



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 1, 2026

Welcome to New Hope Church - we're glad you are here to worship with us today! If you're not a member, we invite you to join our church family.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

† Opening Sentences

L: We gather in the presence of God and in the company of the saints.

P: **We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.**

L: We remember those who prophesied, those who spoke out, those who made their witness for God.

P: **We remember those who gave their lives so every voice might be heard.**

L: We give thanks for neighbors and colleagues who make their witness for God and the good of all.

P: **We come with gratitude for courage and with hope for the days ahead. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to God, who is ever faithful.**

† Indicates where those who are able may stand.

Moment for Stewardship

Bring your commitment cards forward during the opening hymn.

† Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

GtG #1

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Our Commitments

† Invitation to Confession

L: When we remember the saints, we sometimes only remember the good. We forget their missteps and mistakes. We want to hold on to the very best of them but in doing so, we forget the complexities that made them human—that make us human. God wants every part of us, not just the good. So let us come before God with honesty and authenticity.

L: Holy God, we want to make you proud. We want to hide away our faults so no one can see. We want to be considered worthy of sainthood. But you know our faults anyway. You know every detail of our lives.

P: Forgive us for trying to pretend we are perfect.

L: Holy God, we confess that we dance along the line between self-improvement and vanity. We read self-help books, listen to sages who tell us how we can achieve perfection, and try to eliminate all the mess from our lives so we can feel in control.

P: Forgive us for striving to be godlike when all you’ve ever asked of us is to be human.

L: Holy God, we forget that even the saints are human. Even the saints are complicated. Our heroes are flawed, our loved ones make mistakes, and our idols aren’t really made of solid gold. We confess that we are quick to judge the faults of others we have placed on a pedestal, as though they aren’t human too.

P: Forgive us for expecting too much of one another.

L: Forgive us, we pray. Give us grace to trade the illusion of perfection for the real life you have gifted us, and hold us secure in the promise of future glory.

P: Amen.

Silent confession.

L: Family of faith, hear the good news: you do not have to be perfect to be a saint. You just have to be the person God created you to be. God's grace is abundant, and it is for you. There is nothing that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

P: Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

† Gloria Patri

Traditional

GtG #581

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: Almighty and gracious Father, since our whole salvation stands on our knowledge of your Holy Word, strengthen us now by your Holy Spirit that our hearts may be set free from all worldly thoughts and attachments, so that we may hear and receive that same Word. Help us to recognize your gracious will for us so that we may love and serve you with sincere delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 139:7-18

p. 974 in pew Bible

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 18:2-4 p. 1526 in pew Bible

1 John 3:1-3 p. 1900 in pew Bible

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ's name be praised.

Reflection

Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Responsive Hymn

GtG #730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

Time of Self-Offering with Offertory

† Doxology

Traditional

GtG #606

† Prayer of Dedication

P: Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. May our generosity today reflect your glory and strengthen us to walk ever more faithfully in your way. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

A Time of Remembrance for the Saints

Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us say: We remember them.

L: When we are weary and in need of strength,
When we are lost and sick at heart,

P: We remember them.

L: When we have a joy we crave to share,
When we have decisions that are difficult to make,
When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

P: We remember them.

L: At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,

P: We remember them.

L: At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer,
At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

P: We remember them.

L: At the rising of the sun and at its setting,

P: We remember them.

Lighting the Candles

(= member of New Hope Church)*

Especially we thank you for your servants
whom we remember this day:

Melvina Andree*
Marge Anke
Lenore Bouldin
Richard "Dick" Cooper*
Dorothy Dickson*
Thomas Duguid
Robert "Rob" Elder*
Wilbur Frye

Dennis Getsy
Francis “Frank” Kordalski
Frederick Kuck
Gale* & Steve Lemack
John W. Parker Sr.
Andrew Plecenik Jr.
Walter E. “Buzz” Ponitz
Donna Qualters
Marguerite Rice
Phyllis Ripple
George W. Shirk III
William “Bill” Siebert*
Harold E. West

And all others whose names are on our hearts.

L: We thank you for the gift of their lives, for the grace you have given them, and for all in them that was good and kind and faithful.

P: We remember them.

L: As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now part of us

P: as we remember them.

~ adapted from the Jewish Prayer Book

Special Music

“All That Lasts”

Choir

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving with The Lord’s Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord our God.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray: Holy Lord God, Creator of Heaven and earth, ...and with the faithful from every time and place we lift our hearts in praise to you.

P: Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Great God...

...we live so that when you bring in your promised Kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him and declare:

P: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

L: Almighty God...

...Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying:

P: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

(Gluten-free available on the trays.)

Prayer after the Supper

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| † Hymn | “For All the Saints” | GtG #326 |
| † Blessing and Response | “The Trees of the Field” | GtG #80 |
| † Postlude | | |



*Please join us downstairs for
refreshments and a time of fellowship.*