

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Medley* by J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have not seen the risen Christ like his disciples did.

But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

We have not seen Jesus face to face.

But we see him in those whose love encourages us.

We have not touched Christ's wounds from the cross.

But we are called to draw near to those who have scars.

Christ is alive! He is with us!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living Christ, you have said that you are with us always.

**We long to see you like your first disciples did,
but sometimes we don't know where to look.**

**The pain of the world is all too visible to us,
while often you seem invisible,
so we begin to doubt your presence.**

Our trust in your abiding love falters.

Forgive us.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, give us eyes to see,
ears to hear, and hands to hold you,
in whomever you are made manifest to us.**

**Then may we be encouraged, our faith strengthened,
and our lives as witnesses to the resurrection
transformed.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 240 (vv. 1, 4)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19-23 (NT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 22:24-29 (NT)

SERMON "Healing Thomas"
Finding Healing: Easter Encounters with Hurting People

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN 257 "The Risen Christ"

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

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 Self Offering

Offertory Show Us How To Love by Mark A. Miller

Hearts open, minds awake,
Change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake,
Teach us how to love.

Hearts open, souls awake,
Rules we made we now must break.
With our very own lives at stake,
We must learn to love.

Eyes open, shocked awake,
Much to learn from our mistakes,
Draw us closer in our heartache,
Show us how to love.

* *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 246 "Christ Is Alive!"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jazzy Walk* by Asti Fajriani

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: Sandra Hopkins

Today's greeters: Herschel & Linda Lewis

Today's ushers: Herschel & Linda Lewis

The painting on the front cover is a black and white version of "The Incredulity of Saint Thomas" by the Italian baroque master Caravaggio.

Spring New Members Class Starts Today!

Are you interested in becoming a member of New Hope? Our process just takes three easy steps: (1) attend an exploratory class with lunch provided after church today (no further commitment to membership necessary), (2) for those interested in joining, attend the Session meeting this Tuesday, April 16 at 6 PM to get to know our elders and share your faith journey/why you have been drawn to New Hope, and (3) be presented in Sunday worship (date to be determined). Contact Pastor Kim for details.

Next Sunday, April 21: Reception for Janice Kominski

Our beloved Pastoral Intern, Janice Kominski, is finishing up her year with us, and her last Sunday will be next Sunday, April 21. She will be preaching. We encourage you to attend a reception for her after worship in the Narthex. Help us celebrate her and the time she has devoted to the care of our congregation this year!

New Church Administrator Begins Tuesday, April 16

We are pleased to announce that we have hired a new Administrator! Lynne Petty, a retired accountant and controller, will be filling Erin's shoes starting this Tuesday, April 16. Stop by and say hello!

Voices of Conflict, Voices of Hope: A Poetry and Faith Series

In our next Faith Formation opportunity, Virginia Hebert will lead us in an exploration of poetry from countries that have experienced or are experiencing war: Guatemala, Israel/Palestine, and Ukraine. Come listen to poets from these countries speak to their pain and to their hope, and consider how their words may inform our faith. The group will meet on four Mondays—April 15, 22, 29, and May 6—at 7 PM at the church.

This Saturday, April 20: Spring Workday

Save the Date! The spring workday at the church is set for Saturday, April 20. This is a great time to come out and enjoy your church family as we spruce up the buildings and grounds. We will start at 9:30 AM and will be done by lunch time. Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter by phone at (704) 219-1893 or by email at billcarpenter53@gmail.com.

Next Guatemala Trip

We will be returning to Guatemala at the end of October 2024! This trip will coincide with the 30th Anniversary Celebration of our Presbytery's Guatemala Partnership. The focus of the trip will be to continue strengthening our covenant relationship with our sister church, El Divino Salvador, and to attend the 30th Anniversary Celebration at the seminary. The trip will be limited to 5 individuals, so please let Susan Maveety or Virginia Hebert know if you are interested or have any questions. Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 768-5475 or susan.maveety@gmail.com. Contact Virginia Hebert at (919) 264-4407 or vlhebert@gmail.com.

Fibers of Hope

Our knitting group has grown to include various handcrafted projects, and we've adopted the name "Fibers of Hope." We meet the first Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM in the library. Come join our small group with your knitting project. And, if you would like to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, we can supply the yarn. Questions? Contact Bonnie Runkle by email at bonnie.runkle@gmail.com or at (717) 393-9024.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, April 21 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, April 17.

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.

Session Members

- Terri Carpenter (2025)
- Woody Ferrell (2025)
- Virginia Hebert (2024)
- Susan Maveety (2024)
- Barbara McLean (2026)
- Andy Morse (2026)
- Jean Moxley (2024)
- Nan Riley (2026)
- Nancy Spann (2025)
- Kim Wells (Moderator)

Deacons

- Bill Carpenter (2024)
- Janet Ferrell (2025)
- Tom Fife (2026)
- Ann Moorefield (2024)
- Cal Reid (2026)
- Karen Ward (2025)

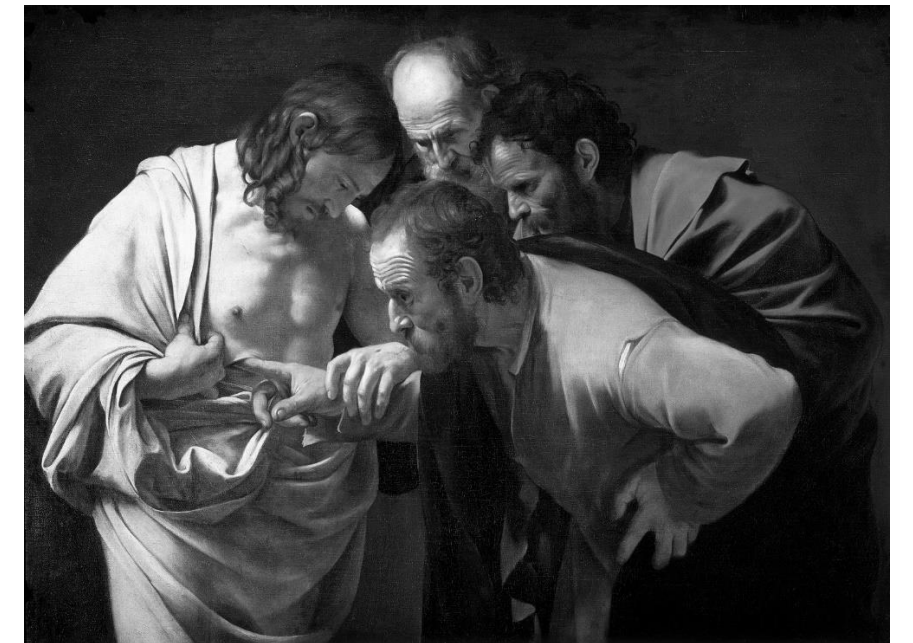
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Rob Blackwell, Director of Music Ministry/Pianist
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Third Sunday after Easter
April 14, 2024
11 o'clock



"Healing Thomas"



"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."(John 20:25)