INTRODUCING NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OUR HISTORY

A Congregation in the City of Fairfax—New Hope is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Founded in 1973 by 250 congregations separating from what was then known as the Southern Presbyterian Church (PCUS), by 2004 the PCA had 1,288 churches nationwide.

New Hope was “planted” when in the Fall of 1989 several families from McLean Presbyterian Church began a mission work in central Fairfax. New Hope Presbyterian Church was officially organized as a congregation on Nov. 4, 1990. One may ask, “What characterizes the life and ministry of this congregation?”

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Spiritual Worship—We delight in our great God, believing that man’s chief end is to glorify Him and to enjoy Him forever. The worship of God is at the heart of our calling, and we believe that the same gracious Word that calls us to worship reveals how we may do so in a manner acceptable to Him.

Daily private and family worship bears fruit in weekly public worship on the Lord’s Day, as we gather in faith to pray, sing His praises, confess our sins, hear His Word, share at His Table, and express our thanksgiving in offerings.

Witness and Vocation—In the circumstances of daily life our calling is to bear witness to the transforming power of our Lord, whose sacrificial death reconciles us to God, and whose resurrection life brings us abundant life now, and eternal life to come. Through our callings we seek to serve the Lord in the power of the Spirit, who is the sole source of the new birth, the purifying fire in the life of the believer, and the preserving power upholding us in all things.

By the Spirit we grow in the practice of godliness, taking “every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,” doing all we do as unto the Lord, whether at work or at play, in our family or in our community. Yet we believe that Christ’s kingdom is a spiritual kingdom built by spiritual means—our church, as a church, does not “intermeddle with civil affairs which concern the commonwealth.”
OUR DOCTRINE

Apostolic—The “God-breathed” Scriptures are our supreme authority for faith and practice, the final, sufficient, and infallible revelation of God’s mind and will for His church.

Catholic—Not limited to any one time, race, or geographical region, the Church of Jesus Christ is catholic or universal. New Hope belongs to a branch of that universal church—acknowledging all as brothers and sisters in Christ who share with us in the essentials of the faith once for all delivered to the saints.

Evangelical—we are a Protestant congregation, committed to the doctrine that a disobedient people can find justification before God only by the finished work of Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, received by faith alone.

Reformed—The Scripture proclaims the sovereignty of God’s grace in salvation—a message secured in our adherence to the American form of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms—a faithful systematic statement of the Bible’s simple message, “God saves sinners,” unfolded in its fullest biblical richness.

OUR GOVERNMENT

Presbyterian—Though the essential marks of the church are the preaching of the word of God, the celebration of the sacraments, and the exercise of church discipline, we believe that the government appointed by Christ for the church’s well-being is Presbyterian. Church unity is affirmed in a system of assemblies of elders, ascending from the local church Session, to the General Assembly, which in one body represents all the congregations of our denomination.

Government is exercised through the ministry of elders, called by God, recognized by the people—the rule of Christ through His Word is administered in the church with authority, while the principle of the liberty of conscience is upheld.

OUR OFFICERS

Session—
Senior Pastor David F. Coffin, Jr.
Associate Pastor Paul D. Wolfe
Elder Frederick S. Kuhl, Clerk of Session
Elder Paul Balserak
Elder William A. Chambers
Elder Steven P. Edwards
Elder Mark A. Leone
Elder Paul J. McNulty
Elder Wesley A. Wilson

Diaconate—
Deacon Stuart Bowman
Deacon Christian A. Hamaker
Deacon Peter A. Lo
OUR MEETING PLACES

_**Fairfax City Fire Station #3**—4081 University Drive, on the left, in the middle of the third block south of Main Street; parking and the entrance to the hall are at the rear of the building.

_**Providence House**—10927 Park Road, after 3 brick duplexes on the left, he first brick house on the left; parking on the right side of the street just after the no parking sign at the curve in the road.

_**On the Web**—visit regularly at NewHopeFairfax.org

OUR MEETINGS

_Public Worship_—On the Lord's Day we gather for worship, including the Lord’s Supper, at 9:30 a.m. at Fire Station #3 in the City of Fairfax, Virginia. The preaching of God's Word occupies a central place in our worship of Him; our current sermon series is an exposition of the book of Acts.

_Sermon Discussion_—Following the conclusion of our worship service at about 11:00 a.m., and then a half hour break for refreshments, the congregation reconvenes for a 45 minute discussion of that morning’s sermon led by one of the Pastors. The sermon discussion provides an open forum for all to ask questions, make observations, and offer further suggestions for applying the truth to our daily lives.

“_Gallery” Review_—Our sermon discussion begins with the Pastor leading a brief review of the sermon with our 10-14 year olds (known as our “Gallery” kids), who sit in the front row of the auditorium in order to be readily accessible for that gentle pastoral interrogation!

_Evening Fellowship_—We meet again on the Lord’s Day at Fire Station #3 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. for a time of further biblical instruction, song, and prayer. Throughout the Spring of 2006, our evening teaching series is a study of Jesus’ Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord’s Prayer.

_Monthly Congregational Dinner_—On the first Lord’s Day of each month we have a congregational dinner following the sermon discussion. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy dinner with us; there’s always plenty of food to go around.

_Monthly Breakfast Meetings_—The men of the church gather for breakfast on the second Saturday of each month from 8:00-9:30 a.m. at Providence House; the women gather at the same time and place on the third Saturday. The goal of our time together is encouragement, accountability, and thereby a closer walk with each other in the Lord.