

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* Arr. Brent Edstrom

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 130:1-6

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

* HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

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Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you and have strayed from living wholeheartedly.

Envy and fear have dulled our generosity, and we have grown mean and destructive.

Forgive us our sins and return us to health through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 288 (2 times) "Spirit of the Living God"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 8:1-4, 7-15

SERMON "Verify If You Are Human"
Sixth in the Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

HYMN 501

"Feed Us, Lord"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross* Rev. George Bennard

* *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

Please request a gluten-free bread option if you need it.

Our juice is non-fermented.

Prayer After Communion (all)

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray, Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 698 (3 times) "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door* Arr. Phillip Keveren

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: John Bickerstaff

Today's greeters: Jean and Russ Moxley

Today's ushers: Elaine Morse and Bill Carpenter

Today's guest musician on the harp: Jean Moxley

We welcome Rev. Keith Grogg as our guest pastor today! Keith has been the pastor of Montreat Presbyterian Church since 2014. Ordained in 1994, he has also served churches in Carolina Beach and Kannapolis, NC. He is a graduate of Indiana University and McCormick Seminary and is currently completing work on a D.Min. in Christian Spirituality at Columbia Seminary, focusing on medieval women mystics. He is married to Vivian Hare, and they have two young adult children.

Also, a big thank you to Rev. Grogg for teaching the class on Medieval Women Mystics which began last Sunday and concluded today.

Men's Re-Treat

The men get together on the second Wednesday of the month at The Well-Bred Bakery & Cafe in Biltmore Village at 11 AM for coffee and treats. The July get together will be this coming Wednesday, July 10. Questions? Contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327 or by email at bandj.online@yahoo.com.

Fibers of Hope

The Fibers of Hope crafting group will meet Thursday, July 11th, from 1:30 to 3:00 in the library replacing the normal meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month which is the 4th of July. Join our group with your crafting project. If you would like to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, we can supply the yarn. Questions? Contact Bonnie Runkle by email at bonnie.runkle@gmail.com or at (717) 393-9024.

MANNA Food Bank Volunteering

We volunteer on the second Friday of every month from 1-3 PM. Join us on July 12 directly at MANNA. In August we will be switching to the *third Thursday* of the month, from 1-3 PM. Contact Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296 to sign up.

Men's Brunch Bunch

Men's brunch bunch will meet at 11:00 AM Saturday, July 13, at Cracker Barrel (located at 5 Crowell Rd in Asheville). Questions? Contact Bruce Rasmussen at (828) 633-0327.

An Evening at Montreat:

“Words and Music: Poetry, Hymns, and the Holy”

Attention music lovers! On Tuesday evening, July 16, join us for a field trip to see Eric Wall, former Music Director at First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, lead an exploration of hymns and their lyrics at Montreat. This free event will take place from 7:00-8:15 PM. We'll meet at the church beforehand to carpool to Montreat.. There is a +sign-up sheet in the Narthex for this event.

Burgers & Bingo Game Night!

On Friday evening, July 26, starting at 5:30 PM, we'll be playing Bingo! The church will provide hamburgers with all the fixin's plus drinks and chips to go with the fun. Please bring your favorite side or dessert to go with the burgers. Questions? Email Woody Ferrell at woody.ferrellnc@gmail.com or call him at (828) 412-2495.

Crafts with Nan & Jan

Join Nan & Jan for the second summer craft workshop Saturday, August 3 from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. Cost is \$10 for craft supplies. Please bring a lunch. Sign up by emailing Nan at nannetteriley87@gmail.com or call her at (828) 775-7444.

West Asheville Park: Picnic Dinner & Vespers Service

NEW LOCATION!

West Asheville Park: 198 Vermont Ave

Due to limited access to Lake Julian, our annual Summer Picnic Dinner & Vespers Service will take place this year in a new location: West Asheville Park! Join us on Sunday, August 18, at 5 PM for a picnic dinner followed by an outdoor Vespers service. The church will provide the main course and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, and a lawn chair for our Vespers service.

Last Summer Hoorah

Picnic Dinner & Live Music at the NC Arboretum

We'll close out the summer with a picnic dinner at the Arboretum on Thursday, September 5, from 5-8 PM. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some live outdoor music. You can order a meal in advance at their Bistro, or bring your own picnic. We'll carpool with those who have Arboretum passes.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, July 14 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, July 10.

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

Deacons

Bill Carpenter (2024)
Janet Ferrell (2025)
Tom Fife (2026)
Ann Moorefield (2024)
Cal Reid (2026)
Karen Ward (2025)

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Rob Blackwell, Director of Music Ministry/Pianist

New Hope

Presbyterian Church

“Including, Renewing, Serving”

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

11 o'clock



“Verify If You Are Human”



“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such things.” (Galatians 5:22-23)