



July 13, 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: Linda Dencker

Acolyte: Andrew Langasek

Tech team: Jim Pettit & Scott Truett

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
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Mary McDonald

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

Merciful and loving God,
help us to know your ways,
and teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth this day and teach us,
for you are the God of our salvation.
Open our minds,
peek inside our hearts,
and lead us along highways of grace
as we follow the example of Jesus Christ,
whose mercy knows no end. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eliza Langasek

All the paths of the Lord
are steadfast love and faithfulness
for those who keep God's covenants.

Ps. 25:10

**God leads the humble in what is right
and teaches them God's way.**

...who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*THE CONFESSION

Holy God,

we have heard your command to love you,
to love our neighbor, and to love ourselves,
yet we fall into patterns of shallow devotion,
false kindness, and self-doubt.

We have heard your call to do justice,
to love kindness, to walk humbly with you,
yet we're drawn to safety, not justice;
apathy, not kindness;
pacing, not walking.

Hear our prayers, O God.

Forgive us for what we have done
and for what we have left undone.

Hear our prayers, O God,
and move us to deeper trust and more faithful action.

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

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy

WAYFARING STRANGER

Three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for personalization.

You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____

You are the Christ, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____

You are the Lord, _____ giv-er of mer-cy! _____

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

One staff of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!



THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:1-14

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA 7



GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

A moment for silence and reflection.

*HYMN 504

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

...through Jesus Christ the Lord.
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 10.

I'm Going to Sing (When the Spirit Says Sing)

arr. Stan Pethel

A Joyful Noise Ensemble

Tracy Grundy & Peyton Marshall, flutes; Colleen Shear, clarinet; Abby Davenport, alto saxophone;
Terry Martinez & Jim Salter, tenor saxophones; Scott Lyle, guitar

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 praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

...We bless you, O God.

We bless you, O God.

...We thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

...by your Spirit, in your church, without end. Amen.

Amen.

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

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.

You Are Mine

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 644

Give Thanks, O Christian People

ES FLOG KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



"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 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 does the prayer of confession include sin I did not commit?

Our prayer of confession each week includes a moment of silence in which we offer our own personal confession, but our corporate (unison) prayer of confession is important because it calls our attention to sins we were not even aware we were committing and of which we do need to be reminded. These are the institutional sins of racism and economic greed and sexism in which we are all ensnared as a part of great web of humanity. It is

important that we are reminded of this from week to week so we can be honest with ourselves about all our relationships.

But more. When we gather for worship, we do not do so merely as individuals, but we come together as the body of Christ. As such, all our prayers include, but move beyond ourselves. As the body of Christ, we acknowledge the sins of the world, our nation, and the church. We offer confession and receive God's forgiveness on behalf of all those who are not here with us to pray and may not even know they need to pray. This is one of the ways our worship as the church is for the sake of the world.

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*
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Session

2025
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Tracy Grundy
Tara Larrew
Greg Marshall

2026
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Lynn Harmon
Holly Martinez
Stan Whiteley

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Bill Lamey
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Diaconate

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