

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st, 2025 | 10:30 am Worship Service

§ Invites you to
rise in body or
spirit with the
people of God.

As fallen
people, we must
be called from
our worship of
the created and
focus on the
proper worship
of the Creator.

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

One: Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Pray to the Lord, wait for him, and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

-based on Matthew 24:42,44

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

JAMES, PAIGE, & ELEANOR MARSTON

*"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man
Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold,
your reward is great in heaven."*

CHILDREN OF HOPEWELL CHRISTMAS SINGING

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

HYMN 12

Verse 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Verse 2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
to our forebears in distress;
praise Him still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Verse 3 Father-like He tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame He knows;
in His hand He gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Verse 1

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Verse 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way,
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Refrain

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 3

Almighty, Infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
oh, we're falling before Your throne.
(to Refrain)

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: O promised Christ:
We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming.
We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will
is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
our world waits for your peace,
for your pardon,
and for your grace.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

– WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS –

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Amy Spencer
Charlee & Thomas

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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;
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 the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

DOXOLOGY

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.

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

– WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD –

ADVENT REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Week 3: How does the hope of Christ's coming transform the way you view your current (or past) struggles or the world's suffering?

Week 4: What are ways you have received or practiced God's command to love your neighbor?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

–FROM HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q&A 1

My only comfort in life and in death is 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 wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

LUKE 6:20-26

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

SERMON

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– WE JOIN TO FEAST –

HYMN OF PREPARATION

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

HYMN 73

Verse 1

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Verse 2

With power and glory, come,
with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Verse 3

Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE THE LORD BE WITH YOU

ALL AND ALSO WITH YOU.

ONE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!

ALL WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!

ONE LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD

ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ONE TOGETHER LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH.

ALL CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS & LORD’S SUPPER

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God’s word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

Lord’s Supper is the culmination and high point of the worship service and is a reminder of the meal we will share in the New Creation. When we eat this meal we are taken up into heaven to feast with the saints and the Lamb.

- Verse 1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
- Verse 2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- Verse 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
- Verse 4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, and wonders of His love.

§ BENEDICTION

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

THANK YOU: A special thank you to the wonderful people of Hopewell. Your concerns, cards, visits, treats and especially prayers have given us strength to face this past year. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon. -Bill and Joyce Liverett

POINSETTIAS: If you wish to purchase poinsettias please include a check or cash for \$12.00 per flower ordered, along with the form. (Forms and payment can be placed in the collection plates.)

Please make checks payable to Hopewell Presbyterian Church and designate "Poinsettia" in the memo portion of your check. **Today is the last day to order.**

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Service will be held this Wednesday, December 24th, beginning at 5:00 pm.

If you ordered a poinsettia make sure to take them home after the service.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: There will be no study next week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school is continuing their study, *A Hidden Christmas* by Tim Keller which will run through the end of the year. All are welcomed to join Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

BLESSING BOX: Winter has arrived and schools are now out for break. Some new items that would be of great use are gloves, hats, and socks. Can openers would also be great to have next to the canned food items. Items that seem to be in demand are pasta, canned meats, breakfast foods, hamburger and tuna helper, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, quick fix food items. Also, personal hygiene items are always welcome, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner, etc. Cleaning supplies are items that go quickly; laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning wipes, brushes, cleaning cloths, sponges etc. Finally, baby supplies are always popular, diapers or pull ups for Toddlers (size 1 and above), diaper wipes, nose wipes, baby shampoo & body wash, drinking cups for babies and toddlers, etc. These are just suggestions, anything you want to donate is greatly appreciated!

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT GET TOGETHER: While home on break there will be a college and young adult get together on January 3rd starting at 6:00 pm at Greek's Pizzeria in Franklin, with duckpin bowling at 10 pins immediately following. Sign up on the sign up sheet in the side sanctuary so we can reserve enough lanes!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Heather Dougherty - 1st; Jim Hendrix - 2nd; Violet Davidson - 4th; Mindy Shaw - 8th; Matt Jones - 10th; Charlee Spencer - 11th; Olive Davidson - 14th; Tucker McIntire - 16th; Holly Steimel - 22nd; Pat Mundorff - 24th; Leslie Hash and Mike Wicker - 30th

PRAYER REQUESTS: Lindsey Milto, Nola Lory, Don Mullen, Lexi Jones, Olive Davidson, Graham Hougland, Becky Wertz, Natalie Raleigh, Fred Burton, Candy Welch, Melinda Frazier, Amy Arkenberg, Dave Pennington, Bill Liverett, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Danny Calvert, Hannah McAdams, Marilyn Hiser, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

HOMEBOUND: Norma Jean Fox, Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, Becky Wertz

ATTENDANCE: December 7th -122 , December Average - 122; YTD Avg.- 112

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“Do not waste time bothering whether you ‘love’ your neighbor; act as if you did.
As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets.
When you are behaving as if you loved someone,
you will presently come to love him.”

- C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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