

# NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE August 31, 2025, 10AM

## WELCOME TO NEW HOPE!

We are so glad you found your way here today. To our members and returning visitors, welcome back! To those of you who are new, welcome! There are a couple of things you might like to know.

First, New Hope Presbyterian is a Bible-believing congregation seeking to worship and serve God in response to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, we believe gathered worship is the central event in the church's life together: it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also recognize that for some of you this is the first time (or the first time in a long time) in a more structured service of worship that calls for you to participate so actively. Relax! Everything you need is both printed in the Worship Guide you are holding and up on the screen. We encourage you to turn off the auto-pilot and join us in vibrantly and enthusiastically praising God, confessing, singing, and hearing the Scriptures. Worship is for all of God's people. Enjoy the service!

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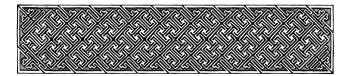
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#### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE:** Jesus, Strong and Kind

Colin Buchanan, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson



#### CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

#### **INVOCATION**

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** When Morning Gilds the Skies (TH 167)

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (TH, 529)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup> And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup> May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY:** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE, The Southern Harmony, arr. Craig Courtney

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** Living Waters

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN**

**SERMON:** "Do You Know Whom You Are Serving?" Colossians 3:18-25 **Rev. David Kelly** 

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire (TH, 597)

BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

## 167

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1



 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.  Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised. Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21



### **Living Waters**

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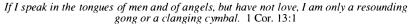


hope is se-cure, do not fear an - y - more,

praise the Lord of liv-ing wat- ers.

## 597

## Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire





Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE L.M. American folk tune Arr. by Hal Hopson, 1972

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SERMON NOTES:	

#### SERMON REVIEW

#### "Pumpkin Spice & the Leaves of Fall" (2 King 14:1-22)

Last week Senior Pastor Richard Burguet noted how October is when Floridians enjoy the first signs of the hot summer months giving way to the first signs of cooling off. In the text, Israel was living in her October according to theologian Ralph Davis. It was a transition from the good days of God's prophets Elijah and Elisha and would be a long time before the people of Israel and Judah would again see a direct prophet of God. It was a study in contrast between the kings, Judah's Amaziah and Israel's Jehoash, and their kingdoms. When Amaziah was named king, he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet he and the people fell into spiritual decline with self-willed worship when he failed to remove the high places of pagan worship. Their false worship failed to give God total devotion. They were worshipping in mediocrity by not pursuing God with all their hearts, which disobeyed God's covenant of obedience. God's judgment was foreshadowed when Amaziah failed to be in accordance with what was written in the Book of the Law of Moses (v.6) and boasted of all his victories. He is admonished by Jehoash that his victories were actually the Lord's. Amaziah's pride is his downfall as Jehoash captured him and Jerusalem and removed all the treasures from the temple, a foreshadowing of the judgment to come. God was showing us that he does not put up with half-hearted worship and sinful practices. God promises our security when his merciful hand gives his covenant people peace and stability in accordance with his covenant promise. The pride of Judah stands in contrast to the humility of Christ, who God promises will ultimately rule and reign, and serves as a warning that we will be humbled when we let our pride override a full faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **PRAY THIS WEEK:**

**MISSIONS PARTNERS:** For Drew Bennett from Florida Church Planting Network as he leads the monthly cohort meeting with church planters from around Central Florida.

**CFL PRESBYTERY:** For University Presbyterian and pastors Richard Gilmartin and Steve Weidenmuller.

**NEW HOPE:** Praise for a fun Burger Bash Kickoff! And we ask that the Lord would bless our church body with more quality fellowship and edification as we officially begin our Wednesday night season this week and Sunday School next Sunday.

**LAKESIDE COVENANT:** From Matt Matulia: "For our Fall discipleship ministries to get off the ground and running in an effective way and for them to be fruitful for our people."

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF KHERSON, UKRAINE:** For God's protection and provision for Vova, Max and his family, and the Holy Trinity Church family, and preservation of the church building. That God would be pleased to preserve the vision that Vova still has and that the Lord would give him a growing zeal and love for his word, wisdom, and understanding beyond his abilities, training, and experience as he shepherds his people. Also for his sermon preparations - and that the Lord would speak powerfully through him. And for Max to be graciously spared from military service and able to stay with his family and help Vova in serving the church.

#### YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

#### General Fund

(Budget)	(\$309,494)
Contributions	\$301.353

#### **IMAGES**

Cover: "Green Leaves in Close Up Photography." Photo. Animesh Srivastava. Via canva.com.

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#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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#### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

5 Dave and Lynda Jacobs 8 Dan and Karen Read 9 Randy and Robin Somers 11 Ryan and Christi Stormant 19 Richard and Anne Burguet 23 Al and Lacretia Stewart

30 Kenn and Mary Hall

#### - REFLECTION -

#### **HOSPITALITY IN A POST-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY**

#### Andy Jones | byFaith Magazine | August 18, 2025

I walked the streets of an unfamiliar city in a foreign country to have lunch with a man and his family whom I had met only minutes before. My actions violate every safety tip Americans are given when traveling abroad. A stranger had approached me, asked me a few questions about myself, and then invited me over to his house for lunch. What could go wrong?

Of course, the context is important. The stranger in this story was John, a kind elder who befriended me after a recent morning worship service at the International Presbyterian Church in Ealing, a borough in West London. He approached me during my visit to make me feel welcome. Discovering that I was visiting the city, he invited my wife and me to join his family for lunch.

As I learned more about IPC Ealing, I discovered that this intentional hospitality is part of the church's DNA. Since his arrival as pastor, Paul Levy has emphasized the importance of hospitality for evangelism. In a metropolis like London, Levy reminds Christians that evangelism often begins with questions like, "Would you like to come for dinner?"

This hospitality is more than inviting visiting Americans to join families for a delicious meal of sausage and chips. Though the preaching at the morning worship service was conducted in English, a real-time translation was projected onto the wall in Farsi. The bulletin contained a QR code where worshippers could access translations of the worship service in other languages too.

Leadership at IPC Ealing makes every effort to remove barriers so that those whose native language is not English can fully participate in the life of the church. The Persians and Japanese have their own meetings after church to study the Bible and pray together. Over the past few years, these efforts have resulted in at least 20 Iranian and Japanese adults confessing faith in Christ, being baptized, and joining the church.

From my conversations with leaders at the church I learned that the discipleship process begins with hospitality. Removed from majority-Muslim contexts, individuals from a Muslim background are often more open to conversations about Christianity. Hospitality creates spaces where people can have those conversations and ask their questions, but it can still take years before someone is ready to be baptized.

IPC Ealing is part of the denomination by the same name, the International Presbyterian Church. It originated through Francis Schaeffer's ministry at L'abri, known for using hospitality as a means of discipleship. Schaeffer's son-in-law, Ranald Macaulay, started the Ealing church in 1969. Today, IPC ministers include Paul Levy, David Gibson, Sinclair Ferguson, Jonty Rhodes, Gray Sutanto, and more.

The PCA is connected to the IPC denomination through a number of formal and informal collaborations. One way is the UK Partnership, through which a number of PCA congregations financially support IPC church multiplication throughout the UK. Mission to the World also collaborates with the IPC to disciple the nations in various ways.

I know I'm not the first new face John has invited over for a meal. He told me he recently invited an Iranian man who speaks no English. They enjoyed conversation together using Google Translate. John and his wife regularly open their home with the hope that it opens their lives and their faith to others.

As an American Presbyterian, this experience reminded me that hospitality is radical in today's world. Though we are more connected than ever before, we connect by staring at our phones rather than sharing meals at tables. We are not accustomed to inviting new acquaintances into our homes, especially without planning. It feels out of place. But of course, to be a Christian in a post-Christian community like West London is to feel out of place all the time.

Jesus had a habit of comparing the kingdom of God to meals. If we want people to join the feast of God's kingdom, it requires an invitation. We can learn from our brothers and sisters who are serving in places like West London where following Christ and attending church are out of step with the culture. Sharing a meal is a practical way to imitate our Savior and initiate life-changing conversations.



#### **TEACHING ELDERS:**

Rev. Richard L Burguet, Senior Pastor Rev. David Kelly, Associate Pastor

#### MINISTRY STAFF:

Dr. Randall Van Meggelen, *Music Director* Tina Van Meggelen, *Children's Director* Lyndsey Coyle, *Administrator* 

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