

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.”

-LUKE 1:46-48

December 21, 2025

***GATHERING SONG**

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

**Congregation is standing.*

Taste and See (Psalm 34)

Joe Rigney | Shane Barnard © 2015 Songs From Wellhouse (Admin. by Right Angle Music)

I sought the Lord and He answered me
And delivered me from ev’ry fear
Those who look on Him are radiant
They’ll never be ashamed
They’ll never be ashamed

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me
And saved me from my enemies
The Son of God surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

**Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever**

O taste and see that the Lord is good
O blessed is he who hides in Him
O fear the Lord O all you saints

He’ll give you everything
He’ll give you everything **(Chorus)**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

PSALM 145:3-5;9

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**People: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**People: One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

**All: The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Crown Him With Many Crowns (Christmas Lyrics)

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Crown Him with many crowns, the King who left His throne
Creator of the universe, born to the world He holds
And with that first drawn breath the Word has become flesh
Emmanuel has come to us, O crown Him all the earth

Crowned by the angel choir, they tell His royal birth
Sing glory in the highest height and peace upon the earth
They break the silent night announcing endless worth
The King of grace and love is here, O crown Him all the world

Crowned by their royal gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh
Wise men approach this manger throne with honors from afar
Behold the Son of God and bow down in this place
The Prince of Peace has come to us, O crown Him with your praise

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing, God sent His Son for me
Now hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

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.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 1:14-16

And 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...For from his
fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

What Child Is This?

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What Child is this Who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me, for you
Hail, hail the Word made flesh
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
*Raise, raise a song on high
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born
The Babe, the Son of Mary

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

SONG OF PREPARATION

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sandra McCracken with Greg LaFollette, Rebecca Jordan, Drew Blake – guest vocals / © 2016

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
And forgive our sins
As we forgive those who have
Sinned against us

And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory forever
Amen, Amen

And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory forever
Amen, Amen, Amen

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

“A Gospel-Reveal Party”

*SONG OF RESPONSE

How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)

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I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me a sinner condemned unclean

(Singin’) How marvelous! How wonderful!
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior’s love for me

He took my sin and my sorrows, He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone **(Chorus)**

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see
‘Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me **(Chorus x2)**

*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

Christmas Eve Choir: The 12/21 rehearsal TODAY is required for all singers 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.

New Year’s Eve Pizza Game Night: Plan to join us to close out the year on 12/31 @ 5:30pm for pizza and good fellowship. Bring your favorite game! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Jump in January: Join us after worship for a 4-week January class. A Membership Class is available for those exploring membership, and a Dive Deeper Class for those already connected to Hope who want to learn more about our ministries and how to get involved. Both classes are designed to help you find where you can serve and participate more fully.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Join us in supporting CareNet Peninsula and CPC Tide-water by taking home a baby bottle and filling it with coins, cash or a check. Help us fill the Hope chest with baby clothes, blankets, diapers, and wipes. A frequently requested items list is in the Narthex next to the baby bottles. Please return the baby bottles by 2/16.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Ladies’ Lunch: Join us on Friday, 1/2 @ 11:30am at Wharf Hill. Contact Mary Bise @ 757-503-0691 so we can save a seat for you! Please RSVP by Wednesday, 12/31.

Tuesday & Friday Morning Bible Studies: The ladies are on a holiday break until 1/13 (Tuesday) & 1/9 (Friday).

Circle of Hope (Sisters Supporting Sisters): The ladies are on a holiday break and will resume meeting on Tuesday, 1/6 @ 6:30pm.

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.



2026 Women’s Conference: Save the date for our annual women’s conference on 2/21 from 9am-2pm. More details forthcoming.

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). They are taking a break for the holidays & will resume meeting on 1/9.

“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

Holiday Office Closure: The church office will be closed 12/24-12/26.

Wednesday, 12/24: Christmas Eve Service @ 4pm

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

Lucy Jackson: Thank you for all of the prayers and support over the last several months! We are very grateful for this church family.

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

Tyler & Laura Mueller: Baby due in May

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