



March 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: Deacon Bob Davenport

Tech team: Jim Pettit & 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
Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10:15 a.m.

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Were You There?

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

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

Artist of souls,
you sculpted a people for yourself
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting.
Help us as we take up your invitation to prayer and simplicity,
that the discipline of these forty days
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy friendship,
and whet our thirst for the living water you offer
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING SENTENCES & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Ps. 103:8

slow to anger and abounding in love.

Let all who thirst come to the waters;

Isa. 55:1

let all who are hungry come and eat.

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

Amen.

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*THE CONFESSION

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises,

we have ignored your prophets in our own day,

we have squandered our inheritance of grace,

we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you. ...cont.

Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.

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

Kyrie Eleison

Francis Patrick O'Brien

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Cantor/Choir

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION

Teresa Cobarrubia Yoder

Glo-ry to You, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus

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Christ. Glo-ry to You, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

SERMON

✠ A moment for silence and reflection.

Lord, Have Mercy

Steve Merkel

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Lord, in your mercy,
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.

Bread of Life

Binley & Meisenheimer

Bob Dencker, soloist

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.

The prayer continues...

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-lowed be thy
name; thy king - dom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our
dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass - es, as we for -
give those who tres-pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in-

...cont.

to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours

now and for ev - er.

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.*

Near the Cross/O Sacred Head Now Wounded

arr. Craig Courtney

Kathy Kuehnle, piano

PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

*HYMN 800

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able may stand.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



What I Forgot

Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree.
No fruit here, just soaking up the sun,
growing roots, turning green,
stretching out my branches until
I can hug the horizon.

Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree,
because she doesn't produce,
and she's not exhausted,
and she probably gets eight hours
of sleep at night.

And her branches,
unlike my shoulders,
are not heavy with work—
pulled toward the ground,
threatening to break.

And her trunk,
unlike my spine,
is not fighting to stand tall
while holding it all together.

Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree
because she knows
what I forgot
many years ago.

You are still worthy
even if
you don't produce.

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HOLY WEEK AT NEW HOPE

April 13

10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of Word & Sacrament

11:30 a.m.

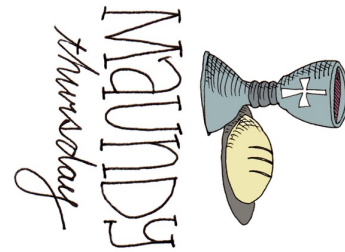
Palm Sunday Brunch &
Easter Egg Hunt



April 17

7:00 p.m.

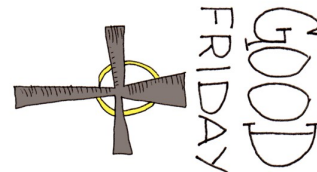
Liturgy of the Word,
Footwashing, & the Eucharist



April 18

7:00 p.m.

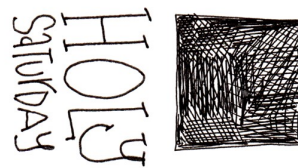
Liturgy of the Word,
Intercessory Prayer, &
Solemn Reproaches of the Cross



April 19

8:00 p.m.

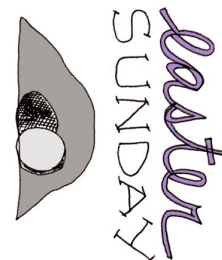
Great Vigil of Easter
Liturgies of Light, Readings,
Affirmation of Baptism &
Eucharist



April 20

10:15 a.m.

Liturgy of Word & Sacrament



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worship God,
grow in Christian faith,
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2025
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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
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