

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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First Sunday of Advent
November 30th, 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: With great hope, hear and hold fast the promise of the Lord Jesus: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Surely I am coming soon."

All: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

-based on Revelation 22:13,12,& 20

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

THE GREENE FAMILY

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.

ADVENT REFLECTION QUESTION

How have you experienced the steadfast love of the Lord in an especially hard season?

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!

HYMN 77

Verse 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of Glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

Verse 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Verse 5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to Thee; here Lord abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Verse 6 So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

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!

Verse 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.
We forget our neighbor’s needs and do not love you above
all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in
our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. 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 PSALM 113 LITURGIST

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE LUKE 6:20 REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

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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

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

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

1. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry in the dawn - ing of the
 2. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: He the per - fect Son of
 3. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: Christ the Lord up - on the
 4. Come, be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry: slain by death, the God of

King, Man, tree; life;
 He, In His liv - ing, of heav - en's prais - es, robed in
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
 but no grave could e'er re - strain Him, Praise the

frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
 trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
 Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the price of our re -
 Lord, He is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -

dark - ness, now the light of life has come; Look to
 Ad - am come to save of the hell - bound man, Christ, the
 demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold, bring - ing
 liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope: Christ in

Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law, in Him we stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told!
 pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as will we be when He comes.

§ BENEDICTION

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

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

WOMEN’S CHRISTMAS TEA: The ladies of Hopewell are invited to the Hopewell Ladies Christmas Tea. Join as we welcome the Advent Season with sweet fellowship, special music and an inspiring guest speaker. The tea will be next Saturday, December 6th at 10:30 in the Hopewell Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend or neighbor to join.

CAROLING: There is a sign up sheet in the side sanctuary to see who is interested in caroling this year. This will help to determine the means of transportation. Date: TBD

PENNY POWER: Today is the last day that we will be collecting for Penny Power. Shopping is about wrapped up and you can see what your generous donations have been used for! Your “pennies” can be placed in the Penny Power jug in front of the fireplace in the side sanctuary.

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.

DONUTS WITH SANTA - All kids (young and old) are invited to meet and enjoy donuts with Santa on 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 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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: John Ditmars - 1st; Callum Berkley - 3rd; Ty Sempstrott - 5th; Benjamin & Matthew Yount - 11th; Lily Dow - 13th; Carol Poe and Roger Mullins - 16th; Erin Greene - 17th; Malachi Graham - 18th; Monica Jolley - 19th; Kate Steinberg - 20th; Cassidy Sempstrott - 21st; Bill McIntire & Hank Findley - 22nd; Keith Fox - 24th; Flora Greene and Parker Wicker - 26th; Adeline Jolley - 29th; and Suzzane Gilley - 30th

PRAYER REQUESTS: 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 23rd - 125, November Average - 109; YTD Avg.- 113

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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