

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2025



THE CENSUS AT BETHLEHEM
PIETER BRUEGEL THE ELDER

WELCOME

PASTOR BRANDON JOLLEY

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

All: **on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

One: Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power,
let us worship God!

-based on Isaiah 9:2, NIV

-THE FALL-

GENESIS 3:8-15, 17,19

HYMN

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMN 72

- Verse 1** **O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.**
- (Chorus)** **Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**
- Verse 4** **O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light! (Chorus)**
- Verse 7** **O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill all the world with heaven's peace. (Chorus)**

-ADVENT-

MICAH 5:2-4; ISAIAH 9:2,6-7

HYMN

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

HYMN 96

- Verse 1** **O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**
- Verse 2** **For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing
to God the King, and peace to men on earth.**
- Verse 5** **O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

-ANGELS APPEAR TO MARY-

ISAIAH 7:14; LUKE 1:26-38

HYMN

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

HYMN 74

Verse 1 **Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

Verse 2 **Born Thy people to deliver,
born a Child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

-ANGELS APPEAR TO JOSEPH-

MATTHEW 1:18-23

HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

HYMN 83

Verse 1 **Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a Mother laid her Baby in a manger for His bed;
Mary was that Mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.**

Verse 2 **He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.**

Verse 5 **And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above,
and He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.**

-THE BIRTH OF CHRIST-

LUKE 2:1-7

HYMN

O HOLY NIGHT!

HYMN 129

Verse 1

**O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope- the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!**

Verse 2

**Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need — to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!**

Verse 3

**Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
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-ANGELS APPEAR TO THE SHEPHERDS-

LUKE 2:8-20

§ HYMN

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

HYMN 93

- Verse 1** **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**
- Refrain:** **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"**
- Verse 2** **Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.**
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§ HYMN

SILENT NIGHT!

HYMN 89

- Verse 1 Silent night! Holy night! All is calm all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- Verse 2 Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."
- Verse 3 Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
rad'ant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
- Verse 4 Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Welcome to Hopewell Presbyterian Church

Hopewell is a historic congregation rooted in the reformed tradition and the truth of the gospel, telling the story of Jesus to a modern world.

Core Values

Worship

We are committed to worship that connects us to the church in history and at the same time is accessible to our community today. We worship God together through reformed liturgy that is rich, accessible and emotionally honest. Through vibrant, expectant worship, we long for Jesus to become more beautiful.

Spiritual Formation

Growing in our relationship with Jesus does not come from determination or grit, but from embracing our dependence on Him. We seek to be a place where all are encouraged and equipped to be more like Jesus.

Community

As a gospel-transformed community, we seek to be a place of meaningful relationships marked by love, honesty, vulnerability, service and forgiveness.

Outreach

Because God has blessed us, we seek to serve and bless others in His Name.

Hospitality

As a people who have been welcomed in by the work of Christ, we extend the welcome of the gospel to members, visitors, and neighbors.

Interested in joining the Hopewell Family?

If you've been visiting and would like to make your membership official, the process is simple:

1. Schedule some time with Pastor Brandon so he can share with you the essentials of our faith, answer any questions you might have, and give you an opportunity to share your story and how God is working in your life.
2. Attend a brief meeting with elders from our church before worship on the Sunday you would like to join. This is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself and affirm your agreement with the essentials of the Christian faith.
3. Join us in worship so that we can welcome and pray for you.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“It is here, in the thing that happened after the first Christmas, that the profoundest and most unfathomable depths of the Christian revelation lie. ‘The Word became flesh’ (Jn. 1:14); God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wriggle and make noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. ... The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets.”

- J.I. Packer

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