

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**      *Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus*      George Webb

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**      2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

**And all of us, with unveiled faces,  
seeing the glory of the Lord  
as though reflected in a mirror,  
are being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another.**

This comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

**Let us worship God!**

\* **HYMN 386**      “Come, Worship God”

\* **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**God of grace, you promise to heal and renew us.**

**Yet sometimes our wounds seem to have more power  
over us than our hope, and we lose heart.**

**Forgive us for our lack of trust in your healing power.**

**By your Spirit, help us hold on to the promise of who  
you are recreating us to be, so that we can press  
on through our present struggles with hope.**

*Silent Prayers*

*Assurance of Pardon*

\* **SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

Hymn 205 (3 times, English-Latin-English)      “Live in Charity”

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Genesis 3:8-15 (OT)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**      2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (NT)

**SERMON**      “Renewal”  
*Fifth in the Series: Inward Work for Outward Living*

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\* **HYMN 694**      “Great God of Every Blessing”

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

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver  
and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace  
through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to  
love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all  
believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The  
same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us  
in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of  
life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and  
men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and  
fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray  
without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to  
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in  
Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long  
silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom,  
and peace. 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 Self Offering: Stories from the January Guatemala Team*

*Offertory*      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      Martin Luther

*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 803**      “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *Just A Closer Walk with Thee*      Traditional

## 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:**      Margaret Marsh

**Today’s greeters:**      Woody and Janet Ferrell

**Today’s usher:**      Bill Carpenter

### Ordering Easter Flowers

You are invited to purchase potted spring flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one for display in our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Forms are available in the Narthex. Please place your order form and payment in the box provided. Cost per order is \$8. Deadline for ordering is next Sunday, April 2.

### Pictorial Directory Updates

Today following worship and next Sunday, April 2, members and regular visitors are invited to come by the library immediately following worship to have their picture taken for our updated pictorial directory. If your contact information has not changed and you are happy with your current picture in the directory, no action is required.

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

### Walking Group

The walking group resumes on Thursday, April 6. Come join your New Hope friends at Fletcher Park for a morning walk. We start at 10:30 AM every Thursday, unless it is raining. Meet in the parking lot near the bathrooms. Questions? Contact Margaret Marsh at (256) 565-8075 or [margaretmarsh@bellsouth.net](mailto:margaretmarsh@bellsouth.net), or Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893 or [billcarpenter53@gmail.com](mailto:billcarpenter53@gmail.com).

### Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Next Sunday we will be receiving one of our denomination's annual special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self Development of People. Checks should be made out to New Hope Presbyterian Church with OGHS in the memo line.

### Maundy Thursday Supper at 5:45 PM

On Thursday, April 6, join us at 5:45 PM downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for a simple soup supper prepared by Kim Presley. Our Maundy Thursday worship service will follow in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP for the supper by Sunday, April 2. Contact Erin in the church office at (828) 274-0191 or [officenewhope@gmail.com](mailto:officenewhope@gmail.com).

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 6:30 PM

Join us for our Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 PM. This is a very special service and will include Communion, optional foot washing, a reading of the passion narrative interspersed with hymns, and the shrouding of the sanctuary.

### Easter Sunrise Gathering

Are you an early bird? All are invited to Jay & Susan Maveety's house at 7 AM on Easter morning to see the sun rising over the Blue Ridge mountains from their deck. The gathering will include a short devotion. Contact Susan at (828) 768-5475 or [susan.maveety@gmail.com](mailto:susan.maveety@gmail.com).

### Easter Worship in the Sanctuary: Sunday, April 9

Our celebration of Easter will take place during our regular worship service on Sunday, April 9. Come sing all the alleluias with us! The service will include special music and words of hope. We also have a tradition of filling up a wire cross with flowers during the opening hymn, so if you are able, please bring some cut flowers with you to worship on Easter Sunday. After worship, we leave the flower-filled cross by the road as a witness to our resurrection hope.

### Eastertide Discussion Group: Practice Resurrection

Even before our death, we experience "little" deaths and ways that resurrection breaks into our present lives. How do we live under the blessing of resurrection hope in practical ways? Join us at 7 PM on four Thursday evenings—April 13, 20, 27, and May 4—as we explore how to practice resurrection. The group will be facilitated by Russ Moxley. Please sign up by Easter Sunday, April 9. Contact Erin in the church office at (828) 274-0191 or [officenewhope@gmail.com](mailto:officenewhope@gmail.com).

### Spring Workday: April 22

Save the Date! The spring workday at the church is set for Saturday, April 22. 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. The rain date is the following Saturday. Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter by phone at (704) 219-1893 or by email at [billcarpenter53@gmail.com](mailto:billcarpenter53@gmail.com).

### 2023 Lenten Theme: Inward Work for Outward Living

Our inward and outward lives can frequently be disconnected. Outwardly, we often struggle to present a version of ourselves that we think others will like. Meanwhile, our inward lives can become the domain where the rougher edges of our more authentic selves are safely hidden. The inward and outward aspects of life also exist in our Christian spiritual practice. Do we have the inward spiritual nourishment we need to sustain our outward service? Join us this Lent as we tend to our inward lives for the sake of our outward living.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, April 2 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, March 29.

### 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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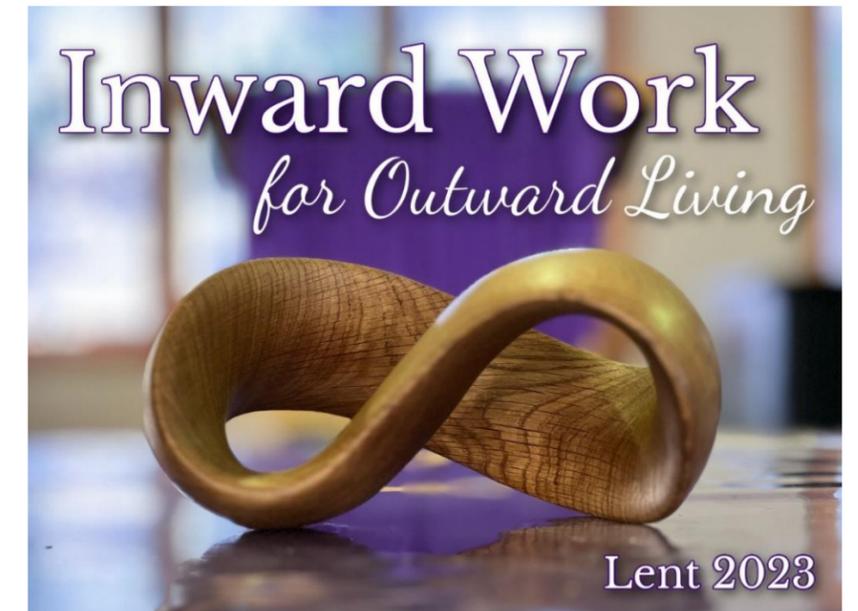
“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023  
11 o'clock



“Renewal”

*Fifth in the Series: Inward Work for Outward Living*



“Even though our outer nature is wasting away,  
our inner nature is being renewed day by day.”  
(2 Corinthians 4:16)