

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Homecoming* David Lanz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God's hands bring blessing,
holding us in our places of deepest need.

Where poverty ravages the body,
God's blessing heals.

Where hunger emaciates the body,
God's blessing nourishes.

Where cruelty robs the body of all its tears,
God's blessing consoles.

Where hate demoralizes and dehumanizes the inner person,
God's blessing overcomes hate with love.

We come longing for God's blessing,
to share God's blessing with the world.

* HYMN 403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, in Christ you show us the way of life,
so that we might have it abundantly.**

**Yet, we settle for far lesser pleasures, and when they ebb,
we grasp at their waning.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, give us the courage to hold things loosely,
so that our hands might be open for your blessing.**

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.**

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 17:8-16, p. 282 (OT)

ANTHEM *Blessed Are They* Raoul Carag

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord,
Who place all their trust in God.

Blessed are they who reject the counsel of the wicked,
Who delight in the law of the Lord,
And who ponder God's law day and night. *Refrain*

They are like trees that are planted beside flowing waters
That yield their fruit in due season,
And whose blossoms and leaves never fail. *Refrain*

Not so the wicked, not so, like chaff, they're blown away.
For their wicked ways disappear,
But the Lord watches over the just. *Refrain*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:17-26, p. 838 (NT)

SERMON "The Upside Down Sermon"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 172 "Blest Are They"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Phillip Keveren

* *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

527 "Eat This Bread"

530 "One Bread, One Body"

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* A. J. Showalter

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: Bunk Spann

Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins

Today's ushers: Herschel & Linda Lewis
Fellowship: Mary Jo Limbird & Carole Burnette

Today Is "Souper" Bowl Sunday

Today we are celebrating "Souper" Bowl Sunday, raising funds for MANNA Food Bank. We invite you to place your bills and loose change in the collection "soup" pots as you leave the service.

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.

Rescheduled Book Study This Tuesday: *Enrique's Journey*

Join us in the Narthex at 7:00 PM this Tuesday night, February 5, 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.

Reusable Bags for MANNA

We are collecting reusable shopping bags (canvas or high-quality plastic) to donate to MANNA for use by their clients. Please leave bags in the giant soup can bin by the front door. We will be bringing the bags to MANNA on our next volunteer date: Tuesday, February 12. Questions? Contact Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Starting Next Sunday: "This Chair Rocks"

There is an incessant barrage of messages that consigns the "no longer young" to the margins of society. Older adults internalize these messages and can contribute to their own disenfranchisement. Join Peg Lewis at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings, February 10 & 17, in the downstairs classroom (Room 104) 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 read the book. Leader Peg Lewis is a certified gerontological counselor and has a Masters in Theology.

February 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 the dates of our February New Members Class.

February "All About Chili" Fellowship Luncheon

Think you make the best chili around? Well, prove it! Our next fellowship luncheon is February 17, immediately following worship. And it's all about chili. If you make a mean pot, whip one up and bring it to share with your church family. A variety of chili toppings will be provided. Don't like chili? Come anyway and bring a salad or dessert to share. Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com or (704) 219-1893.

Room in the Inn Needs Your Help

Drivers are needed on Sunday mornings to move mattresses for Homeward Bound's Room in the Inn program, which provides shelter for up to twelve homeless women each week in rotating congregations. Volunteer drivers do not need a CBL license and do not need to do any lifting. Each volunteer works about eight Sunday mornings per year for about 1½ hours per Sunday to drive mattresses from one congregation to another. Interested? Contact Sharon at (828) 776-9741.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, February 10 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, February 6.

Calendar

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| Sun | 3 | 12:30 PM | Out to Lunch Bunch (see Tom Fife) |
| Tues | 5 | 6:00 PM | Building & Grounds Committee |
| | | 7:00 PM | <i>Enrique's Journey</i> Book Study (Narthex) |
| Wed | 6 | 7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sun | 10 | 9:30 AM | Sunday Morning Class |
| | | 11:00 AM | Worship |
| | | 12:30 PM | Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom Fife) |

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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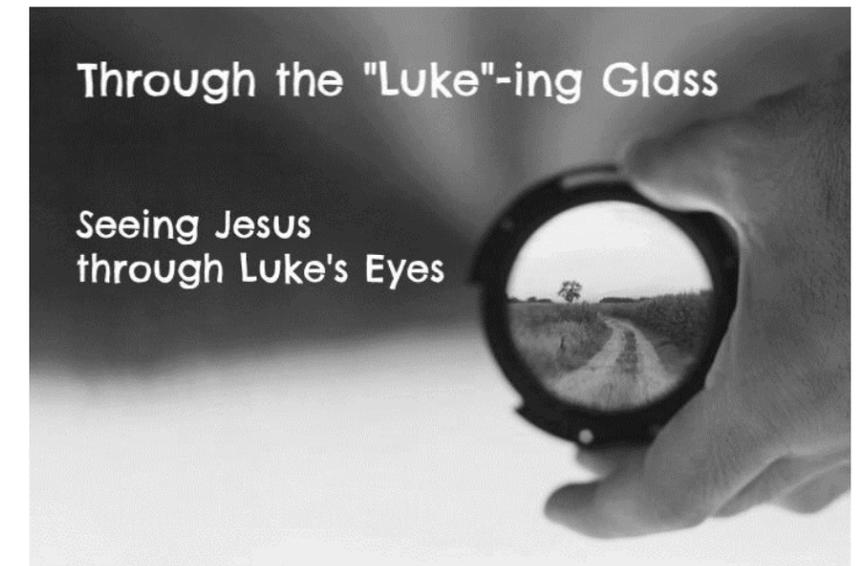
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11 o'clock



"The Upside Down Sermon"

Fourth in the Series:



Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said,
"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

Luke 6:20