

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Anna Warner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The wheat stalks have grown tall, browned in the sun.

Their spikes are full and heavy with seeds, proud and golden crowns.

Their aroma is of sweet, dry grass, an earthy fragrance deepened by the weathering of fall.

Their leaves gently fold toward the ground, softened by the late rains.

Now the harvest is plentiful, and the bounty great, stretching toward the horizon.

**This great harvest points us to what is greater still:
the Lord of the Harvest.**

* HYMN 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you are generous toward all you have made.

Yet, we confess that we still want to be our own lords.

Your provision is abundant, but we look for what we can acquire on our own.

You give us opportunities for gratitude, but we see opportunities for complaint.

Forgive us, O God.

By your Spirit, open our eyes to your compassionate lordship, so that we might receive the direction you give us, trusting in the gentleness of your strength.

Then may we express that same compassion to others in need of your justice and care.

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 116:12-19

ANTHEM *Beloved* Frederick Chatfield

Beloved, let us love one another

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For love comes from God

Everyone who loves is born of God

And knows God

Whoever does not love does not know God

For God is love

Beloved, let us love one another

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9:35-10:8

SERMON “The Lord of the Harvest”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN 654 (three times) “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self-Offering

Offertory *Pavane* Gabriel Faure

* *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 644 “Give Thanks, O Christian People”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy* 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.

Today’s liturgist: Laura Brown

Today’s greeters: Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins

Today’s ushers: Jay & Susan Maveety

Fellowship: Angela Lepro’s Care Group

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in given in honor of our newest member, Marge Livsey, by her daughter Kae.

Our Thanksgiving Congregational Feast Is Today!

Please join us immediately following worship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly hot luncheon. This month we will enjoy a full Thanksgiving spread. Please come even if you have not brought a side dish to share. We will have plenty of food! All are welcome to enjoy this harvest feast as we enjoy one another’s company and this time of fellowship.

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.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, November 24 at J.K’s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship! Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Next Sunday we welcome the Rev. Ken Meeks to the pulpit!

While Pastor Kim is away over Thanksgiving weekend, our newest associate member, Ken Meeks, a retired PC (USA) pastor and former General Presbyter of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery, will be preaching. Ken and his wife Jane joined New Hope in September.

Advent Is Coming!

On Sunday, December 2, we will begin our 2018 Advent series, “Every Longing Heart.” This theme comes from the first verse of the well-known Advent hymn, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” which concludes with the words, “Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of *every longing heart*.” What did Israel long for in exile? What do we long for as we each experience exile in our own lives? Join us this Advent season as we explore some of our fundamental human longings and where the fulfillment of those longings resides.

December Sunday Morning Class: “Home”

Our sense of home deeply shapes our life journey and our faith journey. Over the four Sundays of Advent, we will use several familiar Bible stories as a starting place to explore different dimensions of our sense of “home.” How are we at home in time and in space, in our bodies and in our relationships? When do we experience “homelessness”? Join leader Win Word-Sims at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in December in the downstairs classroom (Room 104).

Friendly Reminder for Kitchen Care

Our fall kitchen clean-up crew would like to share some friendly tips for helping to keep New Hope’s Kitchen clean. When you put something in the refrigerator, please date it and put your name on it. If it belongs to a ministry group or function it, please label it (Fellowship, Room in the Inn, etc.). Also, remember that we already have many items available for common use. When you are in charge of a function,

please make sure we don’t already have what you need in the kitchen before you buy it. Check the shelves in the kitchen storage room, the refrigerators, and the freezer. The labels on the kitchen cabinets can help you find and return things to their places. Thank you for your help in caring for our kitchen and place of hospitality and welcome.

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

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23 (in addition to Monday as usual), in observance of Thanksgiving.

Calendar

Sun	18	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Thanksgiving Congregational Feast
Mon	19	5:30 PM	Session
Wed	21	7:00 PM	Choir
Sat	24	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	25	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

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”

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 18, 2018
11 o’clock



“The Lord of the Harvest”

Last in a Series on Generosity:



“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38