

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7th, 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

One: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. Saints of God, exalt the name of the Lord, praise the salvation of the Lord, and offer him your true worship.

-based on Johm 1:14

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SILAS & ANDREW SMITH

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

ADVENT REFLECTION QUESTION

How has a season of "hunger" in your life drawn you closer to God?

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

HYMN 82

Verse 1

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

Verse 2

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own Self for heav'nly food.

Verse 3

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

Verse 4

At His feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

-based on Psalm 126

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things-
our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us
out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and
laughter into your kingdom.
Salvation is your gift to us.
But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with
our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect;
we try to add to what is already full;
we try to earn what we already have.
Forgive us for our foolishness.
Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives
in return.
For Jesus’ sake alone, 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.

§ 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.

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.

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.

-WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

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 -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord.
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAIAH 25:6-9 LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

SERMON SCRIPTURE LUKE 6:21 REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

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- WE JOIN TO FEAST -

HYMN OF PREPARATION HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

HYMN 157

Verse 1 How deep the Father's love for us,
 how vast beyond all measure
 that He should give His only Son
 to make a wretch His treasure.
 How great the pain of searing loss;
 the Father turns His face away,
 as wounds which mar the Chosen One
 bring many sons to glory.

Verse 2 Behold the Man upon a cross,
 my sin upon His shoulders;
 ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
 call out among the scoffers.
 It was my sin that held Him there
 until it was accomplished;
 His dying breath has brought me life:
 I know that it is finished.

Verse 3 I will not boast in anything,
 no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
 but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
 His death and resurrection.
 Why should I gain from His reward?
 I cannot give an answer,
 but this I know with all my heart:
 His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

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.

§ CLOSING HYMN

CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR

1. Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor, in the fu - ry of the storm,
2. Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor, while the tem - pest rag - es on,
3. Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the floods of un - be - lief;
4. Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we face the wave of death,

D A(SUS4) A7(SUS4)

When the winds of doubt blow through me, and my sails have all been torn.
When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle, and it seems the night has won,
Hope - less, some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath.

D/A G D G Bm

In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
Deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I just - ly stand ac - cused;
This my bal - last of as - sur - ance; see His love for - ev - er proved.
We will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure,
4b. Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true!

D Bm7 D/A A D

I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.
and the calm will be the bet - ter for the storms that we en - dure. (to 4b)
We will hold fast to the an - chor. It shall nev - er be re - moved.

§ BENEDICTION

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

DONUTS WITH SANTA: All kids (young and old) are invited to meet and enjoy donuts with Santa this Saturday, December 13th at 10:30 am at the church. Tell a friend, bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: The Board of Deacons invites ALL to a Christmas Luncheon next Sunday, December 14th following the worship service. The Deacons will provide ham, cheesy potatoes, and green beans. The congregation is asked to pitch in with sides and desserts. We are also asking that everyone bring a canned food item as a “ticket” for a meal. This will help to go towards helping to fill our blessing box.

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. Next Sunday, December 14th, will be the last day to order.

CAROLING DATE: Caroling will be on Wednesday, December 17th. Meet here at 5:30. We will then head out to go caroling. We will return to have a pizza dinner. Please sign up in side sanctuary if you plan on attending.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: *A Good Confession* study continues Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor’s study.

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. 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!

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: Stan Poe, 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: November 30th - 85, November Average - 104; YTD Avg.- 112

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

"You see, the Advent story reminds us that
our past, present, and future hope rest not on our willingness,
but on the willingness of the One for whom the angels sang,
the shepherds worshiped, and the magi searched.
Willing Jesus is the only hope for unwilling sinners!"

- Paul David Tripp, *Come, Let Us Adore Him: A Daily Advent Devotional*

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