

# HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge  
in the shadow of your wings.”

-PSALM 36:7

December 28, 2025

**\*GATHERING SONG**

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

*\*Congregation is standing.*

# He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

Jason Ingram | Meredith Andrews © 2009 Spirit Nashville Three; Curb Songs; So Essential Tunes; Spirit Nashville Three

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray

**O, tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy. O, tidings of comfort and joy**

**He has come for us this Jesus. He’s the hope for all mankind  
He has come for us the Messiah. Born to give us life**

From God, our heav’nly Father, a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name

**O, tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy. O, tidings of comfort and joy**

**He has come for us this Jesus. He’s the hope for all mankind  
He has come for us the Messiah. Born to give us life (x2)**

**Ending: He is born to give us life**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**PSALM 57:1-3**

Leader: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;

**People: In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.**

Leader: I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

**All: He will send from heaven and save me;  
He will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

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# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words, Thomas Chisholm (1866–1960) | Music, William M. Runyan (1870–1957)

## How Great Is Our God

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see**  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me**

Summer and winter and spring time and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love **(Chorus)**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside **(Chorus)**

**How great is our God**  
**Sing with me, how great is our God**  
**And all will see how great, how great is our God**  
**Name above all names**  
**Worthy of all praise**  
**My heart will sing, how great is our God**

**How great is our God**  
**Sing with me, how great is our God**  
**And all will see how great, how great is our God**

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

Ephesians 3:14-21

“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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John 10:28-30

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

# Before The Throne Of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook. © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is sealed with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God  
With Christ my Savior and my God

I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine  
God’s perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God’s eyes  
This river’s depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious love  
And poured on my His glorious love

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

# 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.  
And 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,  
The power and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

*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 Goodness of the Lord (Lamentations 3)

Word and Music by Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach © 2017 Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach Publishing

His affection never wearies, and His mercy never ends  
He reminds me every morning, “I am still your faithful friend.”  
He is good to those who seek Him. I will wait for Him to bless  
And the Lord will be my portion in the empty wilderness

**In the goodness of the Lord, in the goodness of the Lord  
I will wait for Him and set my hope in the goodness of the Lord**

# “The Greatness of God’s Love”

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## Behold the Lamb (Communion Song)

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristin Getty and Stuart Townend © 2007 Thankyou Music

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember the promise made  
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you:  
Eat and remember the wounds that heal,  
the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
 Drink and remember He drained death's cup  
 that all may enter in to receive the life of God  
 So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
 as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond  
And to remember our call to follow  
in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n around the table of the King

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE- DOXOLOGY**

**\*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

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**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 Tidewater 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.

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

**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.



## 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

**Wednesday, 12/31:** NYE Pizza Game Night @ 5:30pm

**Thursday, 1/1:** Church office closed for New Year's Day

**Saturday, 1/3:** Breakfast Boys @ 7:30am

## PRAYER & PRAISE

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**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

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Pray for safe pregnancies and praise God for new life!

**Ben & Ryann Boomer:** Congratulations on the birth of baby boy Boomer!

**Heston & Mandy Atkinson:** Baby due in April

**Tyler & Laura Mueller:** Baby due in May

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