

# The Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

"Our Lenten journey aims to prepare us to celebrate the heart of our faith, that is, the celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. In other words, Lent prepares us to enter more fully into the gift of God given to us in the person of Jesus." – *The Good Oil*

Welcome and Announcements (Please silence all cell phones at this time)

The Prelude "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" **Ben Spicer**, piano

The Entrance of the Light (candles are lit symbolizing God with us) **Acolyte**

The Choral Call to Worship "Seekers of Your Heart" **Choir**

\*The Praise Medley #13 "Bless His Holy Name" *BLESS HIS HOLY NAME*  
(not in hymnal) "Heart of Worship" *WHEN THE MUSIC FADES*

\*The Opening Prayer **Minister**

\*The Hymn "How Can I Keep from Singing?" (not in hymnal)

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory "More Love to Thee" **Ben Spicer**, piano

\*The Offering Response #625 "Doxology" *OLD HUNDREDTH*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*The Prayer of Thanks & Dedication of the Offering

The Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (in Unison)

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Special Music "When I Return" **New Hope Choir; Michelle Cuccia**, piano

The Scripture Reading *I Samuel 16:1-13 (NIV)*

**16** The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."<sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."  
Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

The Prayer for Illumination

The Message "God Sees What We Miss" **Rev. Steve Delashmit**

The Call to Consecration of Life

\*Hymn of Invitation #382 "Be Thou My Vision" *SLANE*

\*The Charge and Benediction (Responsive)

Pastor: As Samuel was sent with oil to bless the unexpected,

**People: May we carry the oil of hope to a world longing for God.**

Pastor: Do not be deceived by outward appearance or human stature,

**People: For the Lord looks upon the heart.**

Pastor: Go forth from this place, trusted and chosen by God,

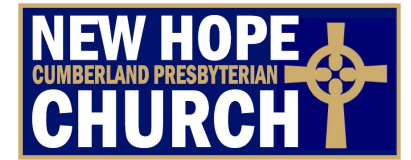
**People: Empowered by the Spirit of the Lord, today and forevermore.**

**All: Amen.**

\*Exit of the Light (The Light exits symbolizing that God goes with us.) **Acolyte**

\*The Postlude "We Are One in the Bond of Love" **Ben Spicer**, piano

*\*Where this mark appears, all who are able please stand to honor God. (Feel free to stand or keep seated according to your own comfort needs.)*



## Connection Card – March 15, 2026

Welcome! Help us to know you better -  
(Please drop this form in the offering plate)

Please mark if address change

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names:

\_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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First Time Guest  New in Community

Member of Church \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

I desire a call from the Pastor

I would like information about this church

I want to volunteer in this church (see back)

How did you find our church?

Please circle your approximate age group(s):

Youth (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) Adult (30 – 50)

College Student Median Adult (51 – 64)

Young Adult (18 – 29) Senior (65+)

**Prayer Requests**  
(and to remove names from list)

- Mark if Confidential  
(for only Pastor to see)
- Mark whether to **include**  
name(s) in bulletin prayer list.
- Mark whether to **delete**  
name(s) from bulletin prayer list.

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**Are You Interested in...**

- Acolyte Ministry
- Advertising/Brochures/Media
- Adult Sunday School
- Building & Grounds Maint.
- Choir
- Children's Ministry/ Sunday School
- CPWM (Women's Fellowship)
- Event Planning
- Flowers/Altar/Chancel Guild
- Food Pantry
- Greeter/Usher
- Men's Sat. Fellowship
- Mid-Week Bible Study/Prayer Group
- Missions (Haiti, Guatemala, Help Center, Compassionate Hands, etc.)
- Nursery/Pre-School
- Open/Lock-Up/Security Check
- Sound Board/Lighting/Projector
- Van Ministry (driver, ride along)
- Visitation/Benevolence/Cards
- Youth Ministry (Jr. & Sr. High)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- ✓ *Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 am. The Easter Bunny will be here!*
- ✓ *Palm Sunday is March 29.*
- ✓ *Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be Thursday evening April 2 at 6:00 pm.*
- ✓ *Good Friday Service of Tenebrae (Darkness) will be April 3 at 6:00 pm.*
- ✓ *Easter Sunday April 5, we will have a brunch at 8:30. Bring breakfast stuff to share. (No Sunday School hour so that we can all eat together.)*
- ✓ *V.B.S. will be Sun. – Wed. June 14 – 17. Time each day to be announced.*



**Welcome to the Service**

**To our visitors.** Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. This is His house and He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, in His presence, offering Him your love and service. This is a place of worship and prayer for all the people. You are invited to attend all the services of the church. If you would like to learn more, please enter your contact information on the tear-off part of this program and leave it in the offering plate when it comes around. May the experience of worship this day fill you with His love and grace and mercy.



**Mission.** New Hope Church believes that the purpose of its preaching and teaching ministry is to bring people to the realization of their need and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It has as its goal to help people to grow in grace and love and to enable them to live as loving disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**An Invitation.** If you have never accepted Christ as your personal Savior, this is an invitation to you to do so today. You are invited to make this your church home by becoming a member. For guidance, speak to a pastor.

**Share With Others.** When you meet people who are new in your community, or when talking with people who are not active in a church, share with them the good news of Jesus Christ at New Hope Church. Invite them to meet you here for worship.



NEW HOPE WEEKLY STATS	
Attendance Last Sunday	Offering Last Sunday
57	\$4,407.00

**Welcome to New Hope Church!**  
 Founded 1799; A Cumberland Presbyterian Congregation since 1812  
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[www.NewHopeCPChurch.com](http://www.NewHopeCPChurch.com) | email: [nwhpchrch0@gmail.com](mailto:nwhpchrch0@gmail.com)  
 CCLI License #11118959  
 Pastor: Rev. Steve Delashmit (615)450-2968 | Minister of Music: Ben Spicer  
 Audio/Video/Website Coordinator: Sean Haynes

**Announcements for Sunday March 15, 2026**

- ✓ **The Church Session (Elders)** will meet for the regular monthly meeting immediately after church today in the church office conference room.
- ✓ **Six Weeks of Lent Sermon Series “The Last Seven Sayings of Jesus”** continues this Wednesday evening at 6:00 with saying four, “Woman, behold your son!” (John 19:26-27). Rev. Brent Wills, Senior Pastor at Jerusalem Cumberland Presbyterian Church, will preach. Bring a sack supper if you like at 5:00 and we will eat together in the Fellowship Hall before the service begins.
- ✓ **Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations** are now being accepted. Please leave wrapped candy or filled eggs in the designated box in the Welcome Foyer.
- ✓ **The “Better Together” Lady’s Group** will meet on St. Patrick’s Day, Tuesday March 17 at 10:30 at the church. There will be a project to work on as we enjoy fellowship together. See Faye Delashmit for details.
- ✓ **Choir Practice** is each Sunday morning right after the Worship Service, and on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 (if scheduled) after Bible Study.
- ✓ **Donations for The Wilson County Help Center** are taken each Sunday here at the church. There is a blue box in the Welcome Foyer for items that go out each day at the Help Center in food boxes: Cereal (most critical, doesn’t matter what kind), peanut butter, canned fruit, fruit cocktail, soups (any), pork & beans (and Beanie Wienies), canned meats, and crackers.
- ✓ **The New Hope Website and Facebook Page are updated daily and weekly.** Are you on Facebook? You can help us spread New Hope’s news! It’s easy: first, be sure to “Like” New Hope’s Facebook page. Then keep your eye out for announcements, inspiration, and invitations to worship. When they show up in your FB feed, “Like” or “Share” the posts. The more who do, the more people see it, even if they’re not yet members and/or don’t “Like” the New Hope page. On our website, the church bulletin is available to view usually on Friday afternoon for the following Sunday. Enter your email address on the home page of the website [newhopecpchurch.com](http://newhopecpchurch.com) to receive instant updates as they are posted.

## Remember in Your Prayers

*(For additions to or deletions from this list, call 615-449-7020 or use back of program tear-off.)*

### Individuals/Families:

1. Howard Crutcher's mother, Mary Catherine Crutcher, passed away this week
2. Harry Poss (Friend of Sam Smith at Hearthside, had surgery Thursday)
3. Linda Hartwell (having tests)
4. John & Sandy Wright (John, heart tests; Sandy, kidney tests) Also prayers for their daughter having tests.
5. Rick White (home recovering from light stroke)
6. Jack Bracey (aneurism surgery recovery. Surgery went well.)
7. Annette Parisher (foot surgery recovery)
8. Margaret Keathley (Dennis' sister; had a fall, reinjured knee surgery done)
9. Brenda Tucker (Annette Parisher's sister-in-law; lymphodema)
10. Ursula Ahajanian (had a fall on ice and cracked her hip; crutches for 3 months)
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13. Bonnie Speaks (Friend of the Wright's)
14. Ryan & Tina Bauman (Madron's son and DIL)
15. John Morgan (Theda's neighbor, cystic fibrosis diagnosis)
16. Brian Greer (recovering from car accident)
17. Anne Rains (Elinor Balboa's sister, referred for Hospice)
18. John Giles (Parkinson's diag.)
19. Haven Greer
20. Nate Englehardt (16, friend of pastor's family)
21. Billie & Al Mitchell
22. Kenny Wilson (Kenna Knight's father)
23. Kathy Castleman
24. Diane Krapf (friend of Scott Greer)
25. Gayle Driver (Becky Carpenter's sister)
26. Roman Jennings (baby of Haven Butler's friends Ginger & Cameron Jennings)
27. Bethany "Buffy" Hoppe (Ben Spicer's sister, kidney dialysis)
28. Lyndsey Heath (Rick Knight's niece)
29. Kristen Cuccia (Sal & Michelle's daughter)
30. Myra Sue Cunningham
31. Loretta & Ray Hawkins
32. James Kolbe (Rick Knight's friend)
33. Tommy Taylor
34. Gary Raytar
35. Jimmy Jackson
36. Chevy Spicer (Ben's father)
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6. Jaclyn Brown (5 yrs old, friend of Julie Smith's in Peoria, IL)
7. Donald Norcross (Theda and Julie's cousin)
8. Jeff and Cheri Sampson (Sean Knight's godparents, Cheri - radiation & chemo; Jeff - skin cancer surgery, now back home)
9. Rich Binney (eye procedure; doing well)
10. Janice Shreve
11. Tab Beasley (Liver tumor)
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