

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah,
to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the
disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the
Lord a people prepared.”

-LUKE 1:17

December 7, 2025

***GATHERING SONG**

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

**Congregation is standing.*

O Come All Ye Faithful

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Come Thou Almighty King

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O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, light of light eternal
Prophets foretell Messiah’s lowly birth
Faithful, embrace Him! Love and awe unending! **(Chorus)**

Come Thou Almighty King help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o’er all victorious
Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless and give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend

Come Holy Comforter Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in ev’ry heart
And ne’er from us depart Spirit of pow’r

“Father, now call us out of our wandering
Jesus, now come and cast out our fear
Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness:
Open our hearts, open our hearts” (3x)

To Thee great One in Three eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov’reign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ISAIAH 40:3-5

Leader: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People: Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;**

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

**All: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: First documented in Germany in 1710 | Tune: 15th-century France

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come Thou Rod of Jesse free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come Thou Key of David come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

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

Malachi 3:1-4; 4:1-6

O My Savior, Help me.

I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb;
I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;
I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayer-less days,
My poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race,
My sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.
I am blind while light shines around me:
Take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust the evil heart of unbelief.
Make it my chiefest joy to study you, meditate on you,
Gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast,
Appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things rubbish.
Give me increase and progress in grace,
So that there may be more decision in my character,
More vigor in my purposes,
More elevation in my life, more fervor in my devotion,
More constancy in my zeal.
As I have a position in the world,
Keep me from making the world my position;
May I never seek in the creature what can be only found in the Creator;
Let not faith cease from seeking you until it vanishes into sight.
Ride forth in me, thou King of kings and Lord of lords,
That I may live victoriously, and in victory attain my end.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

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Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery: He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suff’ring, never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery: Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!
*What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

Fred & Phyllis Guilford; Jesse & Amy Witten

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.

Trinity Song

Sandra McCracken; Trinity Song (Live) by The Worship Initiative (Ft. Aaron Williams, Dinah Wright & John Marc Kohl), Released 2016

Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three-in-One
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, Three-in-One

Come with your peace, with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love
Come with your peace, with Your invitation
Bind us together in holy love

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Men: Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Women: Come with your peace, with Your invitation
Men: Holy Communion, Three-in-One
Women: Bind us together in holy love

Men: Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Women: Come with your peace, with Your invitation
Men: Holy Communion, Three-in-One
Women: Bind us together in holy love

Three-in-One **(x2)**

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

“A Prophet to Prepare the People”

1. He comforts our dread.

2. He counters our doubt.

3. He cancels our disgrace.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

It Was Finished Upon That Cross

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How I love the voice of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary
He declares His work is finished; He has spoken this hope to me
Though the sun had ceased its shining, though the war appeared as lost
Christ had triumphed over evil. It was finished upon that Cross

Now the curse, it has been broken; Jesus paid the price for me
Full, the pardon He has offered. Great the welcome that I receive
Boldly I approach my Father, clothed in Jesus’ righteousness
There is no more guilt to carry. It was finished upon that Cross

**Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!**

**Death was once my great opponent, fear once had a hold on me
But the Son who died to save us rose that we would be free indeed!
Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!**

Free from ev’ry plan of darkness, free to live and free to love
Death is dead and Christ is risen. It was finished upon that Cross

Onward to eternal glory, to my Saviour and my God
I rejoice in Jesus’ vict’ry. It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross
It was finished upon that Cross

*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 Cookie Social: Join us immediately after worship next Sunday, 12/14 and bring cookies to share!

Christmas Eve Choir: Meets for practices on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:15pm (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.

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 New Members 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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.

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.



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.

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, 12/9: Wingfield Small Group-Men @ 7pm

Wednesday, 12/10: Christmas Eve Choir practice @ 5:30pm; Music team @ 6:15pm

Friday, 12/12: Men's Bible Study @ 7am

Saturday, 12/13: Ladies' Christmas Tea @ 9:30am

Sunday, 12/14: Christmas Cookie Social @ 11am

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

Tyler & Laura Mueller: Baby due in May

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