

WE ARE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PASSIONATELY ENCOURAGE OTHERS IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Welcome and Announcements
- Advent Candle Reading - Scott & Cindy Summers
- * Song of Worship
 - 192 Angels From the Realms of Glory (v. 1, 2 & 4)
- * Greeting
- * Songs of Worship
 - 157 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
 - 167 The First Noel (v. 1-3)
- Prayer
- Children’s Message - Kate
 - (Children are invited to attend Camp Hope)*
- Scripture - Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-18
- Message - *Jesus Saves!*
- * Songs of Praise
 - 694 Jesus Saves! (v. 1 & 3)
 - 191 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1 & 3)
- * Benediction
 - (* indicate when to stand if you are able)*

WORSHIP FOR KIDS

- Our nursery is available for use in the church basement.
- “Busy Bags” and children’s bulletins are located by the main entrance of the church to help occupy little hands during worship.
- All children are invited to listen to the children’s message at the front of the sanctuary during the service.
- Children age 3-2nd grade are invited to the basement to attend Camp Hope where they will do age specific lessons & activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope Reformed Church Members: Nominations for elder and deacon are due today to the designated box by the mailboxes.

Janitor Position: As Morgan concludes her time working as the janitor at Hope, we are looking to fill this position at the start of the new year. Anyone interested in this role is welcome to express their interest and inquiries to a current member of consistory. A detailed job description will be available in the coming weeks upon request.

Mission Fund: Did you know that every year we as a church partner with around a dozen local, national and international ministries by donating through our mission fund? So far in 2023 we have raised about \$10,000 and have about \$4,000 more to raise by the end of the year. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the mission fund. Checks can be made payable to Hope Reformed Church with a memo of “Mission Fund”.

Program Practice: Sunday, December 17 at 9 am and 4 pm (with pizza to follow). Traditional Sunday School for the kids will resume in January. Adult Sunday School will continue to meet in the church basement.

Trivia Night: January 20 @ 7 pm at Hope. Cost: \$100 per table of 8 (must be at least 14 years old to participate). Free childcare provided by Hope’s youth group, snacks & drink included. Check out the flier by the mailboxes for registration info. We hope you will join us for this fun filled night and support the youth group with the new fundraiser. Register soon as tables will be limited (this could make a great Christmas gift)!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the Angel Tree Fund to buy presents for kids who have a parent in prison. We have reached our goal. Any additional funds will be distributed to other Angel Tree Ministries later this month.

A big thank you to the ladies who planned the JOY Christmas Celebration. So much fun! There were lots of laughs and treats. The food was so good, awesome decorations, activities and prizes!! -The JOY Group

Merry Christmas

CAROLING: 12/10/23 @ 2 PM

All are welcome to join on TODAY at 2pm as we travel to our senior church members to share songs, and glad tidings. We will conclude our day with a meal at the church!

JAM CELEBRATION: 12/13/23 @ 6:30 PM

Our Wednesday night ministry will host a special night for the kids to learn about Jesus’ birth and to celebrate Christmas!

HOPE KIDS PROGRAM: 12/20/23 @ 7 PM

Join us on December 20 at 7pm at Hope to watch the Hope kids share the Christmas story through a special program!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

December 24 we will have two services; the first beginning at 10am (no Sunday School) and the Candlelight Service at 7pm. We hope you will join us to celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Please keep **Nancy Huisman and family** in your prayers as her sister Ellen passed away after battling cancer.
- Prayers for those in Kenya dealing with flooding. For more info on this and to find out how you can offer support, please pick up a newsletter from the Scheenstrass in the narthex.
- Please pray for **Jaxson Kleespies** who will have knee surgery on December 27 for a torn MPFL.
- Continued prayers for **Blaire Meyer** and her family as she remains in the NICU. Pray that Blaire continues to grow and develop good eating habits.
- Praise God that **Debbie** (Gladys’ daughter-in-law) is recovering well from open heart surgery. Prayers for continued healing and recovery.

*Requests for the prayer chain can be given to Dort Kampman.
(319-830-8958)*

LOOKING AHEAD

DECEMBER 10 – NOMINATIONS DUE

DECEMBER 10 – CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2 PM

DECEMBER 11 – CONSISTORY MEETING, DON 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 12 – CARE TEAM MEETING 8 AM

DECEMBER 13 – SEWING MINISTRY 8:30 AM

DECEMBER 13 – JAM 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 16 – YOUTH GROUP ANGEL TREE SHOPPING 9:15 AM

DECEMBER 17 – PROGRAM PRACTICE 9 AM & 4 PM

DECEMBER 20 – CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7 PM

OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 3, 2023:

General: \$4,008 Building: \$0 Mission: \$20

DECEMBER 10

WELCOME TEAM: Dave & Kristi Cleary
SOUND/VIDEO: Landon Cleary & Lucas Heuer
WORSHIP LEADER: Koby Capper
MUSIC: Marilyn Poppens
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Kate Heuer
CAMP HOPE TEACHER: Caryl Hippen
CAMP HOPE HELPER: Nancy Abkes
NURSERY: Jodi Everts
COFFEE SERVER: Hope Reformed Church

DECEMBER 17

WELCOME TEAM: Kira Cox
SOUND/VIDEO: Travis Sherman & Caryl Hippen
WORSHIP LEADER: Kira Cox & Jodi Everts
MUSIC: Praise Team
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Brenda Schipper
CAMP HOPE TEACHER: Jolene Krusey
CAMP HOPE HELPER: Monica Brouwer
NURSERY: Teresa DeBoer
COFFEE SERVER: Erin & Kate Heuer

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Prayer Chain: Would you like to receive calls or texts from Hope regarding urgent prayer concerns or church cancellations? To be added to the list please call or text Lacy (319-404-6038) with your preference. The prayer chain is sent to everyone who signs up, no one is responsible for “passing it on” to the next person.

Live Stream: As colder weather approaches, we would like to remind everyone that our worship services can be viewed live on Facebook at facebook.com/hopeinparkersburg. You do not need a facebook account to view the videos. If you have any questions or would like help finding the videos, please contact Lacy Sherman (319-404-6038).

Offering & Tithing: For those of you interested in using contribution envelopes for the upcoming year, please leave a note in Jo Schipper's mailbox. If you currently use the envelopes, your number will remain the same. If you would like to set up an automatic withdrawal through online giving, forms are available by the church mailboxes and can be given to Lacy.

CONTACT US

Pastor Nate can be reached at 319-239-8894 or natehuisman@icloud.com. Lacy Sherman, the church Administrative Assistant, can be reached at 319-404-6038 or office@hopeinparkersburg.org. Please have bulletin announcements to Lacy by Thursday afternoon prior to service.

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Hope Reformed Church Office Hours:

Pastor Nate Huisman: Tuesday-Friday 9:00-3:00, or by appointment.

Lacy Sherman: Tuesday & Friday 9:00-12:00, Thursday 9:00-2:00



“You are to give him the name
Jesus because he will save his
people from their sins.”

- Matthew 1:21

12/10/2023