

We believe that Jesus calls us to be His faithful disciples by welcoming all people, serving others and sharing generously.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

23rd Sunday After Pentecost
November 1st, 2026

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!

PRELUDE "I Love To Tell The Story" No. 462

Please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

WE PREPARE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

All: Their faith gives us courage; their love strengthens our hearts.

One: We run the race set before us,

All: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

One: With all the saints, in heaven and on earth,

All: let us worship God with thanksgiving and praise!

***HYMN** "I Need Thee Every Hour " No. 735

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers...

(silent confession) Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Ephesians 2:8-10)

One: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

All: For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.
One: Believe the promise of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE
One: As God offers us the peace of Christ, let us now offer the peace to one another – the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you! *Please share the peace with those around you.*

***OUR RESPONSE** "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" Portnoy/Angelo

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Carol Clanton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:14-18 P. 978
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "He Knows My Name" Tommy Walker

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23 P. 491
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Lord Is My Shepherd " Rev. Alyce Spells Kelly

WE RESPOND

***HYMN** "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" No. 187

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Lamb of God" No. 518

***DOXOLOGY** No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise…
Words of Institution
Closing Prayer

***HYMN** "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" No. 396

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship" (reprise) No. 396

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.

THE LIFE OF NEW HOPE CHURCH

If you are visiting with us and would like more information about New Hope Presbyterian Church, or are interested in membership, please speak to the minister.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Risa Brandon & Evy Cummings, Liturgist
Dean Newkirk, Music Director