



Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025

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 can also 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).

Worship Feast, an alternative Christian formation experience for elementary-age children is available during the service. Children who wish to participate may be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted across the hallway.

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.

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: Elder Lynn Harmon **Tech team:** Bob Davenport & Scott Truett

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center 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 (tjohnson@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 THE LORD'S DAY
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April 20, 2025

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Resurrection Morning
Terry Martinez, director

arr. Joel Raney

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

Infinite God,
your light breaks forth like the dawn,
scattering the darkness and renewing our hope.
You are our joy and our life,
the wellspring of our praise,
the font of all our alleluias.
All glory and honor to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF ADORATION

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Lk. 24:34

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

+ *HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

EASTER HYMN

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

O Lord our God, we give you thanks
for the new life you raise up in us
through the mystery of our baptism—
the sorrow of the heavy cross,
the surprise of the empty tomb,
the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit,
poured out upon us in baptism,
fill us with the joy of resurrection,
so that we may be a living sign
of your new heaven and new earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly
known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

Christ Is Risen, Shout Hosanna!

A Joyful Noise Ensemble

arr. Stan Pethel

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

1x Choir; 2x All

David Haas

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

✠ *A moment for silence and reflection.*

*HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*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.

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 14.*

On the Third Day

Allen Pote

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.

...cont.

...all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

...Now every night is as bright as day,

and that light is Christ.

Thanks be to God.

...The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,

for that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

...and we praise your victory through all time and space,

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

Amen and amen:

Amen and amen.

Let us pray for God's rule on earth, as Jesus taught us.

setting, David Haas





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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Terry Martinez, director

arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

...Now send us forth from this place
by the power of your Spirit
to tell this good news to the world:
The Lord has risen indeed!
Amen.

*HYMN 246

THE SENDING
Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*BLESSING & CHARGE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Cor. 13:13

Alleluia!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the power of his resurrection.

Amen.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Alleluia!

Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
A Joyful Noise Ensemble

arr. Stan Pethel

☞ Kindly remain in place for the instrumental postlude.

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



New Life Is Right Here

Maybe today
we can take a moment.
Maybe today
we can silence the inner critic.
Maybe today
we can leave perfection at the door.
Maybe today we can allow ourselves to be
here.

Maybe that's all that matters.
Maybe this sunrise is for us.
Maybe these Hallelujahs are for us.
Maybe the hope blooming in my chest
is for us.

Maybe the resurrection was not just about God's body,
but is about our body.
Maybe this new life reaches all the way to the edges.
Maybe we are free to live in a new way
where love is the currency and we are enough.

Maybe that's what this is all about—
not a relentless pursuit of more
but God's relentless pursuit of me.

New life
is right here.
Like the women—say it out loud.
Like Peter—run that way.

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2025 Easter Flowers

Jack & Tracy Grundy in honor of our family
Julie Nowakowski in memory of Jeanne Nowakowski
David Maul in memory of Rose Maul
Greg Newman in memory of my mother Carol Lee Rusher Newman
Ken Pinkley in memory of Rhonda Dyer
Kathy Mudrovic in memory of Bob Mudrovic
Barbara Newman in memory of my brother Grant N. Buxton
Bob Davenport in memory of Robert L. Davenport & Estrella Davenport-Fehrenbacher
Jim & Debbie Phillips in loving memory of those forever in our hearts
Jerry Dyer in loving memory of Rhonda
Jim & Anne Finks in honor and memory of our loved ones
Barbara Newman in honor of Christopher Vessell
Lynne Snyder in memory of Robert & Alma Kuhlrow
Nancy Seals
Chris, Jennifer, Will, Grace, & Becky James in memory of Bill and Karen James
Barbara Newman in memory of my sister Linda Gale Buxton Larkin
Rick & Marsha Getz in honor of our children, Dana & Rick
Jane Rigdon in memory of Betty Osiek
Barbara Newman in memory of Lee Johnson
Scott & Leigh Lindahl Truett in honor of Church Family
Barbara Newman in honor of Bentley Fish & Christopher Vessell
Susan Beaumont in memory of James Beaumont
Chris & Jennifer James in honor of New Hope's dedicated staff
Lindy Stacy in memory of my parents Richard & Dottie Staats
Mary Neill in honor of Mallory Neill

Edd & Deb Mackin in memory of Eric Mackin
Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Fred & Flora Ernst
Pat & Robin Murphy in memory of Brayden & Joseph
Barbara Newman in memory of my sister Leigh Ann Buxton LaMear
Anita Fischer in memory of Jo Fischer
Bob & Linda Dencker in memory of Duane & Mildred Craven
Jon & Ann Schmid in memory of Bill Werber
Rick & Marsha Getz in memory of our parents Craig & Darlene Hamner,
Melburn & Gertrude Getz
Bob Davenport in honor of Tawnya, Mayleigh, Abby, & Libby Davenport
Barbara Newman in memory of Rob Larkin
Carl & Carolyn Doerr in memory of Carl & Anne Doerr
Presbyterian Women in memory of Rhonda Dyer
Deb Mackin in memory of my mother & grandmothers
Bryan & Laura Eikmann in honor of family & friends
Greg Newman in memory of my father Norman Newman
Anita Fischer in memory of Pam Eckerling
Barbara Newman in memory of my mother Katherine Alene Buxton
Kirk & Deb Garten in memory of Rev. & Mrs. James Bullard
Chris, Jennifer, Will, Grace, & Becky James in memory of Paul Dubuque
Lindy Stacy in memory of my son Rick Stacy
Bob & Linda Dencker in memory of Bob & Lola Dencker
Janet Liley in honor of Ara & Andria Liley
Donna Drackert
Chris & Jennifer James in honor & gratitude for our New Hope Church Family

THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

During the season of Eastertide, New Hope is observing the practice of reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the First Scripture Reading in worship. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the growth of the early church in the first century after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. It is a moving testimony to how the Christian community lives in response to the earth-shattering reality that happened at Easter.

The communion ware, handmade by Mississippi Mud Pottery, in Alton, Illinois, is of the set commissioned for the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which met in St. Louis in June, 2018.

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 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 lighted throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter through Pentecost, and then is again lit 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).

Why does the pastor wear a robe and what is it called?

The whole of our worship—the liturgical space, its architecture, liturgical furnishings (font, table, pulpit) and even our order of worship—is full of symbols, pointing to something meaningful beyond themselves. Even the clothing pastors and other liturgical leaders wear says something important.

At the time of the Reformation in the 16th century, pastoral leaders of Protestant Churches wanted to dissociate themselves from what they perceived to be a sort of clerical elitism practiced by priests who set themselves apart as “intermediaries” between God and the people. To that end, many Protestant pastors chose to wear clothing common to the academy, simply signifying the importance in the Reformed Tradition of an educated clergy. These robes, often known as Genevan gowns, are traditionally black, though can also come in the colors of the academic institution from which a particular degree is earned. A robe with velvet stripes on the sleeves indicate that its wearer has earned a doctoral degree.

Another kind of robe that is often worn by liturgical leaders is called an *alb*, which comes from the word “alba” meaning “white.” It reaches back into history much further than the academic regalia known to many Protestants. In the earliest centuries of the Church, when people were baptized, each one—fresh from the water—was clothed in a white robe. It expressed the idea that to be baptized was to “clothe yourself with Christ” (Galatians 3:27) and to join the multitude of people who had “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). This garment became one of the basic symbols of baptism and became the garment of choice by those serving the Christian assembly as its liturgical leaders.

Neither a Genevan gown nor an alb is “better” or more “right” than the other. Each simply says something different about the person wearing it and about the assembly being served.

NOTE:

During this season of Eastertide, Pastor James is wearing another liturgical garment over his alb, called a “chasuble,” with a matching stole. This Palestinian chasuble and stole, hand-stitched in Jerusalem, was a gift from the Rev. Dr. David Batchelder, a friend and mentor in ministry, upon his retirement. David had first received it as a gift from the Rev. Dr. Dennis Hughes, a long-time Presbyterian pastor, scholar, and associate in the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s Office of Theology and Worship, who died on Easter Sunday in 2017.

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.*

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Tracy Grundy
Tara Larrew
Greg Marshall

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Lynn Harmon
Holly Martinez
Stan Whiteley

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Deb Mackin, Clerk of Session
Colleen Shear

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Bob Dencker
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