

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at The River?* Robert Lowry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Twig, pine needle, moss, and feather:

all woven carefully together into a nest.

The birds of the air look for shelter—

a place to build a home for their young.

Lord, you have been our shelter in all generations:

**spring and summer, fall and winter,
you are our God.**

Make us your shelter, O God—

**reaching our branches high,
spreading our canopies wide,
so that all might make their nests and find a home.**

* **HYMN 712** “As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sheltering God, you invite us to make our home in you.

Yet, we are concerned with building things for ourselves:

larger and better homes, and storehouses of more.

**We even build churches to meet our own needs, rather
than to meet the needs of the community as well.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Help us to see this church as more than our own home,
more than a hospital for the healing of our own wounds,
but also as an outpost in the community we serve.**

**Then may we be a waystation for those beyond us who
need relationship, meaning, and the shelter of grace.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* 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 Ezekiel 17:22-23

ANTHEM *I Will Bow and Be Simple* Chatfield

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,
I will bow and be humble, Yea, bow like the willow tree.

I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,
I will bow and will be broken, Yea, I’ll fall upon the rock.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 4:30-32

SERMON “Sowing Is for the Birds”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 36** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

PRESENTATION OF A NEW MEMBER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Book of Order 2017-2019 (W-5.03)*

**God sends the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit to
join the mission of Jesus Christ in service to the world.
Jesus’ mission and the church’s worship are deeply
connected; indeed, worship is mission. The church’s
mission springs from its worship, where we glimpse the
reality and the promise of God’s eternal realm. The
church’s mission flows back into worship as we bring to
God the joy and suffering of the world.**

**Through its mission in the world, the church seeks to bear
witness to God’s reign through the proclamation of the
gospel, acts of compassion, work for justice and peace,
and the care of creation. The church’s mission is shaped
and nourished by the Word and Sacraments, and
represents the living out of our prayer for the world.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Moment for Stewardship Emily Neel

*You are invited to place your 2019 Pledge Card along with your offering in
a basket as they are passed. Pledge cards that have already been submitted
will be brought forward by the ushers to be dedicated.*

Offertory *Praise the Lord, Our God Forever* W.A. Mozart

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Litany for Dedication Sunday*

O God, we come to you joyfully with hands overflowing.

We come to sow seeds, and we come sowing bountifully!

We come with these offerings and our pledges for next year.

Receive them as seeds for the harvest you are growing.

Let us reap bountifully!

Make us your harvest, your shelter for the world.

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 643** “Now Thank We All Our God”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* William Duncombe

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.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Today's liturgists: Bonnie Runkle and Emily Neel

Today's greeters: Richard and Judy Green

Today's ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

Fellowship: Angela Lepro's Care Group

Today is Dedication Sunday! Today we are dedicating our 2019 pledges to God in worship. If you need a pledge card, simply request one from one of our ushers. You can also send a confidential email with your pledge information to our Financial Secretary, Jay Maveety, at jay.maveety@gmail.com. Next Sunday we will announce how much has been pledged for next year. Thank you for your generosity.

Congregational Meeting Today after Worship

Immediately following the worship service today, we will be having a *brief* congregational meeting in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing next year's officers. Members are encouraged to attend.

We welcome Marge Livsey as a new member today! Marge lived in



Morganton, NC since 1972 when her family moved from Key Biscayne, Florida. She worked at Western Carolina Center and then was Director of Volunteer Services at Broughton Hospital in Morganton. She retired in 1999. For the next 19 years she was active in her community and church and retired again this past July to Gerber Park to complete her Dad's and her late husband's

family histories. She has two children and two grandchildren and is already listening to Christmas music and planning Christmas with family and friends.

November Sunday Morning Class: Civility in an Uncivil World

Are you weary of the hatred and hostility in the public arena? This election season, join Pastor Kim on Sunday mornings in November for an exploration of what it means to be "counter-cultural Christians" by acting with civility in an uncivil world. All are welcome.

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 Marlene Johnson for more information about today's lunch outing.

MANNA Food Bank This Tuesday, November 13

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 4:00-5:30 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.

Thanksgiving Congregational Feast Next Sunday, November 18

Please join us following worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide turkey and mashed potatoes. Please bring a side dish to share (sign-up sheet in the Narthex). ALL are welcome!

Group Activity at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Join us on Wednesday, November 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Habitat ReStore. We will be assembling donated artificial Christmas trees which will later be resold. We will also be sorting Christmas decorations. Questions? Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 768-5475.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 18 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 14.

Calendar

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| Sun | 11 | 11:00 AM | Worship |
| | | 12:30 PM | Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Marlene) |
| Mon | 12 | 2:00 PM | New Wineskins Team |
| Tue | 13 | 12:00 PM | Personnel Committee (at Bonnie's) |
| | | 2:30 PM | Faith Formation |
| Wed | 14 | 2:00 PM | Habitat Activity |
| | | 4:30 PM | Finance & Administration Committee |
| | | 7:00 PM | Choir |
| Sun | 18 | 11:00 AM | Worship |
| | | 12:15 PM | Thanksgiving Congregational Feast |

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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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Dedication Sunday
November 11, 2018
11 o'clock



"Sowing Is for the Birds"

Fourth in a Series on Generosity:



"... so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Mark 4:32