



December 24, 2024
Christmas Eve

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

Our worship stems from the Presbyterian/Reformed branch of the Christian faith, and you'll find much of what you need to participate in this bulletin. If you're unfamiliar with these traditions, you may simply let the prayers of the community carry you forward. There is no wrong way to come to God in prayer. We're glad you're here.

During Today's Worship

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 found in the Outreach & Information Center in the narthex or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery (infant—Pre-K) in Room 204 (main 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.

Large-print bulletins are available for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you.

The offering... Your financial contributions to New Hope may be placed in one of the two offering stands located at the entry to the main sanctuary doors. Contributions may also be made securely online via the QR code toward the back of this worship bulletin.

The Eucharist (the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion) is open to all the 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.

Restrooms are located on the south side of the building, across the hall from the kitchen. When you exit the worship space, turn left and they are down the hall on the right.

Liturgist: Bill Lamey

Tech team: Jim Pettit & Scott Truett

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information area in the foyer.

Wifi network: NHPCGuest **Wifi password:** Reformed

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.

New Hope broadcasts our worship livestream to our website. The video and audio of the service are recorded and may be replayed. Your participation in our worship constitutes your consent for you and/or your child(ren) to have your image and/or voice potentially recorded and replayed.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

4:15 p.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING

+ PRELUDE

The Sussex Carol
Kathy Kuehnle, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

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

Jesus Christ, born in our midst,
we seek your good news as one people.
In your life and by your birth
we receive your grace appearing,
we experience your salvation nearing,
and we feel your great light dawning.
Draw us deeper into this mystery
in the stillness and silence of this Christmas Eve. Amen.

+ *OPENING HYMN 97 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

ABERYSTWYTH

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Thom & Jane Johnston

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

Isa. 9:2

**There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

Lk. 2:10-11

...in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ *HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*THE CONFESSION

**Lord God, forgive our clouded memory:
In the dark crevices of our hiding
we forget how you said,
“Let there be light.”** *...cont.*

In the confused turns of our choosing
 we forget how you said,
 "You shall have no other gods."
 In the lonely corners of our living
 we forget how you said,
 "To us a child is born."
 Fulfill in this place tonight
 the truth you spoke long ago.
 We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

☞ You 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."

*HYMN 113

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 2-7

HYMN 145 *(seated)*

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2: 11-14

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, Sing! Glo-ry to God! _____

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth! _____

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2: 1-20

*HYMN 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

HOMILY

☞ A moment for silence and reflection.

*THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Emmanuel, God-with-us,
hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

✠ Financial contributions to the mission and ministry of New Hope may be placed through the slot of the offering stand located at the entry to the sanctuary, or securely online via the QR code on page 10.

Christ Is Born, Nowell!

Pepper Choplin

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

...As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

✠ Ushers will invite worshipers to the Lord's Table by rows. Please approach the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles.

✠ Please cup your hands to receive the bread. Gluten-free bread is available at the plate in the center.

COMMUNION MUSIC

O Holy Night

arr. Lloyd Larson

Tracy Grundy, flute

✠ After the presider and communion servers have received the elements, and before the concluding prayer, the whole assembly is invited to share a moment of silent contemplation before God.

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

...proclaiming the good news
of your righteousness and peace for all the world.
Amen.

THE SENDING

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

*HYMN 122

☞ *Worshippers are invited to come forward and gather in the open space
between the font and table for the singing of Silent Night.*

☞ *During the singing, please pass the light by lighting one another's candle.
Afterward, you may leave your candle in the basket at the door.*

v.1 *Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.*

v.2 *Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"*

v.3 *Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.*

v.4 *Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born.*

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



2024 Poinsettias

The Carson, Ray, & Moore Families in memory of Charles Carson

Mike & Jane Dame in memory of Lester & Katherine Hershey

Bob Davenport in memory of Robert L. Davenport, Sr.

Mary Neill in memory of Harlan & Lillian Hommes

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of David Freiberger

Lindy Stacy in memory of Richard & Dottie Staats

Scott Truett & Leigh Lindahl Truett in gratitude for 40 years of marriage

Bob & Linda Dencker in honor of Henry

Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of our parents

Bryan & Laura Eikmann in gratitude for the many blessings received

Kerry, Donna & Adam Huffman in gratitude for Jane Rigdon

Chris, Jennifer, Will, Grace & Becky James in memory of Bill & Karen James

Carol Pupillo in memory of Frank Pupillo

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of Eric Mackin

Bob Davenport in memory of Estrella B Davenport-Fehrenbacher

Deb Mackin in memory of my parents—George & Virginia Turner

Margaret Mortland in memory of Viola Marshall

Pat & Robin Murphy in memory of Joseph Murphy

Mike & Jane Dame in memory of Gene & Chris Dame

The James Family in gratitude for our New Hope church family

Mary Neill in memory of Daniel & Mildred Neill

Barbara Newman in memory of Katherine Alene Buxton

Jim Pettit in memory of Mike Jones

Lindy Stacy in memory of Rick & Tiff Stacy

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of Mike Soo

Chris, Jennifer, Will, Grace & Becky James in memory of Paul Dubuque

Jim Pettit in memory of Jan Rains

Barbara Newman in memory of Linda Larkin

Carol Pupillo in memory of Marjorie Rhoads

Bob & Linda Dencker in honor of Lily

Lynne Snyder in memory of Alma Kuhlow

Gay Spears in honor of our church musicians

The James Family in gratitude for New Hope's wonderful staff

Margaret Mortland in memory of Eden Krumrey

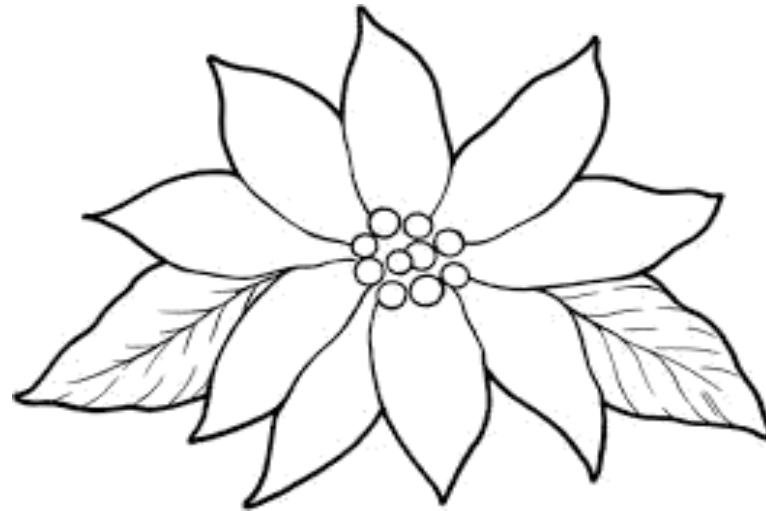
Lindy Stacy in honor of the New Hope Presbyterian Church choir

Connie & Jim Pettit in memory of Bill Sei

Scott Truett & Leigh Lindahl Truett in memory of Marianne Thiel

Christine Waddell in memory of Jim Waddell, beloved husband and father

Harmony Faith Family in memory of Marianne Theil



WORSHIP RESOURCES

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*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*
Trudi Johnson, *Office Manager*

Session

2024
Deb Garten
Marion Hamilton
Deb Mackin
Jim Phillips
Patrick Tilk

2025
Lindsay Gonterman
Tracy Grundy
Tara Larrew
Greg Marshall

2026
Jeff Connor
Lynn Harmon
Holly Martinez
Stan Whiteley

Diaconate

2024
Jackie Etling
Donna Huffman
Bill Irvine
Cindy Martin

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2026
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