wm. Marion Runyan

+ \*DOXOLOGY & OPENING SENTENCES

***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.***

We dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
and rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

*Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16*

**The Lord is our refuge and our fortress,  
our God in whom we trust.**

Let us worship God who will answer when we call.

**Let us worship the God of our salvation.**

+ \*HYMN

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

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\*THE CONFESSION

**God of justice and righteousness,  
you lift up the lowly and fill the empty,  
yet we adore the high and the mighty.**

**You reach out to the poor,  
yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.**

**You talk about treasure in heaven,  
yet we want dollars in our accounts right now.**

**Forgive our lack of generosity.**

**Heal our misguided ways.**

**Cleanse us from the assumption that all that matters  
is what we have and what we can get.**

**Change our hearts so that we can tend to the things that matter,  
and find our life in Jesus Christ.**

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."*

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*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) ANTHEM

*Gloria*

Sonja Poorman

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

PSALTER

Psalm 91: 1-6, 9-16

*The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.*



God is our ref - uge; God is our strength.

<sup>1</sup>*All you that take shelter in the most high  
and live in the shadow of the almighty,  
<sup>2</sup>you will call God "My refuge and my strength,  
the one in whom I put my trust." (R)*

<sup>3</sup>*God will save you from those who would trap you,  
and from the deadly plague.  
<sup>4</sup>The Lord will guard you in the nest;  
you will find safety under those mighty wings. (R)*

<sup>5</sup>*You will not fear any terror of night  
nor any arrow that flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup>neither the disease that strikes in darkness,  
nor the evil that comes at noon.  
<sup>9</sup>Because you made the most high your retreat,  
<sup>10</sup>no disaster can come near your tent. (R)*

<sup>11</sup>*For God has given the angels charge over you,  
they will guard you in all your ways;  
<sup>12</sup>they will hold you in their hands,  
lest your foot be hurt by a stone. (R)*

<sup>13</sup>*You will be safe among the beasts,  
you will trample the lion and the snake.  
<sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will lift up those who know my name. (R)*

<sup>15</sup>*Those who call on me I will answer;  
those who are in trouble I will save.  
<sup>16</sup>I will give them life, long and full;  
I will offer the joy of my peace. (R)*

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

***Come Christians join to sing Alleluia! Amen!***

***Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!***

***Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;***

***Praise is his gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*** (Tune: MADRID)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16: 19-31

THE ALLELUIA

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.*

(11:00) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

**Anna Michelle Hause**

Daughter of Scott & Misty Hause

PROFESSION OF FAITH

RENUNCIATIONS

\*PROFESSION – *the Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER  
 THE BAPTISM  
 LAYING ON OF HANDS  
 CHORAL RESPONSE *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980 KINGDOM 8.7.8.7 V. Earle Copes, 1959

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,  
 2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, Love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed!  
 3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you are, from God you came.  
 4. Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, Learn to lis - ten for God's call.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, In - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
 Back to God we hum - bly give you: Live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, Trust and love God more than all.

GIVING OF THE LIGHT  
 WELCOME

...Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**With joy and thanksgiving  
 we welcome you into Christ's church  
 to share with us in his ministry,  
 for we are all one in Christ.**

***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

*Upon extending the bread and cup toward the congregation...*

Holy things for holy people.

**Only one is holy, one is Lord:**

**Jesus Christ to the glory of God.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*☞ All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice 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***

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *As We Go*

***As we go, may your Spirit go before us.  
As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned,  
share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world as we go.***

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\*All who are able please stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



# Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7

Benjamin Schmolck, 1732  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Joachim Neander, 1680  
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; alt.  
Desc. John Dykes Bower (1905–1981)

*Descant*

3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so down to me;  
3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer;  
Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be;  
May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.  
To my heart O en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

## **“I’ve Been Wondering...”**

### **FAQs about Worship**

#### ***Why do we gather around the font for the confession of sin?***

*“We love God because God first loved us”* (1 John 4:19). As the people of God, we assemble for worship filled with baptismal confidence. Before we ever come to God, God has first come to us. Whenever and wherever we “find” God, we can be assured that God has first found us. Whether we are baptized as infants or adults, our baptism is not an achievement on our part, but rather God’s declaration of love and care for us. Knowing we are God’s own and washed in love, we are able to approach the time of confession in honesty, vulnerability and the confidence that God will make us new.

#### ***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!

#### ***Why do we call that tall candle the “Paschal” candle and what does it mean?***

“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).

***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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