



New Hope Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
May 17, 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

Interlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Handbells

Opening Prayer

† Opening Sentences

from Psalm 68

L: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked,

P: **The heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai; at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

† *Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

L: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

P: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

† Praise Time

“O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic is Your Name” #613

“Great Are You, Lord” #614

“Our God Is an Awesome God” #616

“I Love You, Lord” #627

† Prayer of Humility

L: Too often in the season of Eastertide, we are quick to roll the stone back over the entrance to the tomb. Our hallelujahs are robust and loud on Easter Sunday, but a few weeks in, we begin to mistrust the promises of the resurrection. Nonetheless God stands always ready to restore us to wholeness. With the confidence of God’s beloved, let us confess our sin, knowing that God who hears us, loves us, and will forgive and renew us. Let us confess together – first in unison, then in silence.

P: Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding on to past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you want us to be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent confession.

L: We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

P: Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase in thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

L: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

P: May we hear your Word, O Lord, and respond accordingly to your Spirit. May the meditations of all our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Scripture Readings Philippians 1:3-11 p. 1825

L: The Word of The Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

John 17:1-11 p. 1679

L: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Christ's name be praised!

Sermon

Pastor Brenda

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

P: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recognition of Graduates

Auriella Costa - Norwin Kindergarten
Bella Buscemi - Norwin High School
Kylie Rodkey - Norwin High School
Amanda Anticole - Chatham University
Oliver Hinson - American University

† Hymn "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" GtG #824

Time of Self-Offering with Offertory Handbells
 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

† Doxology

† Prayer of Dedication

P: With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, you have seen to our needs. We return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember the gift of time you have given us as tokens of our commitment to know you, to love you, and to serve you. Bless these gifts, multiply them and use them, and may we see your blessings work in our midst. Amen.

Prayers of the People with The Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING THE CHURCH INTO THE WORLD WITH THE WORD

† Special Music

“Gospel Jubilee”

Choir

† Blessing

† Postlude

