

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:30 a.m. December 10, 2017

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

PRELUDE "I Wonder as I Wander" Marianne Kim
Philip King, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**
Leader: God has promised us a new creation
People: **where righteousness will be at home.**
Leader: Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: **Peace**

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11 (Selected Verses)

RESPONSE HYMN 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come" (Verse 2)

ADVENT PRAYER

*HYMN 106 "Prepare The Way, O Zion"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
You call us to repent, but we turn away from you.
You wait patiently for us, but we fail to watch and wait for you.
Forgive us, God of Grace. Embrace us with tender mercy
so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.
Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERLUDE "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" Anna Laura Page

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Christmas Bells with Joy Are Ringing" Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:1-5 Page 879

GIVING THANKS WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Elder Kris Marone

OFFERTORY "Still, Still, Still" arr. Mark Hayes

RESPONSE HYMN 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Verse 1)

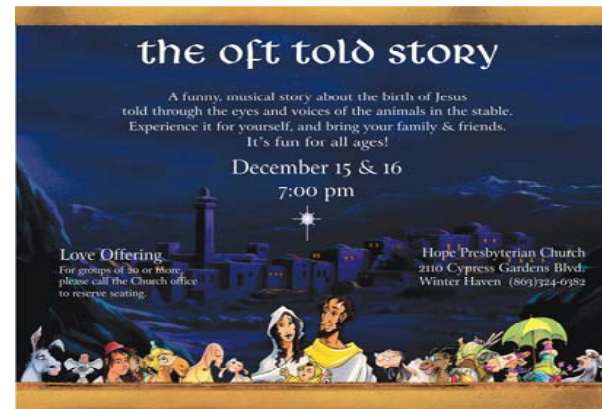
CHILDREN'S CHURCH is a time for children ages 4 through 6 to gather and share the scripture which the adults will be sharing in worship. Children will leave after the "Time for Children" for Children's Church or for the Nursery (up to 4 years of age).

**CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER
Wednesday, December 13 — 6 p.m. — Fellowship Hall**

Menu: Caesar salad, chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf,
asparagus with hollandaise, dinner rolls, butter, coffee and iced tea,
Christmas dessert.

Program: Join us for our "Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-long"
Cost: \$10 (Adults), Kids 12 and under — Free! But everyone needs a ticket!
Tickets available **today**.

"The Oft Told Story"



**Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16 — 7 p.m.
Hope Church Sanctuary**

A funny, musical story about the birth of Jesus
Told through the eyes and voices of the animals in the stable.
Bring your family and friends!
A freewill offering will be collected.

Tuesday, December 19 — Hope Creative School Christmas Program
11 a.m. — "One Silent Night"
Hope Church family and friends are welcome!

Wednesday, December 20 — Willows of Hope (Singles and Widows) will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Arabella's Restaurant for their Christmas luncheon. Please RSVP: Bev Westover (863) 324-7823 by December 15. Thank you!

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS
To be eligible for a 2017 IRS tax deduction, any gifts you may wish to make must be received at the Church **on or before December 31, 2017.**
Special Note: If a gift is mailed, it must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2017.
Your faithful and generous support of the programs and Mission of Hope Presbyterian Church is very much appreciated.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Sunday — December 17 — Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Worship
Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Love

Sunday — December 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Worship
Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday — December 24 — Christmas Eve
5 p.m. — Children's Christmas Worship
7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
*Service of Candlelight and Carols
and a Joyous Celebration of the Birth of Christ
Lighting of the Christ Candle*



Property Committee meets **Tuesday, December 12** — 9 a.m. in the Sunset Room.

Board of Deacons meet **Tuesday, December 12** — 6:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room.

Advent Bible Study Class will meet again on **Monday, December 18** at 6:30 p.m. and **Thursday, December 21** at 10:30 a.m. This class is led by Reverend Carrier. Please sign up on the pew pad or call the church office if you are planning to attend.

2017 Annual Reports — Church/Group Organization Leaders, please e-mail your annual reports to donna@hopepreswh.org by December 31. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will be available to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. The cost is \$10 each. If you would like to order a poinsettia either **In Memory Of, In Honor Of, In Gratitude For, or any Special Occasion**, please return the completed order form with your check (*made payable to Hope Presbyterian Church*) to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate before **Monday, December 11**. A complete listing of donors and the persons being memorialized or honored will be printed in the Sunday bulletin **December 17**.



Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN GRATITUDE FOR _____

SPECIAL OCCASION _____

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:1-8 Pages 1214-1215

SERMON "DIFFERENT" Reverend Fred Halde

*HYMN 88 "O Come, O Come, Emanuel" (Verses 1-4)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child with Sheep May Safely Graze" arr. Anna Laura Page

*Congregation stands if able
Bold print: congregational response

TO OUR VISITORS, NEWCOMERS, AND GUESTS—Welcome to Hope Church. We hope you will find words of encouragement as you worship with us this morning. **Please print your name, address, phone number, and e-mail on the Friendship Pads.**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY is Elder Kris Marone, Chairperson of the Administration Committee.

A NURSERY is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Education Building, Room 246 for children under 4 years.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER, a friendly atmosphere for parents with infants and toddlers, is located next to the Library. *Children's Busy Bags are available in the Narthex.*

HEARING ENHANCEMENT DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available during Worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God by Alex and Rhoda Huynh in remembrance of Ve thi Nguyen, Hat Huynh, and Walter Durham.

THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR is available on the green stand in the Narthex. Please sign up for Chancel flowers if you would like to reserve a special Sunday. The cost for two arrangements is \$50. Please complete the yellow information form and return it with your check to the church office. Thank you!

THE SHOPPING CART for the month of **December** is for Polk State College, My Brother's Keeper—Their needs include: food for snack packs; personal hygiene products; laundry detergent pods; hotel-size shampoos, soaps and lotions; canned goods to supplement the food needs of homes where homeless students "couch surf."

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST is available in the Narthex racks.

Church Office Holiday Schedule — Office Closed
Monday, December 25 — Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 26
Monday, January 1, 2018 — New Year's Day

LIST OF PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX LITERATURE RACKS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of December 10, 2017

TODAY, December 10

8:30 a.m. Bloodmobile
9:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
4:30 p.m. Youth of Hope, Room 200

Monday, December 11

5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building

Tuesday, December 12

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9:00 a.m. Property Committee, Sunset Room
4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 220
6:30 p.m. Board of Deacons, Sunset Room

Wednesday, December 13

5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group of Hope, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Christmas Fellowship Dinner and Sing-a-long, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Bells of Hope, Bell Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 14

5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227
7:00 p.m. Terranova HOA, Parlor

Friday, December 15

5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
7:00 p.m. Oft Told Story, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 16

12 Noon Swanny Seirup's 90th Birthday Celebration, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Oft Told Story, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 17, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Youth and Ukulele Group Caroling

WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship 246
Thursday Contemporary Worship 25
Total 271

Ushers: Betty Akers, Captain; Judy Calhoun, Brenda Gregory, Sonia Roland, Cindy Turner
Flowers:.....Betty Akers



OUR MISSION STATEMENT TO ALL PEOPLE

God loves us; we love God; reaching up through faith, reaching out in love: being Christ's Beacon of Hope.

We reach up by building an inclusive, Christ-centered, Bible-based church; We reach out by serving the poor, caring for the sick and uplifting the oppressed and broken;

We are a Beacon of Hope by being a loving community of believers, bringing Christ's example to life, as we are led by the Holy Spirit to use our blessings and talents, and by empowering people to be servant leaders.

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Holly Dills, Director of Hope Creative School