

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *Amazing Grace* J. Newton

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**HYMN 263** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

### 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** Psalm 34:1-6, p. 441 (OT)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 17:11-19, p. 852 (NT)

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

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Offering*

*Offertory* *Come Thou Font* R. Robinson

*Doxology* Hymn 582

### *Litany of Dedication*

O God, you deal bountifully with us!  
**You have provided for our needs.**

O God, you deal mercifully with us!  
**You are healing us in body, mind, and spirit.**

O God, you are worthy of our praise!  
**You are the one we bow down before in love.**

O God, we dedicate these pledges to you for 2022.

**To you we dedicate our gifts, our lives, ourselves.**

### 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 649** “Amazing Grace”

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *A Sunny Day* G. Lukinykh

## 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:** Emily Neel

**Today’s greeters:** Bunk and Nancy Spann

**Today’s ushers:** Herschel and Linda Lewis

### **Today Is Dedication Sunday!**

Today we are dedicating our 2022 pledges to God in worship. We send our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have submitted your pledge in support of God’s ministry at New Hope next year. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Pledge Cards**

Still need a pledge card for 2022? It’s not too late to submit one. Pledge cards are available in the friendship pads and in the church office. You can also contact Erin in the church office at (828) 274-0191 or [officenewhope@gmail.com](mailto:officenewhope@gmail.com), and she would be happy to mail one to you or send you a digital copy by email for download. Thank you for your support.

### **We welcome Ken Meeks to the pulpit on Sunday, November 21.**

Pastor Kim will be away November 15-21.

### **Walk Off the Turkey With Some New Hope Friends!**

We will be taking a walk at the Arboretum the morning after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 26. If you would like to go, meet at the church at 9:30 AM and ride with a pass holder to the Arboretum. We will walk as a group on flat ground and limit our time there to about 40 minutes. We will cancel if it rains. Interested? Please email Bill Carpenter at [billcarpenter53@gmail.com](mailto:billcarpenter53@gmail.com).

### **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 28**

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 28, for the purpose of electing our next class of officers. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship. All members are encouraged to attend, and friends and visitors are welcome to observe. The nominees for elder in the Class of 2024 are: Virginia Hebert (second term), Susan Maveety (second term), and Jean Moxley (first term). The nominees for deacon are Ann Moorefield (first term), and Susan Lang, who is graciously extending her previous term by one year. We are so thankful for those whom God has called into service!

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, November 21 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, November 17.

## **New Hope COVID Policy**

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

### **New Air Purifier in the Sanctuary**

In order to increase our safety in the sanctuary, we have purchased a new air purifier, a Medify MA-112, which has a medical-grade HEPA filter and ionizer. It is able to filter particles as small as 0.1 microns (the coronavirus is slightly larger at 0.125 microns). It also provides about two complete air exchanges per worship service.

**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

**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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## *New Hope Presbyterian Church*

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 14, 2021  
11 o’clock



### “Bountiful Gratitude”



“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him.”  
(Luke 17:15-16)