

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us* William Bradbury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Having faith in God means trusting God.

**We come seeking to trust God with our lives.**

Having faith in God means living out our faith.

**We come wanting our faith to come alive:**

**to choose compassion rather than resentment,  
risk rather than our comfort zones,  
surrender rather than control,  
and action rather than complacency.**

Having faith in God means being a friend of God.

**We come desiring to live like God's friend:**

**seeing those who go unseen,  
hearing those who go unheard,  
and extending friendship in the name of Christ.**

\* HYMN 401 "Here in This Place"

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of grace, in Christ you demonstrated your love for us  
in action.**

**Yet, our love for you sometimes doesn't get past words:**

**we recite prayers in worship,  
and make bold professions of faith,  
but our actions don't always reflect what we say.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**By your Spirit, make our faith in Christ come alive,  
so that our faith is lived out, dynamic, and whole,  
encompassing all of who we are.**

*Silent Prayers*

*Assurance of Pardon*

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

\* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

### \* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 698 (three times) "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 15:1-6, 22:9-12

ANTHEM *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things will be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 2:14-26

SERMON "Working Integrity"  
*Integrity: Fourth in a series on the Book of James*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN 693 "Though I May Speak"

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Self-Offering*

*Offertory Open My Eyes That I May See* Clara Scott

\* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

\* *Prayer of Dedication*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again**

**from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall  
come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy  
Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your  
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.**

*The Words of Institution*

*The Feast*

515 "I Come with Joy"

498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

*Prayer After Communion*

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

\* HYMN 757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your  
monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the  
world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Fred Bock

## END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



**We light two candles in worship.** The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

**Today's liturgist:** Nancy Spann

**Today's greeters:** Janet & Woody Ferrell and Austin Ferrell

**Today's ushers:** Kim Sluder and Tracy Owensby

**Fellowship:** Joy Lee Eppes' Care Group

### Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch today! We will be going to Iannucci's. See Mary Jo Limbird for more information.

### We did it!

Our Summer Spirit food drive was successful—our goal was to collect 500 food items by Labor Day weekend, and we received 514! Thank you to all who donated food for hungry people in our community.

### September New Members Class

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in exploring the possibility of membership here at New Hope? Joining is easy! There are just three simple steps: (1) attend one class from 12:30-2:00 PM on Sunday, September 16 (lunch provided), (2) have dinner with the Session from 5:30-7:00 PM on Monday, September 17, and (3) be presented in worship on Sunday, September 23. Can't make any of these dates? Make-ups are easy! We are glad to schedule an alternative date for whatever you might need to miss. And, you can attend the class without having decided to join—just come and learn! Contact Pastor Kim at [pastornhpc@gmail.com](mailto:pastornhpc@gmail.com) or (828) 274-0191.

### Fall Sunday Morning Class Begins Next Sunday, September 9

Last spring, we studied the first three chapters of the Letter to the Ephesians, which laid out a sweeping theological overview of the reconciliation that God has accomplished for all things in Christ. This fall, we will do an in-depth study of the last three chapters of Ephesians, which make up the grand "therefore" of the letter. Given the good news that has been proclaimed to us in the first three chapters, how are we "therefore" called to live out this good news of

reconciliation in our day-to-day lives? Beginning September 9, join Pastor Kim for six Sundays at 9:30 AM in the downstairs classroom. You don't need to have attended before to come—all are welcome.

### Integrity: Sermon Series on the Book of James

One of the biggest complaints about the church is that Christians don't always "walk their talk." As Christians, we ourselves demonstrate that we don't always believe what we say we believe. When times are difficult, our actions reveal that we'd rather take our lives into our own hands than trust God. When our faith is tested, our doubts make us vulnerable to the allure of self-sufficiency and material security, and our neighbor becomes our competitor rather than the one we're called to love.

Yet, the Book of James challenges to live with real integrity, such that our actions reflect the faith we profess. Next up in the series:

September 9: "Speaking with Integrity" (James 3:1-12)

September 16: "Friendships with Integrity" (James 1:5-8, 3:13-4:8a)

September 23: "Relating with Integrity" (James 4:10-17)

September 30: "Economic Integrity" (James 1:9-11, 5:1-6)

October 7: "Praying with Integrity" (James 5:7-20)

### Memory Verse for the Week

"Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith." (James 2:18)

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, September 9 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, September 5.

### Calendar

Sun	2	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)
Wed	5	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thur	6	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Sun	9	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Mary Jo)

### New Hope Presbyterian Church

*We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.*

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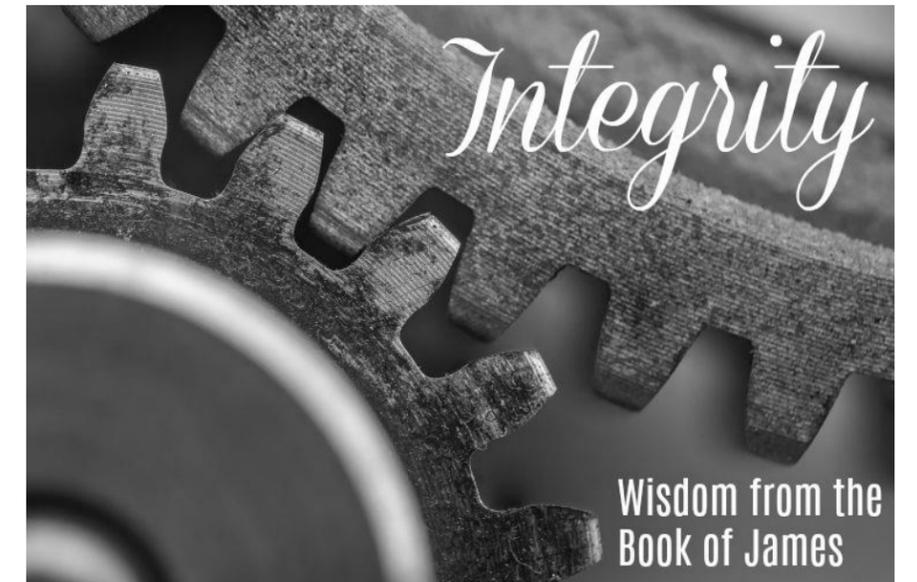
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*"Working Integrity"*

Fourth in a series on the Book of James:



"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

James 2:17