

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* Reginald Heiber

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to remember our call:

**to do justice, to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God.**

We bring with us all that has happened in the last week—

**the suffering in the headlines,
the struggles of our daily lives,
and the steps we have taken toward your *shalom*.**

Though it isn't always easy to be just and kind and humble,

**here we see those who love justice,
who are kind beyond measure,
and who set the example for humility.**

With gratitude for community and the Spirit who inspires us,

**let us renew our walk with Christ,
and let us worship God!**

* HYMN 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, your intention is for humankind to thrive.

**Yet we live in a world where only some thrive,
and they often do so at the expense of others.**

**If we are not the aggrandizers, then our sins of
omission and apathy still convict us.**

Forgive us, O God.

**By the power of your Spirit, help us to feel the pain of
the downtrodden as our own.**

**Inspire us to cry out like the prophets,
to dedicate our bodies to the work of healing,
and to wait with trust and faith for you to act.**

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 LESSON Selections from Habakkuk 1:2-3:19 (OT)

SERMON "The Verse that Changed the World"

* HYMN 684 "Faith Begins by Letting Go"

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory Song of Peace Mary Donnelly

If I could have one wish come true,
It would be peace for me and you.
Peace in our hearts and peace of mind,
Peace now and ever for all mankind.
So may our voices never cease,
So may we sing our song of peace.

Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

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.

O God, we thank you...

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

We serve a gluten-free option alongside our regular bread, and our juice is non-fermented.

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 800 "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly Daily Change offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Jazz Etude No. 2* Milan Dvorak

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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



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: Laura Brown
Today's greeter: Margaret Marsh
Today's ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

Soup Sign Ups for Souper Bowl Continue

Sign up now for quarts of delicious homemade soup, hand crafted by Carole Burnette and Kim Presley! Carole and Kim will be making vegetarian vegetable, vegetable beef, and their famous creamy chicken and wild rice soup. Soup orders will be available for pick up (containers provided) on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 12. Please make a donation (minimum \$15 per quart) to our Souper Bowl Sunday Fund. Checks may be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with Souper Bowl in the memo line. Your donation will go directly to MANNA Food Bank to help fight hunger in our area. If you would prefer not to order soup but would still like to make a donation to our Souper Bowl Sunday Fund, simply mail or bring in your check. Sign up for soup in the Narthex, or contact Erin at officenewhope@gmail.com or (828) 274-0191. Please indicate the flavor(s) and quantity (in quarts only this year) that you would like. The deadline for placing orders is Wednesday, February 8. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Men's Brunch Bunch

The men of the church meet every other Friday morning for brunch. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327 or bandj.online@yahoo.com.

MANNA Food Bank

We have a group that serves monthly at MANNA Food Bank throughout the year. Come join our New Hope volunteer team on the second Friday of every month from 1-3 PM. Our next volunteer date is Friday, February 10. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities getting food ready for those who need it. You can join us just one time, on a regular monthly basis, or whenever you can. Sign up by calling leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Greeters and Ushers: Extending Hospitality

Would you like to be the welcoming face of New Hope to those who enter our church on Sunday morning? Are you looking for an easy way to serve? Volunteer to be a greeter or an usher, or both! We need more greeters and ushers in our regular rotation and to help when others are ill or have conflicts. For more information or to get on the roster, call or email Jay Maveety, head usher, at (828) 772-8531 or jay.maveety@gmail.com. Thank you!

Exploring Membership

Interested in learning more about New Hope and the possibility of membership? Contact Kim at pastornhpc@gmail.com for more information about opportunities coming up in the new year.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, February 12 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, February 8.

The Call to Worship today is adapted from liturgy written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good," and is used with permission.

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)
- Margaret Marsh (2023)
- Susan Maveety (2024)
- Andy Morse (2024)
- Jean Moxley (2024)
- Bonnie Runkle (2023)
- Nancy Spann (2025)
- Kim Wells (Moderator)

Deacons

- Bill Carpenter (2024)
- Joy Lee Eppes (2023)
- Janet Ferrell (2025)
- Ann Moorefield (2024)
- Elaine Morse (2023)
- Karen Ward (2025)
- Ken Meeks (Pastor to the Deacons)

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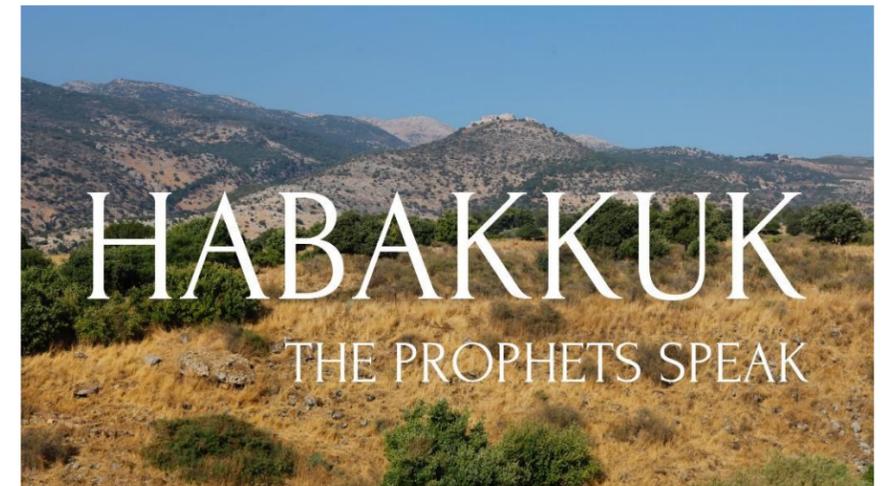
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 February 5, 2023
 11 o'clock



"The Verse that Changed the World"



"... the righteous live by their faith." (Habakkuk 2:4)