

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Wind Beneath My Wings* Matt Hyzer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 448 “Peace of God Be With You”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 37:1-14, 17b-20, 23-28
p. 30 (OT)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-21
p. 37 & 42 (OT)

SERMON “Bountiful Provision”
God Deals Bountifully with Us in the “How Long?” Seasons

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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.

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* Don Wyrzten

Doxology Hymn 582

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.

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

HYMN 803 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* David Paxton

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: Woody Ferrell

Today’s greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Today’s ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

We welcome Ruth Sieber Johnson as our guest pianist today.

A Season of Bounty

For more than a year we have found ourselves asking, “How long?” How long will it be until the pandemic ends? How long will it be until we can fully return to church life without restrictions? How long will it be before our personal hardships are over? How long will it be until God’s righteousness, justice, and peace are lived out around the world? In Psalm 13, the Psalmist begins by lifting up this same question to God in prayer: “How long, O Lord?” And yet, in this same Psalm, even after pouring out a list of laments, the Psalmist shifts from pain and sorrow to confidence in God’s steadfast love, joyfully proclaiming, “God has dealt bountifully with me!” Can the Psalmist’s profession of faith in God’s bounty be ours as well? Join us over the next four weeks as we look for God’s bounty in unexpected places.

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards for 2022 were recently sent out to members and friends who have given previously. Didn’t get one? Contact Erin in the church office at (828) 274-0191 or officenewhope@gmail.com. She would be happy to mail one to you or send you a digital copy by email for download. We invite you prayerfully to consider your pledge for next year.

Dedication Sunday, November 14

On Sunday, November 14, we will be dedicating our 2022 pledges to God in worship. You can turn in your pledge card anytime on or before that date. It will be a celebration of bounty! Thank you for your generosity.

MANNA Food Bank

We are so happy to be volunteering at MANNA again! Our next date is Tuesday, November 9, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. Questions? Contact team leader Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893. Thank you for your support.

Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 13 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.

Equal Exchange

Through the Presbyterian Coffee Project at Equal Exchange, we are able to purchase organic, fairly-traded products at discounted wholesale case prices, ensuring that more of the money you spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it. New Hope offers a variety of coffee products, tea, and chocolate bars. Take a moment to shop after church. If there is something that you are interested in, but we do not have, please contact Susan Maveety at (828) 628-0840 or by email at susan.maveety@gmail.com.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, November 14 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 10.

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.

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 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.

Communion: Communion servers are vaccinated and will wear masks and sanitize hands. Juice will be served in individual glass cups, and pieces of bread will be served with tongs. Please follow the ushers' directions in coming forward and return to your seats with your elements in hand. Please wait until the pastor indicates that it is time to partake, and we will all partake together.

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 bottom line, 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"

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 7, 2021
11 o'clock



"Bountiful Provision"



"And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life."
(Genesis 45:5)