

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Thy Word* Michael W. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is cold, hardening under winter's chill.

The breath of God warms the air, speaking words of love.

Love's words kindle a flame in our hearts,
growing a yearning for the One who speaks.

The rivers pass over us, but they do not overwhelm us;

we rise through the waters to hear the Voice say to us:

“You are my Beloved.”

* **HYMN 475** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you have called us by name,

and you have claimed us with your love.

Yet, we do not always act like a member of your family.

In Christ, we are your Beloved,

yet we often act as if love were scarce.

In Christ, we are your daughters and sons,

yet we often act as if we were orphans.

In Christ, we are called to service and to holiness,

yet we often act in lesser ways.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Spirit,

renew us with the memory of our baptism,

and lift us above the flood,

that we might live wholly for you,

for the Love by which we have been claimed.

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 Isaiah 43:1-7

ANTHEM *Morning Has Broken* Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON “The Naming”

Through the “Luke”-ing Glass: Seeing Jesus Through Luke's Eyes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 688** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (10.1)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God,

the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Spirit Song* John Wimber

* *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 177** “I Will Come to You”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn 177, refrain only “I Will Come to You”

POSTLUDE *On Eagles Wings* Michael Joncas

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: Kim Presley

Today's greeters: Bill & Marlene Johnson

Today's ushers: Herschel & Linda Lewis

Fellowship: Tom Fife's Care Group

Sunday Morning Class: “Psalms Conversations”

Many of us have studied or prayed with individual Psalms. But have we ever listened in on the conversations 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 next Sunday for the second of our two-week study of *Psalms Conversations* with the author himself.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Out to Lunch Bunch

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

Next Sunday: Fellowship Luncheon January 20

Join us on Sunday, January 20, after worship for a "Potato and Salad Bar with all the trimmings"! All are welcome, and if you are able, please bring a dessert. Sign up in the Narthex, or contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893. We look forward to seeing you there!

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. Please order your own book, and we recommend getting a head start on your reading, 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 for more information about our next 2019 New Members Class.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, January 19 at J.K's on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to eat and enjoy fellowship! Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

"Hard-2-Recycle" on Saturday, January 19

The next opportunity to unload televisions, electronics, cardboard, block styrofoam, and especially batteries will be on Saturday, January 19, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 1298 Patton Ave in Asheville. Please check the website at ashevillegreenworks.org for more details about what they do and do NOT accept. Thank you for helping us be good stewards of the earth.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, January 20 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, January 16.

Calendar

Sun	13	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)
Tues	15	12:00 PM	Personnel Committee (at Bonnie's)
		2:00 PM	New Wineskins Team
Wed	16	4:30 PM	Finance & Administration Committee
		6:00 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat	19	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
			Hard-2-Recycle
Sun	20	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:15 PM	Fellowship Luncheon

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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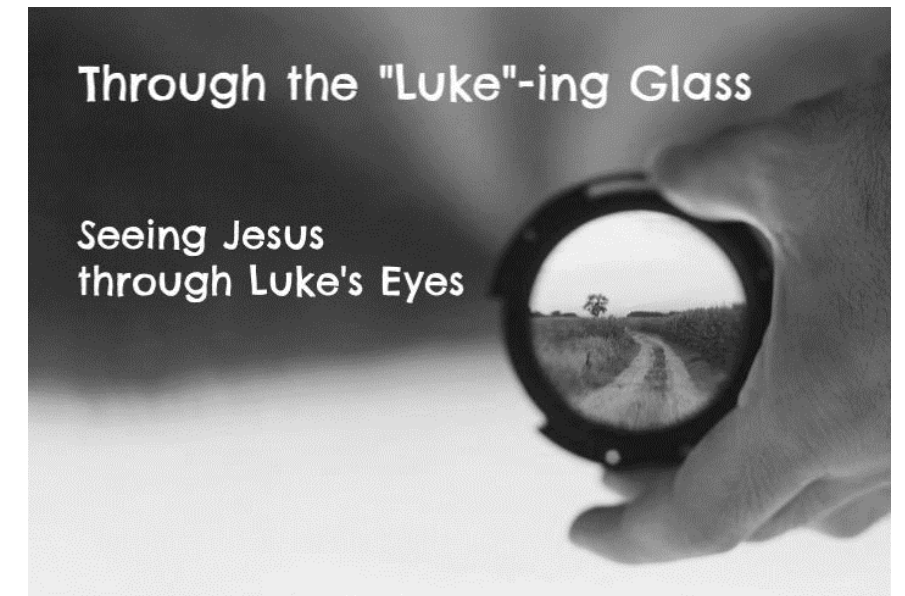
"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019
11 o'clock



"The Naming"

First in the Series:



And a voice came from heaven, saying,
"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3:22