

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus Loves Me* Anna B. Warner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Genesis 1:1-3, Psalm 50:1-2, 2 Cor 4:6*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void,
and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light!

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Remember that it was God who said,
“Let light shine out of darkness.”

**This is the same God who has shone in our hearts,
giving us the light by which we might see
the glory of God shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

O God, fill us with your light.

Let us worship God!

*** HYMN 662** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, you have filled us with the light you summoned,
when only shadows lay over the face of the deep.**

**You have filled us with the light of knowledge,
that we might see your glory in the face of Christ.**

Yet we confess that we don’t always feel so light-filled.

We are more in tune with other things that fill us:

**our aches and pains, our sorrows and fears,
our cravings and ambitions, and our demons.**

**We forget that you have made us custodians of your power,
whose bright rays are straining to shine through us.**

Forgive us, O God, for forgetting to bear your beams of love.

**By the power of your Spirit, both embolden and humble us,
that we might act boldly by your power,
and use your power humbly to serve and love.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 698 (3 times) “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:2-8 (NT)

ANTHEM *A Time For All Things* Douglas Wagner

To everything there is a season,
There is a time for all good things;
A time to plant and a time to reap,
A time to love, a time to keep;
A time to weep, a time to laugh,
A time to mourn, a time to dance.

To everything there is a season,
There is a time for all good things;
A time to follow, a time to lead,
A time to speak and a time to heed;
A time to sleep and a time to wake,
A time to give and a time to take.

For all the blessings of our God
Are given us that we shall have
A time to live and a time to share,
A time to love and a time to care.
A time, a time, a time,
A time for all good things.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 (NT)

SERMON “Bearing the Beams of Love”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*** HYMN 666** “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God, whose goodness is beyond our knowing,
and whose glory is too great for us to see face to face.**

**We trust in Jesus, who is the image of the invisible God:
Jesus shows us the glory of the Father—
a glory that Moses could only see from behind.**

**We trust in the Holy Spirit,
who allows us to see glimpses of Christ’s glory,
on mountaintops and in valleys,
and who is transforming us into Christ’s image,
from one degree of glory to another.**

**We trust that God calls us to be like clay jars—
imperfect vessels carrying what is perfect,
ordinary but made beautiful by the presence of the holy,
fragile but given courage by the treasure inside,
silent but now ready to proclaim and make clear:**

**“This extraordinary power belongs to God
and does not come from us!”**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory *Morning Has Broken* 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 673** “Jesus, Light of Joy”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *This Little Light of Mine* Arr. Mark Hayes

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

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: Bruce Rasmussen
Today's greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis
Today's ushers: Herschel and Linda Lewis

Don't Miss "Sweet Treats" on Wednesday, February 14

The men get together on the second Wednesday of the month at The Well-Bred Bakery & Café in Biltmore Village at 11 AM for coffee and treats. Questions? Contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327 or by email at bandj.online@yahoo.com.

New Lenten Group: Care for Caregivers

All caregivers are invited to join our Lenten "Care for Caregivers" group, which will meet on Thursday mornings in Lent (Feb. 15, 22, 29, and March 7, 14, 21) from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Facilitated by Janice Kominski, our Pastoral Intern, group sessions will include opportunities to connect with other caregivers, process some of the strains and gifts of caregiving, share resources and support, and pray with and for one another. We will discuss chapters from the book *Courage for Caregivers*, by Marjorie J. Thompson. Purchasing the book and reading in advance is suggested, but not required. Please feel free to come to the sessions that work with your schedule, even if you cannot make all the sessions. Registration is not required, but if you know you plan to attend, please call Erin at (828) 274-0191 or email Janice at Janice.kominski@upsem.edu.

"Rooted in Our Reformed Tradition" Starts Sunday, February 18

The author of the letter to the Ephesians prays that we might be "rooted and grounded in love" (Eph 3:17). Join Kim on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM during Lent (February 18-March 24) for an exploration of the theological heritage of the Reformed tradition.

Book Discussion of Rachel Held Evans' *Wholehearted Faith*

Join Virginia Hebert for one last discussion on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 PM in the church library. Since the chapters are stand-alone essays, you are welcome to attend even if you haven't before.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, February 18 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Tuesday, February 13.

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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Barbara McLean (2026)
Andy Morse (2026)
Jean Moxley (2024)
Nan Riley (2026)
Nancy Spann (2025)
Kim Wells (Moderator)

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2024
11 o'clock



"Bearing the Beams of Love"



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