

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *He Shall Feed His Flock* George F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.**

What has come into being with him is life, and the life was the light of all people.

**The light shines in darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

\* HYMN 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**O God, we confess that we say we want your light in our lives to show us the way that is right, but when you offer it to us, we either turn and shine it on ourselves and reveal our vanity or we try to cover it up because it shines too brightly in contrast to the darkness in our hearts. Help us to be honest in our requests of you and earnestly desire your light so that we may share it with others.**

*Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon*

### \* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 137 “He Came Down”

**He came down that we may have love (three times)**

**Hallelujah forevermore**

**He came down that we may have light ...**

**He came down that we may have peace ...**

**He came down that we may have joy ...**

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM *Brightest and Best* Shawn Kirchner

INTRODUCTION OF PARISH ASSOCIATE

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON “Meant to Be Shared Not Hoarded!”

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* HYMN 152 “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright!”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate men (people) from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory* *Peace* George Winston

\* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

\* *Prayer of Dedication*

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*

466 “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

527 “Eat This Bread”

*Prayer After Communion*

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

EPIPHANY STARS

\* HYMN 159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

*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 *Great is the Lord* arr. Jack Schrader

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 liturgists:** Tom Fife and Kim Wells

**Today’s greeters:** Mike & Susan Garrett

**Today’s ushers:** Jay & Susan Maveety

**Fellowship:** Mary Jo Limbird’s Care Group

**Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Ken Meeks back to the pulpit!**

Beginning this year, Ken will be serving as New Hope’s Parish Associate for Visitation, spending approximately ten hours per week visiting our members, especially those who are homebound. Pastor Kim will be back in the pulpit next Sunday, January 13.

### New January Class Starts Next Sunday: “Psalms Conversations”

Many of us have studied or prayed with individual Psalms. But have we ever listened in on the conversation that the Psalms are having with each other? In his new book, *Psalms Conversations*, author Jim Chatham, a retired PC(USA) pastor and friend of New Hope, enters into the mind and heart of the Psalms editor and looks at how the editor makes the Psalms interact. What are the Psalms saying to each other in their particular setting of struggle and strife? How do these conversations speak to us about living faithful lives in the context of our own struggles? Join us on Sundays, January 13 & 20 for a two-week study of *Psalms Conversations* with the author himself. We will be blessed to have Jim leading the class!

### Out to Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. Please see Tom Fife.

### Looking Ahead: “This Chair Rocks”

There is an incessant barrage of messages from every corner that consigns the “no longer young” to the margins of society. Older adults internalize these and other messages and can contribute to their own disenfranchisement. One form of discrimination that we are often less aware of is ageism. Join Peg Lewis at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings, January 27 and February 3, as we explore what ageism is and what its impact is on people of all ages. The conversation will be based on the book *This Chair Rocks* by Ashton Applewhite, but class participants do not need to purchase or read the book. Leader Peg Lewis is a certified gerontological counselor and has a Masters in Theology. We meet in the downstairs classroom (Room 104).

### January Tuesday Night Book Study: *Enrique’s Journey*

Join us in the Narthex at 7:00 PM on Tuesday night, January 29, for a discussion of the book *Enrique’s Journey*, which tells the story of a Honduran boy’s journey to the United States to find his mother eleven years after her departure from Honduras in search of work. During this season when caravans of migrants are making their way north from Honduras and other Central American countries, this book is a timely read and an opportunity for deepened understanding and compassion. Books will be on sale in the Narthex starting January 6 for \$10. We recommend getting a head start on your reading for January’s discussion, since the book is about 300 pages long. We hope you can join us!

### New Members Class

Interested in learning more about New Hope Presbyterian Church and the possibility of membership? Contact Kim at [pastornhpc@gmail.com](mailto:pastornhpc@gmail.com) for more information about our next 2019 New Members Class.

### MANNA Food Bank

We have a group that serves monthly at MANNA Food Bank throughout the year. Come join our New Hope volunteer team on the second Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:30 PM. Our next date is coming up *this Tuesday, January 8*. 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. Or, just show up!

**Men’s Brunch Bunch** will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, January 12 at J.K’s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship! Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, January 13 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, January 9.

### Calendar

Sun	6	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)
Tues	8	2:30 PM	Faith Formation
Wed	9	6:00 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	10	6:30 PM	Justice & Reconciliation Meeting
Sat	12	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	13	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)

### 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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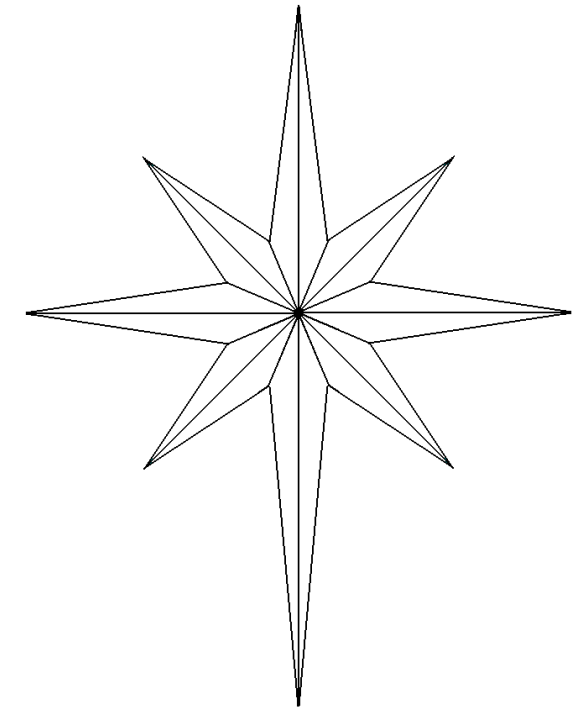
## New Hope Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Epiphany of the Lord  
January 6, 2019  
11 o’clock



“Meant to Be Shared Not Hoarded!”



“Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”  
Isaiah 60:3