

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *In the Arms* Sabrina Pena Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100:1, 2, 5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God,

whose mercy is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

* HYMN 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,

wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,

so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent,

turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 59 (refrain three times) "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

great is your faithfulness, O Lord,

great is your faithfulness.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:31-41, p. 807 (NT)

ANTHEM *Supplicaton* Linda Spevacek

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,
and worthily magnify thy Holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:57-58, p. 843 (NT)

SERMON "Foster's Pie Pan"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Thanksgiving Medley* arr. Olive Huisman

* *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 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When the Role Is Called Up Yonder* arr. Jennifer Cook

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: Emily Neel

Today's greeters: Ellen James and Margaret Marsh

Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

Today we welcome Charlie Davidson to the pulpit! Charles (Charlie) Davidson, a retired Presbyterian pastor and psychotherapist with Pastoral Counseling Services of Central Virginia, was the Darrel Rollins Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care, and Counseling at Virginia University of Lynchburg. He is the author of *Bone Dead and Rising: Vincent van Gogh and the Self Before God* (Cascade Books). Charlie attends New Hope and, earlier this year, we were blessed to have him teach five Sunday morning classes on the life and spirituality of Van Gogh during Lent. He is married to Georganne Spruce.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Pomodoro's Cafe. See Tom Fife for more information about today's lunch outing.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

The Guatemala Team Has Returned Safely

Pastor Kim Wells, Susan Maveety, Tom Fife, Janet Black and Virginia Hebert have all returned this week from their visit to our sister community in Guatemala. Over the next five weeks they will be sharing their experiences with all of you! Everyone came back inspired and they have many stories to share. God blessed us and filled our hearts with love and joy.

Princettias for the Sanctuary for Advent

Once again we will be purchasing flowers for the Sanctuary to honor special people for Advent/Christmas. This year we are ordering Princettias, a white flower similar to a poinsettia. The cost is \$5.00 and the order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please include your name and name of the individual(s) to be honored on the form. Please place your form and money in the box in the Narthex. We will be accepting orders from November 24- December 8.

New Sunday Morning Class Starts Next Week

When we sing the popular carol “Silent Night,” we tell the story of how God interrupted silence in the birth of Jesus Christ. As it turns out, God is busy prompting people to interrupt silence throughout the biblical narrative. In his book *Interrupting Silence: God’s Command to Speak Out*, Walter Bruggemann examines the biblical examples of those whom God called to speak truth to power. This Advent season, starting December 1 at 9:30 AM, join Kim Wells in a study of this book and of how we too may be called to interrupt the silences of the world with our own voices.

MANNA Food Bank

Come join our New Hope volunteer team directly at MANNA Food Bank on Tuesday, December 10, from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) to do a variety of activities getting food ready for those who need it. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Habitat ReStore “Third Thursday” on December 19

Our next “Third Thursday” at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore will take place on December 19 from 2-4 PM. We meet directly at the ReStore to do a variety of service activities together. You can come one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 628-0840 or susan.maveety@gmail.com.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, December 1 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Tuesday, November 26.

The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 (in addition to Monday as usual), in observance of Thanksgiving.

Calendar

Sun	24	12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (Tom Fife)
Mon	25	5:30 PM	Session
Wed	27	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	28		Happy Thanksgiving
Fri	29		Church Office Closed
Sun	1	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 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”

Christ the King/Reign of Christ
November 24, 2019
11 o’clock



“Foster’s Pie Pan”



“Jesus said . . . ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’”
(Luke 9:58)