



A Christian is  
a mind through which Christ thinks,  
a heart through which Christ loves,  
a voice through which Christ speaks,  
and a hand through which Christ helps.

-St. Augustine

February 23, 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 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).

**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 Colleen Shear

**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  
*Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

February 23, 2025

10:15 a.m.

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**THE GATHERING**

*Worshippers are invited to greet one another and welcome newcomers.  
Please silence electronic devices.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Heavenly Sunlight*

arr. Mark Hayes

Shelley Geiger, Sharon Ricker, Lynne Snyder, Gay Spears  
Kathy Kuehnle, piano

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

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ  
you have shown us the way to live  
and how to treat others with love.  
May your Holy Spirit  
cleanse our minds, thoughts, and actions  
so that we may love others as you have loved us.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

\*OPENING SENTENCES & GATHERING PRAYER

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**  
...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Ps. 51:15*

\*HYMN 410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*

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\*THE CONFESSION

**Merciful God,**  
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.  
Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.  
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;  
we resist your call to oppose injustice;  
we give in to scarcity and fear;  
we assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your lovingkindness.

*...cont.*

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

*✠ Worshipers 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."*

*Glory to God*

GLORIA

Musical notation for the Gloria. It consists of two staves of music in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in\_ the high - est!". The second staff, starting with a measure rest of 5, contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!".

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff, starting with a measure rest of 5, contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.". The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong rhythmic pattern.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

*✠ A moment for silence and reflection.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...O Christ, our light,  
**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 6*

*This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Mark Hayes

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.**

...We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

*...cont.*

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

☞ *Worshippers may come to the Lord's Table by rows, approaching at the center and returning by the outside aisles.*

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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* arr. Ed Hogan & Mary Ellen Kerrick  
Tracy Grundy, flute

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 819

*Be Still, My Soul*

FINLANDIA

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Jesus, the Light of the World*

Evelyn Simpson-Cureton

1st, Choir; 2nd, Congregation

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The first line starts with a triplet of three quarter notes, followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light." The second line begins at measure 9 and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright, Oh, \_\_\_". The third line begins at measure 13 and the lyrics are: "shine all a - round us by day and by night,". The fourth line begins at measure 17 and includes first and second endings. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll world." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

\*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



*Let us know you are worshiping with us today.*



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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

"Heavenly Sunlight." Text: H.J. Zelle. Music: George Harrison Cook, arr. Mark Hayes. ©2003 Alfred Music Co.

Prayer of Preparation, *Connections: Worship Companion* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021), 86.

"God Is Calling through the Whisper." Text: Mary Louis Bringer. ©2006 GIA Publications, Inc.

Prayer of Confession, *Sundays & Seasons*, ©2024, Augsburg Fortress, 74.

"Glory to God." Text: trad. liturgical. Music: Jacques Berthier. ©1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé.

"Celtic Alleluia." Text: trad. liturgical. Music: Fintan O'Carroll. ©1985 Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker. Published by OCP.

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace." Text and music: Sebastian Temple. ©1967 OCP.

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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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Trudi Johnson, *Office Manager*

## *Session*

2025  
Lindsay Gonterman  
Tracy Grundy  
Tara Larrew  
Greg Marshall

2026  
Jeff Connor  
Lynn Harmon  
Holly Martinez  
Stan Whiteley

2027  
Rick Getz  
Bill Lamey  
Deb Mackin, Clerk of Session  
Colleen Shear

## *Diaconate*

2025  
John Cusumano  
Bob Dencker  
Jerry Dyer  
Martha Lamey

2026  
Bryan Eikmann  
Shari Mahon  
Joe Seidler, Moderator  
Amie Tilk

2027  
Ruth Connor  
Bob Davenport  
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