

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in C* J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Luke 1:78-79, John 8:12, John 1:5

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high has broken upon us.

**It gives light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness
but will have the light of life."

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

*** HYMN 150** "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*** CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the
world, to reveal your love for all.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness
of your light.**

**We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that,
forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

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 ...**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6, p. 602 (OT)

ANTHEM *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue us all from sin? You rescue us all from sin.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost our way, we've hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for, our hearts always hunger for.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:1-12, p. 783-784 (NT)

SERMON "2020 Vision"
Matthew's R-Rated Epiphany: Parental Discretion Advised

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN 151** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostle's Creed*

**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 Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning arr. L. Pederson

* *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

All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.

501 "Feed Us, Lord"

507 "Come to the Table of Grace"

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

EPIPHANY STARS

*** HYMN 152** "What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

*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.*

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Fanfare* 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: Peg Lewis
Today’s greeters: Ellen James and Margaret Marsh
Today’s ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Post 25. See Tom Fife for more information about today’s lunch outing.

Sneak Peek at Sunday Morning Classes in January

Join Rev. Jim Chatham on Sundays, January 12 & 19 for a study of selected chapters in Genesis. We will trace humankind’s expulsion from the garden, our condition as fugitives and wanderers in a dangerous and hostile world, and our repeated (but vain) attempts to rebuild what was lost. Then, continue with us as we explore how God’s intention moves unwaveringly with us through the whole of our lives.

2020 Stewardship Campaign Update

Good news from our Finance Committee! As the year draws to a close, not only have we met our pledge goal for 2020, but we have actually exceeded it! Room for contingency is always a blessing. Thank you for your support of our beloved church.

2020 Operating Fund pledges made	57
2020 Operating Pledge Total	\$181,612
2020 Member Contribution Budget Goal	\$175,000

Next 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 2020 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 4:15-5:30 PM. Our next date is coming up on Tuesday, January 7. 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!

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Meeting of the Corporation will take place on Sunday, January 12 immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving the 2020 Annual Report and approving the Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2020.

Habitat ReStore “Third Thursday” on January 16

Our next “Third Thursday” at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore will take place on January 16 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, January 12 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, January 8.

Calendar

Sun	5	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)
Tue	7	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Wed	8	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	9	4:00 PM	Finance & Administration
		6:30 PM	Justice & Reconciliation
Sun	10	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 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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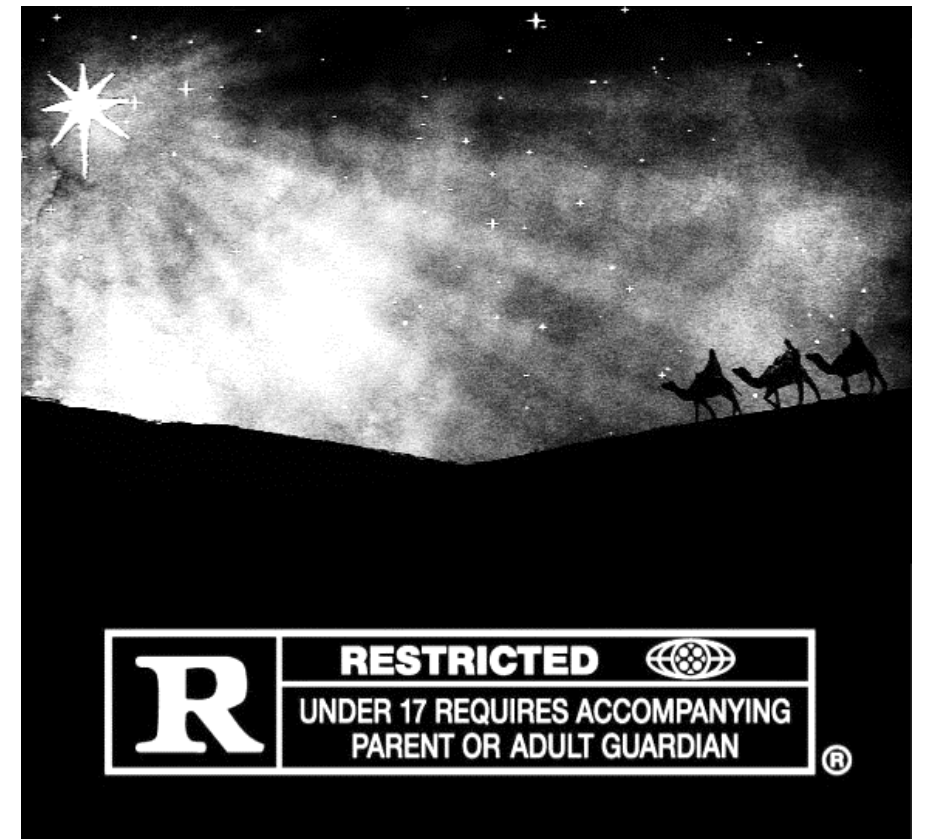
Second Sunday of Christmas
January 5, 2020
11 o’clock



“2020 Vision”

First in the Series:

Matthew’s R-Rated Epiphany: Parental Discretion Advised



When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,
and all Jerusalem with him.”
(Matthew 2:3)