

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. December 2, 2018

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes
Philip King, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

Leader: Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness.

People: **Hope is the thing deep in our souls—it sings without the words—and never stops.**

Leader: Hope is like peace...It is a gift only we can give one another. Friends, as we enter this Advent season, we come with a hunger for hope.

People: **So today we light the candle of hope as a prayer, and a reminder that darkness will not win.**

Leader: Violence will not win. Disease will not win. Death will not win. Evil will not win. Terrorism will not win.

All: **Love will win.**

RESPONSE HYMN 110 "Love Has Come" (Verse 1)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERLUDE "Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her" J.S. Bach

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Grant Us Peace" Joel Raney
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pew Bible, Page 965

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

GIVING THANKS WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Elder Stacy Woodward

OFFERTORY "Of The Father's Love Begotten" arr. Craig Curry

*RESPONSE HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Verse 3)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Pew Bible, Page 1439

SERMON "LOVE LETTERS" Reverend Owen Carriker

*HYMN 110 "Love Has Come"

SUNDAYS AT HOPE

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).

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, Offering Envelopes are available on the Narthex tables for you to take with you.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by the Circle of Friends for the month of December. Stop by today after the worship service and enjoy some delicious goodies!



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Sunday, December 16 — Fellowship Hall
(Following the Worship Service)

Menu: Garden salad, Roast beef, potatoes and carrots, dinner rolls, butter, coffee and iced tea, Christmas dessert

Cost: \$10 (Adults); Kids 12 and under — Free!
But everyone needs a ticket!

Tickets must be purchased in advance to facilitate food purchases.
Tickets are available **Today** and **Sunday, December 9** in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, December 11

WINTER HAVEN COMMUNITY SINGERS

Directed by Philip King, Associate Director of Music
7:30 p.m. — Hope Church Sanctuary

Refreshments will be served following the program in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 16

HOPE CHURCH CHOIR CANTATA

9:30 Worship Service — Sanctuary
and

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 p.m. — Children's Christmas Worship
7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Consider gift cards for Christmas this year or have them ready to use when you go to the store to purchase your gifts! By buying the gift cards in advance to favorite establishments, Hope Church receives from 1% to 25%!



HOPE'S ANNUAL LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA

"The Night Love Was Born"

Saturday, December 8 — 12 Noon to 2 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a lovely lunch and be entertained by some of our own ladies who will present the play, "The Shepherd's Wives."

Tickets available **TODAY** in the Narthex.

Cost: \$10 per person; Girls under 5 — Free!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to join any or all Circles.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS — **Monday, December 3** at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring an appetizer to share. A great time to invite friends—this will be a fun fellowship to share!

MORNING GLORIES CIRCLE — **Tuesday, December 4** at 11:30 a.m. at the Sizzling Grill in Lake Wales for their December gathering. All ladies are welcome! Questions? Please call Lynne Maxwell (863) 280-0185.

CIRCLE OF HOPE — **Wednesday, December 5** at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Lynne Judd, 5221 Green Drive, Winter Haven. Our mission will be in support of Hurricane relief for our Presbyterian neighbors.

Christmas Cards made by Cards of Hope are available to purchase **TODAY** and each **Sunday through December 16** in the Adult Library before and after the Worship Service.

CARDS OF HOPE — **Monday, December 3** — 9 a.m. in the Sunset Room.

KID'S ROCK — **Thursday, December 6** — 4 to 6 p.m. in the Youth Room.

BIBLE STUDY "THE GOSPEL OF JOHN — **Monday, December 3** at 6:30 p.m. and **Thursday, December 6** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunset Room.

BETH MOORE CLASS — *"Faithful, Abundant and True"* — **Thursday, December 6** at 6:30 p.m. in the Sunset Room. Questions? Please contact Julie.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS will be available to beautify our Sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to order poinsettias (\$10 each) **In Memory Of, In Honor Of, In Gratitude For**, or any **Special Occasion**, please return the completed order form with your check to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate before **Monday, December 10**. A list of donors and the persons being memorialized, honored, or other, will be printed in the Sunday bulletin **December 16**. Poinsettias will be taken to members and friends of Hope at Health and Rehabilitation facilities or at home.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Number Ordered _____ Amount Enclosed _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN GRATITUDE FOR _____

SPECIAL OCCASION _____

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Hold elements until all have been served.)

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" arr. Craig Curry

*HYMN 88 "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Veni Emmanuel/Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her" Proulx/Bach

*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.

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY is Elder Stacy Woodward, Moderator of the Christian Education Committee.

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Roger and Darlene Reedy in celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary next Sunday, December 9.

THE 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR is available on the green stand in the Narthex. Now is the time to sign up for Chancel flowers if you want 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!

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

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 AND DEACONS JOINT MEETING will be held Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU! Dear Friends at Hope, We have enjoyed the Hope flowers all week and thank you all for thinking of us.
Love, Al and Evie Peach

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week of December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2 — First Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. — Bloodmobile
9:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship by Circle of Friends
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Sunset Room
4:00 p.m. Youth of Hope, Youth Room
6:30 p.m. Ukulele Group, Room 200

Monday, December 3

- 4:45 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Cards of Hope, Sunset Room
6:00 p.m. Circle of Friends, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leaders Meeting, Multipurpose Room
6:30 p.m. Bible Study, "The Gospel of John," Sunset Room
7:00 p.m. Nueva Esperanza Prayer Group, Room 200

Tuesday, December 4

- 4:45 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, Parlor
11:30 a.m. Morning Glories, The Sizzling Grill, Lake Wales
4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227
6:00 p.m. Elders and Deacons Joint Dinner and Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 5

- 4:45 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, Parlor
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group of Hope, Parlor
1:30 p.m. Circle of Hope, home of Lynne Judd
6:00 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Bell Room
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 6

- 4:45 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, Parlor
10:30 a.m. Bible Study, "The Gospel of John," Sunset Room
4:00 p.m. Kids Rock, Youth Room
4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room
6:30 p.m. Beth Moore Class, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Nueva Esperanza Bible Study, Room 200

Friday, December 7

Fellowship Hall reserved for PW Christmas Tea set-up
4:45 a.m. Sweatin' Hope Exercise Class, Parlor

Saturday, December 8

HOPE'S ANNUAL LADIES' CHRISTMAS TEA
"The Night Love Was Born"
12 Noon to 2 p.m. — Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, December 9 — Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Children's Church
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship by Circle of Friends
10:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Sunset Room
4:00 p.m. Youth of Hope, Youth Room
6:30 p.m. Ukulele Group, Room 200

WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 25, 2018
9:30 a.m. Worship 200

Ushers: Sonia Roland, Captain; Bill Follett, Judith Calhoun, Deborah Castro, Marsha Messmer

Flowers: Dale Willard



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