

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Cantabile* George Enescu

INTROIT *Live-a-Humble* Arr. Peter Bagley

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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Alleluia! *¡Aleluya!*

* HYMN 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

During the singing of the hymn, those with cut flowers are invited to come forward and place them in the wire cross.

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God whose love knows no grave,
in raising Jesus from the dead
you shattered the power of sin and death
and unleashed new life into the world.**

**Yet we confess we remain captive to our doubts and fears,
bound by the ways that lead back to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.**

Forgive us, O God of mercy.

**Help us to trust your power to make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:1-4

ANTHEM *You Raise Me Up* Arr. Roger Emerson

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON “Shaking Things Up”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN 250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

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 *Wade in the Water* Traditional, arr. Davison

* *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 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

Worshippers will come forward to be served.

Simply raise your hand if you would like to be served in your seat.

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

Our juice is non-fermented.

You may partake of the bread and cup at any time.

The Feast

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* HYMN 249 “Because You Live, O Christ”

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 *Presto* George Enescu

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light three 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. The third candle is the Peace, Hope, and Justice candle, which began in South African as an anti-Apartheid candle and now calls us to pray for injustices at home and around the world.

Today’s liturgists: Cleo Rackoff, Elise Rackoff, Stone Rackoff

Today’s greeters: Pat Koonts and Margaret Marsh

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

Today's ushers: Bill Carpenter and Elaine Morse

Guest musician: Misty Rondeau

Choir Soloists: Ed Hillman & Bonnie Runkle, "You Raise Me Up"
Andy Morse & Shirley Oltman, "Wade in the Water"

Easter Flowers for the Cross

We have a tradition of filling up a wire cross with flowers during the opening hymn, so if you brought cut flowers today, please come forward and place them in the wire cross during the first hymn. After worship, we leave the flower-filled cross by the road as a witness to our resurrection hope.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

Play your part in doing justice and loving mercy by supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, one of our three annual denominational offerings. Since 1949, OGHS has made a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable among us. Contributions to OGHS allow our denomination to respond to disaster, hunger, poverty, and communities in need. Checks should be made payable to New Hope with OGHS in the memo line. Envelopes are available on the usher's table just outside the sanctuary and are included in the bulletins.

April Presbyterian Women Circle Meeting This Tuesday

Our PW Circle will meet at 2 PM on Tuesday, April 7 in the Library. We will be studying Lesson #7 in our Study Book, and Linda Pressley will lead the discussion. All are welcome.

Men's Brunch Bunch

The next Men's Brunch Bunch will meet at 11 AM on Saturday, April 11, at the Cracker Barrel located at 5 Crowell Rd in Asheville. Questions? Contact Greg Kramer at (281) 734-9457.

Spring Faith Formation: Guns to Gardens

Join us at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning, April 26 for a presentation on an innovative ministry led by Stan Wilson, Co-Pastor of Circle or Mercy here in Asheville, and Scotty Utz, an artist blacksmith. Based out of their organization, RAWtools South, Stan and Scotty travel the South teaching and training churches how to sponsor a "Guns to Gardens" event. At these events people turn in unwanted and unloaded guns to be cut up and destroyed on site by trained volunteers. The destroyed guns are then transformed and converted into garden tools and jewelry. The mission statement of RAWtools South is "Disarm Hearts, Forge Peace, Cultivate Justice." Learn more about them at south.rawtools.org.

Your Session in Action (Stated March Meeting)

Each month we will now be sharing the actions that our Session took at its previous meeting. At the March meeting, two motions were approved: (1) to allow the family of Elizabeth Morgan to hold her memorial service in the sanctuary, and to inter her ashes in the memorial garden, with the Rev. Margaret Perry presiding; and (2) to have a New Hope table, shared with Church of the Nativity, at the Pride Festival in Hendersonville on June 6.

What is the Session, anyway? In the Presbyterian church, "the Session" is an individual church's governing body. It is made up of elders elected by the congregation and all installed pastors (of which we have one). Together our elders and pastor discern the will of Christ for the church and govern accordingly. Our Session meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, and meetings are open to the congregation (except for those times when the Session votes to go into Executive Session). Each meeting is opened with prayer and the reading of our mission statement. The minutes of the past meeting are approved. Old Business and New Business are discussed and acted on. Each of the seven committees reports and makes any motions brought forth by their committee. At the close of the meeting, congregational concerns or joys are shared before adjourning the meeting in prayer. Communication to the Session may be made through Barbara McLean, our Clerk.

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

George Bauernfeind (2027)
Laura Brown (2028)
Frank Chapman (2028)
Carolyn Ledford (2027)
Barbara McLean (2026)
Andy Morse (2026)
Elsie Reid (2027)
Nan Riley (2026)
Kim Wells (Moderator)

Deacons

Bill Carpenter (2027)
Shelia Chapman (2027)
Elizabeth Costlow (2026)
Tom Fife (2026)
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
11 o'clock



"Shaking Things Up"



"And suddenly there was a great earthquake;
for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven,
came and rolled back the stone and sat on it."

(Matthew 28:2)

Above: "Easter Morning" by He Qi, the first among Mainland Chinese to earn a Ph. D. in Religious Art after the Revolution. In Matthew's account of Easter morning, an angel descends from heaven to roll back the stone and causes a great earthquake—shaking things up!