

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Ps 124:8

The Prelude and Silent Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

*** Call to Worship** Psalm 148:1-5

***Hymn of Adoration:** “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” **P. 110**

*** The Prayer of Invocation and Adoration**

*** Affirmation of Faith:** *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*
Questions 1 through 7 **P.869**

The Call to Confession **2 Timothy 4:1-4 ESV**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Corporate Confession of Sin (prayer in unison)

Father, we confess we are sinners and that we have sinned. We are guilty of having itching ears. We have failed to receive and proclaim the truth; we have wandered off into myths; we have listened to and preached a false gospel of self-improvement, self-reliance and self-righteousness because it suited our passions. We cry to you now for mercy and forgiveness. Fill our hearts and minds with a passion for the gospel of redemption through Christ alone. Teach us to be faithful witnesses of your grace and to serve each other humbly, compassionately and faithfully. In the name of our crucified and risen Savior. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon **1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Therefore, by the authority of Jesus Christ, and as a minister of his gospel, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 1:17-23

Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory: Humbly I Adore Thee incorporating Canon in D R. Lau

The Pastoral Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Preparation:** "I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend!" P. 517
(using Friend tune)

* **Sermon Text: Job 2:11-13**

Sermon: *“The Comfort of Friends”* Dr. Joseph A. Pipa

* **The Closing Hymn:** "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" P. 498

* The Benediction

* The Postlude

Please stand if able.

Announcements

We welcome Dr. Joseph A. Pipa, Jr Ph. D., D. D. to our pulpit and his wife, Carolyn (Sissy), to our service today. Dr. Pipa is President of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Professor of Homiletic and Systematic Theology. Dr. Pipa and his wife, Carolyn, live in Greenville, SC.

If you are visiting with us, please complete a visitor's card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when passed. We'd love to have a record of your visit.

Everyone is invited to stay following the morning worship service for our Fellowship Lunch.

Please complete a slip and place it in the offering plate when passed if you plan to attend this Wednesday's supper.

Restrooms are also located at the Sanctuary entrance just off the foyer.

April's Memory Verse

Every Word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Proverbs 30:5

Birthday and Anniversaries for the week of 4/30 – 5/06:

Dan & Linda Pruitt (A) - 4/02

Sally Cook – 5/04

Donna Bailey – 5/6

Our Nursery worker for today is Sally.

This Week at NHPCA

Sunday, April 30	9:30 AM	Prayer Time
	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	10:30 AM	Fellowship Time
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	Noon	Fellowship Lunch
	1:30 PM	Prayer Time

Welcome to New Hope.

We are honored to have you as our guest. We hope you will find this time we share together to be Christ-centered and encouraging. If you are a visitor, help us to get to know you by filling in the visitor's card. If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to speak to one of the elders after the service.

A nursery is provided for children ages three years and under.

New Hope Presbyterian Church is a fellowship of Christian believers and their children assembled together before the cross of Jesus Christ to worship the living God in faith, to daily receive the mercy granted us in His Son, and by that grace to bear the fruit of our Savior's love in the world. As a Reformed Church, we believe that the Bible alone is the Word of God, and as such it is our only guide in what we are to believe and how we are to live before God.

Church Officers

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