

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *River Flows in You* Yurima

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this day to God, who calls us by name and says,
“You are mine.”

O God, awaken us to your presence.

We come this day to the risen Christ, who prays for us.

O Christ, sustain us by your powerful word.

We come this day to the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us with
sighs too deep for words.

**O Spirit, join the cries of our hearts to yours, that we might
pray with holy longing.**

* **HYMN 396** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, you are always as close to us as the air we breathe.
Yet, when we are suffering, we often close our eyes to the
balm of your presence.**

**We forget that you long for us to open our hearts to you
and to lay before you our every need.**

**Instead, we find ways to numb or deny our pain, so that
we can remain self-sufficient.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, give us the courage to open our lives fully to
your care, and to risk being dependent on you rather
than relying fully on ourselves.**

**Then may we know the fullness of your healing power,
which is more than we can ask for or even imagine.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

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 Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19

ANTHEM *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)* Traditional

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON James 5:13-20

SERMON “Praying with Integrity”
Integrity: Last in a series on the Book of James

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 543** “God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Westminster Larger Catechism (Q. 178)*

Q. What is prayer?

A. **Prayer is offering our desires to God, in the name of
Christ, by the help of the Spirit, confessing our sins,
and thankfully recognizing God’s mercies.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *A Simple Song* Leonard Bernstein
Ruth Sieber Johnson, soloist

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 66** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
Hymn 66, refrain only “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* Henry Purcell

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: Jim & Madelyn Clow

Fellowship: Carole Burnette’s Care Group

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Pomodoros Cafe. See Annette Sheffield for more information about today’s lunch outing.

Men’s Bible Study Starts This Tuesday

Bruce Rasmussen, a long-time New Hope member and recent graduate of our presbytery’s Certified Pastor training, will be leading a four-week Bible study for men starting on Tuesday, October 16, at 4:00 PM. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to explore Scripture together, share about life experiences, and build deeper relationships in a small group format. For details, please contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893.

Memorial Service for Joyce Bain This Thursday

A memorial service for Joyce Bain will take place at 2:00 PM this Thursday, October 18 in the Pulliam Chapel at Givens Estates. All are welcome to attend.

“Sowing Bountifully” Luncheon Next Sunday, October 21!

You are cordially invited to a special BBQ luncheon next Sunday, October 21, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will feed you well with homemade North Carolina barbeque, coleslaw, baked beans, and fresh rolls! You do not need to bring anything, and the meal is free. All we ask is that you let us know you’re coming so that we can estimate a head count. This is a very important meeting for everyone who loves New Hope, and we encourage you to make every effort to attend. At the luncheon, we will be kicking off our fall stewardship season, “Sowing Bountifully.” We will be celebrating the new growth we are experiencing, discussing some important financial matters, and presenting the 2019 budget. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and understand more deeply the needs and opportunities of this beloved faith community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fall Sunday Morning Class Continues: “Therefore”

Join Pastor Kim at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in October for a study of Ephesians. Given the good news of reconciliation that has been proclaimed to us, how are we “therefore” called to *live* this good news in our daily lives? All are welcome!

Fall Clothing Drive: 500 Items by Sunday, November 11!

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a fall clothing drive to benefit the crisis ministry of Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM). Our goal is to collect 500 items by Dedication Sunday, November 11. Over the last two weeks we have already collected **130** items! With cooler weather on its way, there is a great need to replenish ABCCM’s clothing stock for Asheville’s homeless population. New and clean, gently-used clothing and shoes are needed, with a special emphasis on men’s clothing. Thanks for your support.

MANNA Food Bank

Did you know that we have a group that serves monthly at MANNA Food Bank? Come join our New Hope volunteer team on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Questions? Contact leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, October 21 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, October 19.

Calendar

Sun	14	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Annette)
Mon	15	5:30 PM	Session Meeting
Tue	16	4:00 PM	Men’s Bible Study
Wed	17	2:00 PM	New Wineskins Team
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	18	2:00 PM	Joyce Bain Memorial Service (at Givens)
Fri	19	10:30 AM	Parents’/Grandparents’ Group
Sun	21	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	“Sowing Bountifully” Luncheon

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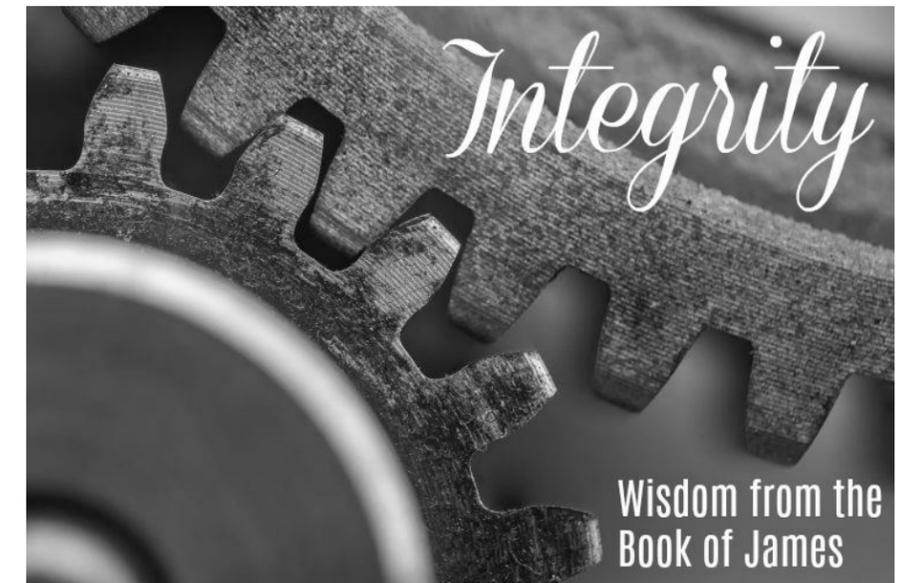
“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 14, 2018
11 o’clock



“Praying with Integrity”

Last in a series on the Book of James:



“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”

James 5:16

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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