

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Call* Michael W. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of compassion, in Christ you know what it's like to be afraid.

**We come to be held by you in our fears,
and to learn to support others in theirs.**

God of the migrant, in Christ you know what it's like to flee.

**We come to flee to you, our heart's home,
and to open our lives to those who are fleeing.**

O God who transforms enemies into places of refuge,
we come that our fears might be transformed into love.

* **HYMN 667** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you give us the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yet, we often hunger for our own power—

**power to control others, power to protect our status,
power to snuff out whatever threatens us.**

**We forget that Jesus used his power to serve,
to humble himself, to give his life away.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By your Spirit, help us loosen our grip on selfish power,
that we might open our hands to your true power—
the power to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.**

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 ...

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 63:7-9, *p. 605 (OT)*

ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace On Earth* Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth,

The Peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator,

Neighbors all are we.

Let me walk with my neighbor

In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me.

Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take,

Let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live

Each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth

And let it begin with me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:13-23, *p. 784 (NT)*

SERMON "The Untold Christmas Story"
Matthew's R-Rated Epiphany: Parental Discretion Advised

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **HYMN 154** "Jesus Entered Egypt"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith (10.2)*

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 *Jesus Loves Even Me* Philip Bliss

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

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Like a River* 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 liturgists: Laura Brown

Today's greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Today's ushers: Bill and Terri Carpenter

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Meeting of the Corporation will take place immediately following worship today for the purpose of receiving the 2020 Annual Report and approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2020.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today! We will be going to Olive Garden. See Tom Fife for details.

Celebrating 25 Years Our Guatemala Sister Church

We are celebrating 25 years in partnership with our sister Presbyterians in Guatemala! We have a letter to our sister church, El Divino Salvador, that we would like you to sign after church this Sunday. Members of the PWNC Leadership team will take the letter and share it when they attend the celebration on January 23rd in Guatemala.

Sunday Morning Class

Join Rev. Jim Chatham on Sunday, January 19 for the continued 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.

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 14. 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!

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.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, January 18 at J.K's on Long Shoals. Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, January 19 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, January 15.

Calendar

Sun	12	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (See Tom Fife)
		4:00 PM	Deacon's Meeting
Wed	15	5:00 PM	Outreach
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat	18	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	20	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 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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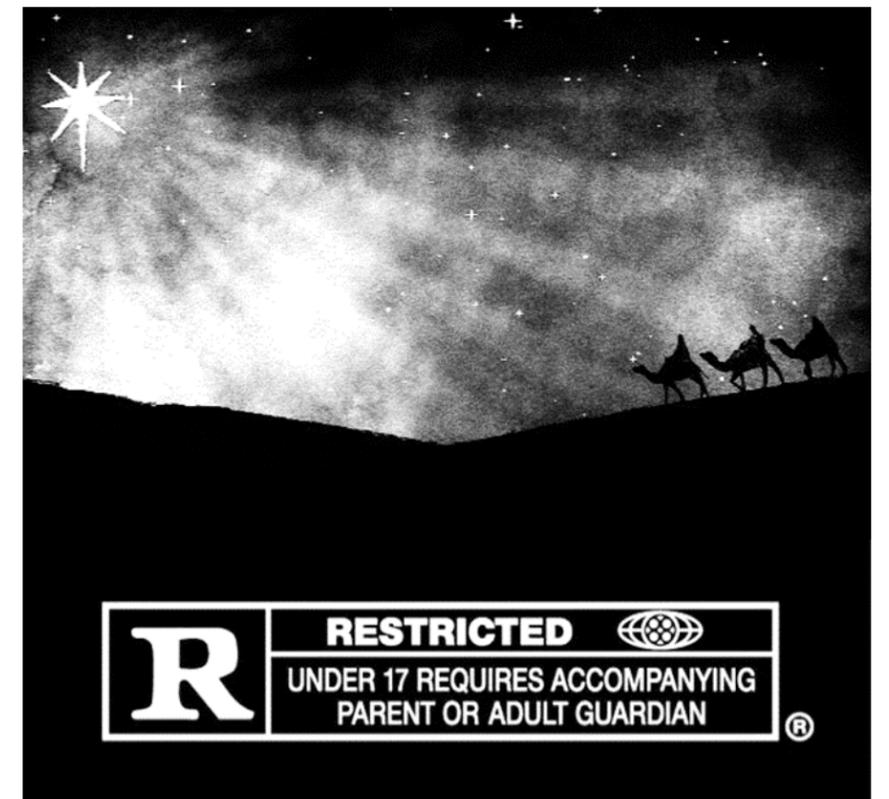
Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020
11 o'clock



"The Untold Christmas Story"

Second in the Series:

Matthew's R-Rated Epiphany: Parental Discretion Advised



Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

(Matthew 2:13)