

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *I've Got Peace Like a River* Arr. Fred Bock

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Philippians 2:1-5*

If there is any encouragement in Christ ...

If there is any consolation from love ...

If there is any sharing in the Spirit ...

If there is any compassion and sympathy ...

Then make my joy complete!

Be of the same mind.

Have the same love.

Be in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit.

But in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

This is Christ's way.

Let it be our way.

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

Let us worship God!

*** HYMN 282** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

*** CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Living Christ, you could have boasted,
you could have wielded your power for yourself,
you could have used it all for your own gain,
but instead you became a servant
and humbled yourself.**

We know we are called to have this same mindset.

But in reality it is hard to live this way.

Forgive us, O God.

By the Spirit's power, lead us along the downward path.

**Help us not only to do justice and to love mercy,
but to walk humbly.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

*** SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

Hymn 240, vv. 1 & 4 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:9-14

SERMON "Humility"
Fourth in the Series: The Easter Wardrobe

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Philippians 2:6-11*

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Self Offering

Offertory *Steal Away* Traditional

Steal away, steal away,

Steal away to Jesus!

Steal away, steal away home.

I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinners stand a-trembling.
The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

(Repeat 1st stanza)

* *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 70** "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *My Tribute* Arr. Dino

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 liturgist: Angela Lepro

Today's greeters: Jean and Russ Moxley

Today's ushers: Jay and Susan Maveety

Guest Pianist: Ruth Sieber Johnson

Men's Re-Treat

The Men's Re-Treat will meet for coffee and treats this Wednesday, May 13 at 11 AM at Fletcher Village Bakery & Café's new location: 235 St. John Rd., Suite 70, in Fletcher. Contact Greg Kramer at (281) 734-9457.

Next Sunday's Lunch Bunch

Following church next Sunday, all are welcome (and especially newcomers) to join other members for lunch at Del Vecchios, 1854 Hendersonville Rd., Unit D. Phone: (828) 552-3344. Maps with directions are in the container on the name tag table in the Narthex.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Host Site Update

We had expected to host a new group of disaster relief workers starting last Sunday. Unfortunately, the group had to postpone their trip, but they hope to come later this summer. Our next group from Ohio and Michigan plans to be with us on May 31. Some members of this group will be returning to New Hope for a third tour of volunteer work! They are now good friends.

Save the Date for a Spring Clean Up:

Saturday, May 23, 9:30 AM to 12 PM

Come join your New Hope friends for a little teamwork and a lot of fun! Twice a year we all come together to wash windows, mulch, weed, and deep clean the kitchen. There are inside and outside jobs, and no experience is necessary. Questions? Contact Bill Carpenter at (704) 219-1893 or billcarpenter53@gmail.com.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, May 17 are due to Administrator Lynne Petty by noon on Wednesday, May 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.

Session Members

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

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New Hope
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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
11 o'clock



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