

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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First Sunday of Christmas
December 28th, 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: The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will
 save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you
 by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.
 Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter of Jerusalem!
 The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst.

-based on Zephaniah 3:17,14 &15

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

HYMN 94

Verse 1 **Good Christian friends rejoice
 with heart and soul and voice;
 give ye heed to what we say:
 Jesus Christ is born today;
 ox and ass before Him bow,
 and He is in the manger now.
 Christ is born today!
 Christ is born today!**

Verse 2 **Good Christian friends rejoice
 with heart and soul and voice;
 now ye hear of endless bliss;
 Jesus Christ was born for this!
 He hath opened heaven's door,
 and we are blest forevermore.
 Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born for this!**

Verse 3 **Good Christian friends rejoice
 with heart and soul and voice;
 now ye need not fear the grave:
 Jesus Christ was born to save!
 Calls you one and calls you all
 to gain His everlasting hall.
 Christ was born to save!
 Christ was born to save!**

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 all 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!

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Generous God,
you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself, but often we find
it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts,
given and received.
Forgive us, generous God, for the casual way we treat your
gift of love. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

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 PSALM 148 LITURGIST

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 2:13-23 REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

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§ CLOSING HYMN

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

HYMN 132

Refrain	Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
Verse 1	While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Verse 2	The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
Verse 3	Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.
Verse 4	-- When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day; I asked the Lord to help me, and He showed me the way.

§ BENEDICTION

A benediction
is literally a
“good word”
or a blessing
to carry with
us as we leave
our time of
worship.

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

POINSETTIAS: If you purchased a poinsettia make sure to take them home after service today.

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.

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!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SIGN UPS: The sign ups for the winter / spring nursery, preschool, and elementary rooms are in the side sanctuary. If you have never volunteered but are interested or have questions, reach out to Kathleen at kathleen@hopewellpc.org

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!

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 21st -156 , December Average - 139; YTD Avg.- 113

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

“We must always remember that union with Christ is possible because of the Son’s descent to earth, not because of our ascent into heaven.

The basis of our union with Christ is Christ’s union with us in the incarnation.

He became one with us so that we might become one with Him.”

- Kevin DeYoung

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