

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Promise of Spring* Dennis Alexander

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone, but with our lives.

With what kind of lives will you worship?

With our whole lives—

**not just with our strengths, but with our weaknesses,
not just with what we know, but with what we don't,
trusting that it's God's power that transforms us.**

* HYMN 630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the Cross, you have called us to be humble.

Yet, we still desire to look wise in the eyes of others,
lifting up our way of thinking a little too highly.

Forgive us, O God.

By the power of your Spirit, remind us whom we worship—
a God revealed not in the wisdom of the world but in
the foolishness of the cross—
that we may live with humility as fools for 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 ...

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 9:23-24, p. 620 (OT)

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* Traditional

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way.

O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down

O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

O brothers ...

O children ...

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, p. 926-927 (NT)

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 224 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* 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 Leaning On the Everlasting Arms arr. Ken Medema

* *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.

525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

530 "One Bread, One Body"

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 372 "O for a World"

It's "Souper" Bowl Sunday! In lieu of giving to our 5-cents-a-meal offering (usually collected at this time on Communion Sundays), you are invited to place a gift in our "Souper" Bowl Sunday soup pot in the Narthex after worship. All proceeds will go to MANNA Food Bank. Thank you.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* James M. Black

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: Virginia Hebert
Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Bill Higgins
Today's ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley
Today's fellowship: John & Barbara Kenny

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch today! We will be going to Post 25. 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 division-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:

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: Listening to African American Theologians

Join Russ Moxley and Kim Wells for the four Sundays of February (Black History Month) as we listen to and learn from African American theologians 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 possible trip to the Civil Rights Museum in Birmingham and to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, and the exploration of shared activities with a local African American church.

Next New Members Class

Our next new members' class is coming up this month! Interested in learning more about New Hope Presbyterian Church and the possibility of membership? If you have not already been in touch with Kim, contact her at pastornhpc@gmail.com for more information.

Today Is "Souper" Bowl Sunday: Pick Up Your Soup!

Today, on "Souper" Bowl Sunday, we remember that many people are going hungry while we enjoy game-day snacks and treats. So, today we are taking an offering, all the proceeds of which will go to MANNA Food Bank to help fight hunger. If you placed a pre-order for soup, please pick it up today and place a donation, as you feel led, in the soup pot in the Narthex. You may also make a donation even if you aren't picking up soup. Loose bills and change make a difference!

Next Sunday: Church Photo Directory Shoot

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 next Sunday, February 9, 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.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, February 9 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, February 5.

Calendar

Sun	2	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)
Tue	4	1:00 PM	Worship Arts Team
		6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed	5	6:00 PM	Worship Committee
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	6	7:00 PM	Justice & Reconciliation Committee
Sun	9	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:00 PM	Directory Photo Shoot
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Tom)
		2:30 PM	Elder Training

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"

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2020
11 o'clock



"A Community Called to Humility"

Third in the Series:

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"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,
so that no one might boast in the presence of God."
(1 Corinthians 1:27-29)