

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Traditional

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Roots, stem, and leaf; seed, fruit-flesh, and peel—
parts of a whole.

**Mind, heartbeat, and will; spirit, body, and breath—
parts of a whole person.**

Listening, serving, and caring; receiving, challenging, growing—
parts of a whole community.

**Baptizing, Word-immersing, and bread-breaking;
praying, blessing, and transforming—
parts of a wholeness, the Body of Christ.**

* **HYMN 15** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you made us in your image,

**with a mind to know you, a heart to love you,
and a will to serve you.**

**But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant,
and our obedience incomplete.**

Day by day, we contribute to division.

In your tender love, forgive us.

By the power of your Spirit, transform us,

that our corporate life might reflect your wholeness.

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 Psalm 27:1, 4-9, *p. 437 (OT)*

ANTHEM *Psalm 67* Composer

May our God be gracious and bless us.
May God’s face shine down upon us,
That God’s way may be known on the earth
As it is in heaven.

May the saving grace of our Creator
Be known among the nations;
So with gladness and joy they will sing
With the saints in heaven.

God is great! God is good!
May God’s light shine before us.
Amen, amen, amen, amen!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, *p. 926 (NT)*

SERMON “A Community Called to Unity”
Called to Community: Studies in 1 Corinthians 1-3

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 306** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Snow* Kerry Muzzey

* *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 733** “We All Are One in Mission”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro Moderato* Hugo Hartmann

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: Nancy Spann

Today’s greeters: Bill and Marlene Johnson

Today’s ushers: Kim Sluder and Tracy Owensby

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

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

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 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)

Sunday Morning Class: African American Theologians Speak

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 began today, January 26, by exploring the biblical call to reconciliation and by considering its implications for our lives. Starting next Sunday, for the four Sundays of February (Black History Month), we will listen to the voices of African American men and women, such as Howard Thurman, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Cone, and M. Shawn Copeland. Though the course will conclude on February 23, 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.

Church Photo Directory Update

The new church photo directory is almost complete. If you did not have your picture taken at one of the photo shoots we did in December, please plan to come down after worship on February 9th and let us take your picture. If you are a church member, staff member, or regular visitor, you are part of the NHPC community. We want your face!! If you are unable to come to the church to be photographed but still want to be included, please contact Bill Carpenter at billcarpenter53@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Soup Sign Ups Continue This Sunday!

There is still time to sign up for quarts of that delicious homemade soup hand crafted by Carole Burnette and Kim Presley! Carole and Kim will be making vegetarian vegetable, vegetable beef, and creamy chicken and 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. Thank you!

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, February 1 at J.K's on Long Shoals. Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

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.

The Outreach Committee Thanks You

The Outreach Committee would like to thank you for your generous support of our Alternative Giving during the Advent season. Thanks to your support, New Hope was able to send \$232 to ABCCM's Medical Clinic (our selected local ministry), \$50 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (our selected national ministry), and a whopping \$935 to Guatemala Children's Scholarships (our selected international ministry). You also gave \$798 to the Christmas Joy Offering, one of our denomination's four annual, special offerings. Lastly, the Outreach Committee would like to let you know that we were able to finish the year by sending unspent budgeted Outreach discretionary funds to Avery's Creek Elementary School (\$500 in Ingles gift cards for food insecure families), ABCCM's Medical Clinic (\$500), and Guatemala Children's Scholarships (\$375). Your generous giving, both to the annual operating fund and to special giving opportunities, helps us support these important ministries. Thank you!

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, February 2 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, January 29.

Calendar

Sun	26	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom Fife)
Wed	29	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Sat	1	10:30 AM	Men's Brunch Bunch
Sun	2	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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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2020
11 o'clock



"A Community Called to Unity"

Second in the Series:

Called to Community: Studies in 1 Corinthians 1-3



"Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose." (1 Corinthians 1:10)