

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great
light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.”

-ISAIAH 9:2

November 30, 2025

***GATHERING SONG**

We invite you to stand and sing as we gather to worship our God.

**Congregation is standing.*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men from heaven’s all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on by prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not the love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife and hear the angels sing

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

PSALM 78:1-4

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

**People: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: Things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

**All: We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

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Sing we the song of Emmanuel this the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid, lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious, Love has come to us, join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmauel king who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay, the invincible Maker of Mary, now Mary’s son
O what wisdom to save us all, shepherds, sages, before him fall
Grace and majesty, what humility come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads, for your King has come, sing for the light overwhelms the dark
Glory shining for all to see, hope alive, let the gospel ring
God has made a way, He will have the praise, tell the world His name is Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Acknowledgment of our sin and need of grace reveals our unrighteousness before a holy God and deepens our humility.

Gensis 15:1-21

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 13:36-39

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
*No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

Heidelberg Catechism

Q.1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Expressing our dependency on God's grace for local and global concerns deepens our dependency on God for all of life's challenges.

We invite you to remain seated and sing as the offering plate passes by. Visitor and prayer cards can be placed in the offering plate.

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744 (Verses 1 & 4) Mark Hunt, 1978 (Verse 3) Music: "Hyfrydol" by R.H. Prichard

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 every longing heart

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all

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

Children (ages 4-Kindergarten) are dismissed to Children's Church at this time.

“What Do You Believe?”

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***SONG OF RESPONSE**

By Faith

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By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth **(Chorus)**

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name **(Chorus)**

***BENEDICTION**

God sends us into the world with His gracious promises. This empowers us to grow in maturity in Christ, knowing God and enjoying Him forever.

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service to pray with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School (11:15am-12pm): Today and 12/7 (final session). Stay tuned for January offerings.

Christmas Cookie Social: Join us immediately after worship on 12/14 and bring cookies to share!

Christmas Eve Choir: Meets for practices on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15pm (12/3, 12/10, 12/17). The 12/21 rehearsal is required for all and will be immediately after the Sunday worship service. Contact Cindy Joines (757-218-1317).

Christmas Eve Service: Our Christmas Eve service will be 12/24 @ 4pm at Hope. This is a family friendly service, and childcare will not be available.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Ladies’ of Hope Lunch: Join us on on Friday, 12/5 @ 11:30am at The Smithfield Bakery. Contact Mary Bise (757-503-069). Please RSVP by Wednesday, 12/3.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets from 9:30-11:30am. Contact Debbie (757-758-0135) or Van (757-362-8215). After the 12/2 meeting, they will break until 1/13.

2026 Women’s Conference: Save the date for our annual women’s conference on 2/21 from 9am-2pm. Look out for registration info and additional details soon.

Friday Morning Bible Study: Meets from 6:30-7:15am. Contact Melissa Jackson (757-377-8788). They are on break and will resume meeting on 1/9.

Christmas Tea & Ornament Exchange: Join us at Hope on Saturday, 12/13 at 2pm. Bring a wrapped ornament and a sweet or savory dish to share. Please RSVP to Lisa Yoakum (757-581-2803) and sign up to bring a dish using the QR code.

Reading, Eating, & Fellowship (REF Book Club): Join us at Hope on Thursday, 1/15 from 6-7:30pm. Free copies of “None Like Him” are available in the lobby. Please RSVP to Lisa Yoakum (757-581-2803) and sign up to bring a dish to share using the QR code.

Circle of Hope (Sisters Supporting Sisters): Meets the first & third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Contact Wanda McKenzie (757-618-4165).



MEN’S MINISTRY

Friday Morning Bible Study: Meets each Friday @ 7-8 am to read the Gospel and fellowship together. Contact Steve Runals (757-362-8515).

“Breakfast Boys” Bible Study: Meets together on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 7:30-8:30am to study the Gospel and eat breakfast together. Contact Dick Grice (757-508-2755).

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Nursery: Available for ages 0-3.

Nursing Mom’s Room: Available in the room to the right of the kitchen (Room 3).

Children’s Church: Available weekly for ages 4-Kindergarten, with the exception of the 4th Sunday (in observance of the Lord’s Supper).

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 12/2: Ladies’ AM Bible Study @ 9:30am; Wingfield Small Group @ 5pm; Circle of Hope @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, 12/3: Christmas Eve Choir practice @ 5:30pm; Music team @ 6:15pm

Thursday, 12/4: Kirkham Small Group @ 5:30pm; Mission Team Meeting @ 6:30pm

Friday, 12/5: Men’s Bible Study @ 7am; Ladies’ of Hope Lunch @ 11:30am; Howell Small Group @ 6:30pm

Saturday, 12/6: Breakfast Boys @ 7:30am

PRAYER & PRAISE

Bart LoPresti: Pray for Bart's continued recovery from hamstring surgery.

Lucy Jackson: Pray for relief from back and stomach pain, and wisdom and discernment for the doctors in treating her.

EXPECTANT FAMILIES & NEW BABIES

Pray for safe pregnancies and praise God for new life!

Ben & Ryann Boomer: Baby boy due in December

Heston & Mandy Atkinson: Baby due in April

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