



and

*suddenly*

there was with

*the* **ANGEL**

a multitude of  
the heavenly host,

*praising GOD*

and saying

*Glory to God*

in the highest, and on earth,  
peace, good will toward men.

*Luke 2*

**13-14**

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## *Advent and Christmas at New Hope*

### **Sunday, December 2nd ♦ First Sunday of Advent**

10:15 a.m. Worship & the Lord's Supper

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 ❖ Psalm 25: 1-10 ❖ 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 ❖ Luke 21: 25-36

### **Sunday, December 9th ♦ Second Sunday of Advent**

10:15 a.m. Worship & the Lord's Supper

Malachi 3: 1-4 ❖ Luke 1: 68-79 ❖ Philippians 1: 3-11 ❖ Luke 3: 1-6

### **Sunday, December 16th ♦ Third Sunday of Advent**

10:15 a.m.. Worship & the Lord's Supper

Zephaniah 3: 14-20 ❖ Isaiah 12: 2-6 ❖ Philippians 4: 4-7 ❖ Luke 3: 7-18

### **Sunday, December 23rd ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:15 a.m. Worship & the Lord's Supper

Micah 5: 2-5a ❖ Psalm 80: 1-7 ❖ Hebrews 10: 5-10 ❖ Luke 1: 39-55

### **Monday, December 24th ♦ Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship & the Lord's Supper

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship & the Lord's Supper

Isaiah 9: 2-7 ❖ Psalm 96 ❖ Titus 2: 11-14 ❖ Luke 2: 1-14

### **Sunday, December 30th ♦ First Sunday After Christmas**

10:15 a.m. Worship & the Lord's Supper

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 ❖ Psalm 148

Colossians 3: 12-17 ❖ Luke 2: 41-52



## *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 \$9.00 each. Checks can be written to NHPC. Orders must be received by December 16th.

## *Cookies with Santa*

*Santa Claus is coming to town...*

**Join us for *Cookies with Santa!***  
**Friday, December 7th**  
**6:30 ~ 8:00 pm**  
**New Hope Presbyterian Church**

**Cookies, hot chocolate, crafts, and of course, a visit with Santa!**

**Call 636-936-2200 for more information**

*Please bring white men's socks for Coordinated Entry*



## *The Female Connection—Christmas Shopping on Main*

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON MAIN

Every Saturday Christmas Traditions come alive with the life and spirit of the holiday season. It's time for Christmas shopping on Historic Main Street. We are going to start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 15 at Cracker Barrel at 901 Veterans Memorial Parkway (next to St. Charles Convention Center) for brunch before we shop. We will then proceed down to Main Street. If you want to join us later, locate us by calling Deb Mackin on her cell phone at 636-734-5618. We will enjoy shopping along with the characters and events (Santa Parade is at 1:30). For more information or questions, please contact Deb or you can also check out [www.stcharleschristmas.com](http://www.stcharleschristmas.com).



## *Advent and Christmas Music*

The words of the hymn "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*" were written by Charles Wesley and first published in 1744. As we sing these words, "...we enter into an ancient prayer. For hundreds of years, our ancestors in the faith prayed for the Messiah to come. God had blessed them to be a blessing to all the nations..., but it was difficult to feel blessed in the pain of defeat, exile, and occupation. They longed for the Messiah to come and reestablish the kingdom....While we have experienced times when God feels near, there are others seasons of struggle and doubt...We see the brokenness of our world and its systems...We await the day when Jesus will return to usher in the new creation and heal our broken world." (Joe Lovino on [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)).

We will sing of our hope as we long for that day during the Advent season. On December 2, the choir will sing "*Our Hope Is in Emmanuel*" and "*Star of Heaven, Child of God*."

The choir will sing "*His Name Shall Be Called Peace*" and "*Prepare the Way*," based upon texts from the book of Isaiah on December 9.

A Fifth Above Woodwind Quintet will return to play music of the season on December 16. Each of the talented members of this quintet is actively involved in performing ensembles throughout the region.



*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, a concert of musical selections and readings from poetry, will be performed by the choir, handbell choir, and instrumentalists in a special service on Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.

On December 23, the choir will present an anthem called "*Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*," a poem by Mary Louise Bringle, as well as "*Song of Mary*" based on the Magnificat from the gospel of St. Luke.

The choir will sing two joyous pieces at the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, and a flute duet will play familiar Christmas songs.

Margret Heyl, violinist, will play Christmas selections on December 30. Margret is an instructor at Webster University Community Music School and plays in the Bach Society Orchestra.

May the Advent music be a blessing to you during this holy season as we wait for the coming of the Promised One.

## *New Hope December Ministries*

### **Holiday Hearts 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! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Joy Offering**

Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to shine the One True Light of Christ's love on the poor in circumstance or spirit. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

### **OASIS**

As always, New Hope will be collecting food for the OASIS Food pantry during the month of December, to help feed those less fortunate. A list of recommended items to donate during December includes: 2 cans chicken, 1 box Chicken Helper, 1 can vegetables, 1 can fruit, 1 box/bag cookies.

### **Help For School Kids**

New Hope is again collecting snacks for school aged children who attend Harvest Ridge Elementary School. You may pick up lists of peanut-free snacks and drop off your donations in the "Information and Outreach" area of the Narthex.

In addition to snacks to help students through the school days, let's help reduce sniffles. During November and December, New Hope will collect Clorox wipes and facial tissues for use in the Harvest Ridge classrooms. Snacks and classroom supplies may be dropped off in the Outreach and Information area.

## *Birthday Party for Jesus!*

On Sunday, December 16th the Formation for Discipleship Team will be sponsoring another Church Family Gathering during the Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited to come together for a continental breakfast, advent activities, and a special program to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will start serving breakfast at 9:00 a.m. We are asking for people to RSVP to the office by Wednesday, December 12th so we can plan the food appropriately. Please bring a canned food item for O.A.S.I.S. Food Pantry.

We are in need of volunteers. You will find the volunteer sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call or email the church office. Hope to see you and your family there!



## *Church Office Schedule*

The following is the church office schedule for the holidays:

12/24 - office closes at 12:00 PM                      12/31 - office closes at 12:00 PM  
 12/25 - office closed in observance of Christmas      1/1/2019- office closed in observance of New Year's Day

### *December Birthdays*

Quinn Barbee	12/02	Ruth Connor	12/23
Laurie Meinert	12/04	Eric Gibbs	12/23
Michael Ray	12/11	Patricia Wahler	12/23
Barb Griffith	12/16	Debbie McDanel	12/24
Don Higgason	12/16	Marilynne Counts	12/28
Mackenzie Moore	12/17	Greg Marshall	12/29
Ann Schmid	12/19	Brooklyn Bommarito	12/31
Brian Yarde	12/19	Rachel Steele	12/31
Gary Freeman	12/20		
Samantha Hurrell	12/20		
Lori Seidler	12/20		

### *December Anniversaries*

Carl & Carolyn Doerr	12/10/1966
Ernest & Lisa Smith	12/27/1975
Jack & Tracy Grundy	12/29/2010

**2018 Giving envelopes will be available at the Information Table beginning December 9th.**

### *FINANCIAL CORNER*

CONTRIBUTIONS	November 2018	Year To Date
Budget	35,382.82	389,211.02
Actual	31,834.85	374,845.92

## DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Word & Sacrament 11:30am ABC Setup 11:30am <i>The Journey</i> 11:30pm Harmony Faith Family	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Advent by Candlelight 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>5</b> 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Agape Circle 3:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Joy Circle	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Cookies with Santa	<b>8</b> 9:45am OASIS Food Pantry 2:00pm Girl Scouts
<b>9</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Word & Sacrament	<b>10</b> 6:15pm MME Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Session Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 3:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast 10:00am Female Connection
<b>16</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent 9:00am Birthday Party for Jesus 10:15am Word & Sacrament 3:00pm Choir Christmas Program	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2:00pm Boy Scout Blood Drive 7:00pm Cub Scouts	<b>19</b> 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Employment Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 4th Sunday of Advent 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Word & Sacrament	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 12:00pm Church Office closed	25 Christmas Day Church Office Closed	<b>26</b> 6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:15am Christian Formation 10:15am Word & Sacrament	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve 12:00pm Church Office Closes					



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