

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**                      *Hymn Medley*                      Arr. Philip Keveren

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all its people.**  
How good it is, how wonderful,  
**to live together in unity.**  
Love and faith come together,  
**justice and peace join hands.**  
If Christ's disciples keep silent,  
**these stones would shout aloud.**  
Open our lips, O God,  
**and our mouths shall proclaim your praise!**

\* **HYMN 14**                                      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

#### \* CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**Eternal God, maker of the skies above,  
lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,  
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea, and sky,  
you are there.**

**O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns,  
soul behind all souls,  
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet,  
your presence is around us, and we give thanks.**

**But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation,  
when we have not met but missed you in one another,  
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,  
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

*Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon*

#### \* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 59 (2 times)                      “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

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**Bold font** indicates congregational participation.

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      Genesis 1:26-27 (OT)

**ANTHEM**                      *A Gaelic Blessing*                      John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      Romans 8:15-17 (NT)

**SERMON**    “Our Sacred Soul”

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\* **HYMN 490**                                      “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made  
flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and  
nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He  
descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third  
day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be  
everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal  
fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and  
forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

### GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Invitation to Self Offering*

*Offertory*                      *Be Thou My Vision*                      Traditional

\* *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 547**                                      “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                      *Scottish Folk Medley*                      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:** Joy Lee Eppes

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

**Today's ushers:** Laura Brown and Kim Presley

**Today we welcome Russ Moxley to the pulpit!** Russ is an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church and first served University Park United Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas, as the Associate Pastor for Youth and Families. His calling in ministry then turned to leadership development, and he was trained as a facilitator by the Center for Courage & Renewal, founded by Parker Palmer. Until 2002, Russ was a senior fellow at the Center for Creative Leadership, and afterwards he served as a part-time faculty member until 2018. He is also the author of *Leadership and Spirit* and *Becoming a Leader is Becoming Yourself*. Russ and his wife Jean live at Givens and share six daughters and twelve grandchildren.

### Today Is Our Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

All are encouraged to head on downstairs immediately following worship today for our November fellowship luncheon! Our November theme, of course, is Thanksgiving. This meal is for everyone—not just for those interested in learning more about the Scotland trip. We hope all will join us for this celebration of gratitude!

### Scotland Trip Presentation Today

Our Scotland trip leader Eric Doss from Progressive Pilgrimage will be joining us for our Thanksgiving fellowship luncheon, during which he will give a presentation on the trip, scheduled for September 2024. Questions about the trip? Contact trip facilitator Russ Moxley at (336) 210-3822 or [rmoxley@moxleyandassociates.com](mailto:rmoxley@moxleyandassociates.com). Even if you aren't planning on going on the trip, listening to this presentation will help you know how to support and pray for those who are going.

### November Sunday Morning Class on Celtic Spirituality

Using John Philip Newell's *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul* as a primary resource, in this class we are discussing some of the key ideas of Celtic spirituality, such as Newell's affirmation that we each have a deep level of knowing inside us, and his belief that all things are sacred. Russ Moxley is facilitating these discussions at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings in November, downstairs in Room 104. Each class explores a different aspect of Celtic spirituality, so you are welcome to come even if you have missed the previous class sessions.

### 2024 Pledges

If you would like to make a pledge for 2024 and have not had the chance to complete a pledge card yet, it's not too late! Pledge cards can be found in the rack above the mailboxes in the church office. Or, to have a pledge card mailed to you, or a digital copy emailed to you, contact Erin at (828) 274-0191 or [officenewhope@gmail.com](mailto:officenewhope@gmail.com). Please submit your pledge card to Jay Maveety, our Financial Secretary. He has a box in the church office, or you can email him at [jay.maveety@gmail.com](mailto:jay.maveety@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity.

### Hand-Knitted Items Available in the Narthex

New Hope has been the recipient of some beautifully hand-knitted scarves and shawls. They will be available in the narthex over the next several weeks for you to select one for yourself or as a gift for a friend. A donation is not required; however, if you desire to donate, all monies received will be used to purchase yarn for the ongoing New Hope prayer shawl ministry

### Worship Liturgy

Today's Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith all come from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*.

**Worship bulletin announcements** for Sunday, November 26 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, November 22.

### 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

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Woody Ferrell (2025)  
Virginia Hebert (2024)  
Margaret Marsh (2023)  
Susan Maveety (2024)  
Andy Morse (2023)  
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)  
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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023  
11 o'clock



“Our Sacred Soul”



“When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”  
(Romans 8:15)