

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Freedom* Michael W. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is faithful.

**God has blessed us in Christ with grace.**

God is faithful.

**God has enriched us in Christ with wisdom.**

God is faithful.

**God has strengthened us in Christ with spiritual gifts.**

God is faithful.

**God has called us in Christ to fellowship with one another.**

\* HYMN 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

Faithful God, you have called your church into being.

You call us to be saints,

but we are more comfortable in our sins.

You call us to be servants,

but we are more comfortable being lords.

You call us to be doers of your Word,

but we are more comfortable with our own agendas.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Spirit, strengthen and renew us,

that your grace might transform us

and make us a new creation in 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 ...**

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**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 49:1-7, p. 592 (OT)

ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus* Traditional

In the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise

In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world

Just give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world

Just give me Jesus.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, p. 926 (NT)

SERMON "A Community Called to Hope"  
*Called to Community: Studies in 1 Corinthians 1-3*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN 683 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful

lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory* *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Traditional

\* *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 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Hymn 765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

POSTLUDE *Do Lord* Traditional

## 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:** Margot Coleman

**Today's greeters:** Richard and Judy Green

**Today's ushers:** Bill Higgins and Glenn Limbird

### Today Is Our January Fellowship Luncheon!

Please join us after worship today for a special fellowship...*brunch!* We are mixing it up a bit for our first event of the new year, and in place of the usual potluck kind of luncheon, we are doing brunch with eggs and pancakes. You don't need to bring a thing and we will have something gluten free for those who need it. See you then!

### Called to Community: Sermon Series on 1 Corinthians 1-3

What kind of community does God call us to be as the Body of Christ? Writing to the faction-fraught church in Corinth, the apostle Paul lays out a rich and sweeping vision of a community that is called and held together by Christ. Join us as we explore some of the essential qualities that Christian communities are called to cultivate:

Jan 19: "A Community Called to Hope" (1 Cor 1:1-9)

Jan 26: "A Community Called to Unity" (1 Cor 1:10-17)

Feb 2: "A Community Called to Humility" (1 Cor 1:18-31)

Feb 9: "A Community Called to Suffering" (1 Cor 2:1-5)

Feb 16: "A Community Called to Wisdom" (1 Cor 2:6-3:4)

Feb 23: "A Community Called to Belonging" (1 Cor 3:5-23)

### New Sunday Morning Class: African American Theologians Speak

Beginning next Sunday, join Russ Moxley and Kim Wells for an exploration of our Christian call to reconciliation by spending the next several Sundays listening to African American theologians share their perspectives on the Christian life. We will begin next Sunday, January 26, simply by exploring the biblical call to reconciliation and by considering its implications for our lives. Then, for the four Sundays of February (Black History Month), we will listen to the voices of African American men and women, such as the Rev. Howard Thurman, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Rev. Shawn Copeland. Though the course will conclude on February 26, our call to reconciliation continues. To that end, in conjunction with the Justice and Reconciliation Committee, we will be offering activities in the months to come such as a visit to the Shiloh neighborhood, a group outing to see the movie "Just Mercy," a possible trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham, and the exploration of shared activities with a local African American church.

### Soup Sign Ups for Souper Bowl Start Today!

This Sunday, start signing up for quarts of that delicious homemade soup hand crafted by Carole Burnette and Kim Presley! Carole and Kim will be making vegan vegetable, vegetable beef, and creamy chicken with wild rice soup, available for pick up on Souper Bowl

Sunday, February 2. This time, you don't need to bring your own container. Carole and Kim will provide the containers and will fill them prior to Souper Bowl Sunday. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or place your order by emailing Erin in the church office. The deadline to place your order is Wednesday, January 29. Please make a donation, as you feel led, to the Souper Bowl Sunday Fund on February 2. Your donation will go directly to MANNA food bank to help fight hunger.

### Worship Arts in 2020

Remember when we created a wilderness scene in the sanctuary two years ago? And remember when the sanctuary was adorned with our newly handmade, deep blue paraments for Advent just last month? Those were all done by people in our own congregation who love worship arts! Our Worship Arts Team has already begun meeting to make creative plans for the liturgical seasons in 2020. Interested in ways you might get involved, or just want to know more about it? Email Laura Brown, Chair of Worship, at llbrown888@gmail.com.

### 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.

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

### Calendar

Sun	19	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Fellowship Luncheon
Mon	20	5:30 PM	Session
Wed	22	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	23	2:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle
Sun	26	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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## New Hope Presbyterian Church

"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 2020  
11 o'clock



"A Community Called to Hope"  
First in the Series:  
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God is faithful; by God you were called into the fellowship of  
God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(1 Corinthians 1:9)