

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

9:30 a.m. December 17, 2017

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

PRELUDE Philip King, Organist
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus with Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
arr. John Turner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
People: God sends good news to the oppressed.
Leader: Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: **Love**

SCRIPTURE READING John 14 (Selected Verses)

RESPONSE HYMN 92 “While We Are Waiting, Come” (Verse 3)

ADVENT PRAYER

*HYMN 110 “Love Has Come”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
You offer us a place in your house, yet we find no room for you in our lives.
You invite us into your eternal realm, yet we fail to welcome others.
Forgive us, God of Grace. Let your word of life be with us so that we may
truly believe that nothing is impossible with you;
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 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Robert Hebble

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM “Bring Us Peace” Martin/Courtney
Chancel Choir
Arianna Tofanelli and Jane Edgar, Soloists

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GIVING THANKS WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Elder Carolyn Hayes

OFFERTORY “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” 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).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL after worship at 10:40 a.m. in the Sunset Room.

YOUTH OF HOPE AND UKULELE GROUP CAROLING — TODAY at 2 p.m.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY CLASS will meet on **Monday, December 18** at 6:30 p.m. and **Thursday, December 21** at 10:30 a.m. This class is led by Reverend Carriker. Please sign up on the pew pad or call the church office if you are planning to attend.

HOPE’S BOOK CLUB — Monday, December 18 — 10 a.m. in the Sunset Room. Our book this month is “A Redbird Christmas” by Fannie Flag. Visitors, guests and newcomers always welcome! Marsha Long (863) 651-6967.

Tuesday, December 19 — Hope Creative School Christmas Program
11 a.m. — “One Silent Night” — Fellowship Hall
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. Questions? Please call Bev Westover (863) 324-7823. Thank you!

THANK YOU!
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THANK YOU to the Presbyterian Women of Hope for organizing the Annual Ladies' Christmas Tea, and special thanks to Joyce Snively for preparing a fabulous lunch! Also to the women who baked the yummy desserts and helped decorate the hall; to our guest speaker, Reverend Peg Roy; the Men of Hope for serving; and to our Associate Director of Music, Philip King for the beautiful music!

GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS!

There’s still time to purchase gift cards for Christmas!
Or have them ready to use when you go to the store to purchase your gifts. Our Scrip volunteers are available **TODAY** to assist you at the Scrip table.



SAVE THE DATE!
The King’s Brass in Concert



Thursday, January 18, 2018 — 7 p.m.
Hope Church Sanctuary
Free Admission — A love offering will be taken.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

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

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
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper



Monday — December 25 — Christmas Day
For Unto You
Is Born...
A Saviour. Luke 2:11

*Your Church Staff and Session wish you a
Blessed Advent Season and a Joyous Christmas!*

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38 Page 1243

SERMON "A GIFT TO ALL OF US" Reverend Owen Carriker

*HYMN 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Hyfrydrol'" Matthew F. Walicke

*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 Carolyn Hayes, Vice Chairperson of the Fellowship 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 David and Judy Calhoun in thankfulness for family.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to Jenna Carriker and Alex Doerr on their marriage Friday, December 8, 2017 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Blessings to Jenna and Alex!

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."

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION ON CHRISTMAS EVE—Please meet in the Sanctuary TODAY immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

With Much Appreciation
Dear Friends at Hope, We want to thank you all for the kind gesture of a beautiful Poinsettia Plant for us at the Christmas Season.
Love, Al and Evie Peach

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of December 17, 2017

TODAY, December 17

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

Monday, December 18

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 10:00 a.m. Hope's Book Club, Sunset Room
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study Class, Sunset Room
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 565 Court of Honor, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 19

- 11:00 a.m. Hope Creative School Christmas Program, Fellowship Hall
- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 220
- 7:00 p.m. Ruby Lake HOA, Parlor

Wednesday, December 20

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group of Hope, Parlor
- 12 Noon Church Staff Meeting
- 12:30 p.m. Willows of Hope Christmas Luncheon, Arabella's Restaurant
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Hope, Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 21

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 10:30 a.m. Advent Bible Study Class, Sunset Room
- 12 Noon Hope Creative School Teacher's Party, Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227

Friday, December 22

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 11:00 a.m. Jon Woodward Memorial Service, Sanctuary

Next Sunday, December 24, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Church
- 10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School

Christmas Eve Worship

- 5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 10, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship 233

Ushers: Mary Ax, Captain; Barb Anderson, Bev DePamphilis, Alex Huynh, Sonia Roland

Flowers.....Mary Ax



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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Julie Carriker, Director of Christian Education

Lois Crowe, Bookkeeper; Donna Phillips, Secretary

Holly Dills, Director of Hope Creative School

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