

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *In This Very Room There's Quite Enough Love* D. Wyrzten

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 515 "I Come with Joy"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Hymn 698 "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS John 6:25-35, p. 867-868 (NT)
Mark 8:34-35, p. 820 (NT)

SERMON "The Bread of Life"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Blessed Assurance* Kurt Kaiser

Doxology Hymn 582

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 699 "Fill My Cup"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Blessed Assurance* D. Wyrzten

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: Andy Morse

Today's greeters: Leslie Hillman and Margaret Marsh

Today's ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

We welcome Rev. Ed Hillman to the pulpit today!

An ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church, Ed currently serves as the head chaplain across the street at Givens Estates. Ed's wife Leslie is a member and a greeter at New Hope, and Ed is an associate member.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM on Saturday, September 4 at J.K.'s on Long Shoals. We gather every other Saturday to meet, eat, and enjoy fellowship together! Contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327.

New Hope Has a New Roof.

The roofing company managed to have 3 teams start and complete New Hope's roof on Monday, August 23 in 7 hours!

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the Homeward Bound houseware drive. The items were picked up earlier this week and were very much appreciated! Thank you for making a difference in our community and helping others escape homelessness.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, September 5 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, September 1.

Responding to World Crises

World events have been overwhelming over the last few weeks, both far and near. Another calamitous earthquake in Haiti, the devastating takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban, and flooding that has taken lives and destroyed homes in neighboring Candler and Canton. It can be hard to know how to respond to so many needs, where to give, and what to do. We are thankful that God is the one who bears the full weight of the world's needs, and that we are called to pray about how we might play one part in God's greater work. Here are some organizations that you may want to consider as you discern your response. For Haiti, learn about how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding at pda.pcusa.org/situation/haiti. For Afghanistan, learn about how Church World Service is responding at cwsglobal.org. For local flooding relief, visit Canton Presbyterian Church's website at www.cantonpresbyterian.com and click on "Flood Relief." Beloved Asheville (belovedasheville.com) is also on the ground responding to local emergencies. Thank you for your compassion.

New Hope COVID Policy

Mask Up! Whether you are vaccinated or not vaccinated you need to wear a mask while inside the church.

Please sanitize your hands upon entry. Hand sanitizer is available at all entry points and in various other locations around the building. Remember to keep your hands washed as needed.

Please stay away from church IF you are sick, have COVID symptoms, have been exposed to someone with COVID, or have been out of the country. Then, please wait two weeks before returning. We invite you to join us for worship online in the meantime!

Please do not move any of the chairs in the sanctuary. Our new seating layout took a lot of exact measuring and effort to set up, so we would appreciate it if you would refrain from moving seats.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Please observe a “touchless” Passing of the Peace of Christ.

While individuals may use their own discretion about accepting hugs and handshakes outside of the sanctuary, during the passing of the peace we will refrain from touching so that those who aren't comfortable with that yet aren't put on the spot. (And, when you're outside the sanctuary, please ask before you hug someone to make sure they're comfortable.)

Please refrain from singing along with hymns for now. While we hope it won't be too much longer until we can include full congregational hymn singing and the choir in worship, we are easing into that by taking some baby steps first. For now, we'll have a small ensemble of singers leading each hymn in parts from up front. Of course, we'll still get to enjoy Rob's beautiful music as always!

Please do not let the Narthex get crowded. We will not be serving coffee or food after worship for now. As you leave the sanctuary, please make a conscious effort to help the Narthex not get too crowded by spreading into outdoor spaces to socialize if a lot of people are present.

Please refrain from using drinking fountains. If you're thirsty, you are welcome to get a glass of water to drink from the kitchen downstairs.

Please know that the Session may change this policy, either by loosening or tightening these restrictions, as circumstances change.

Bear with one another in love (Colossians 3:13-14). In any community, there are different opinions about how to go about doing things. We know that some folks wish we had more restrictions, while others wish we had fewer. The above is the Session's best discernment about how to care for our congregation in worship while taking this first step.

Glorify God and enjoy God! The PC (USA)'s Westminster Catechism teaches that our bottomline, main purpose in life is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. Enjoyment is central to our life of faith! So, as we come together to worship in the sanctuary, let us glorify and enjoy God together!

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”

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021
11 o'clock



“The Bread of Life”



“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

(John 6:35)