

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

9:30 a.m. December 24, 2017

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

PRELUDE "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Variations Martha Sobaje  
Philip King, Organist

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;  
**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth!**  
Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;  
**People: tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**  
Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations,  
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.  
**People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.**  
Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.  
**People: Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.**  
Leader: God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity and truth.  
**All: Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
*Malin Margaret Ek and Maverick Benjamin Ek*

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19  
Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation

CAROL 121 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18  
God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed

SOLO, David Thomas "There's A Song in the Air" arr. Craig Courtney  
THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah

CAROL 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9  
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation

SOLO, David Calhoun "Gesu Bambino" arr. Pietro Yon  
FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38  
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

CAROL 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7  
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child

CHANCEL CHOIR "My Heart, Your Bethlehem" arr. Ruth Schram  
SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16  
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" Mark Hayes

**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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is administered today to Malin Margaret Ek and Maverick Benjamin Ek. Parents are Margaret Lawlor Benjamin-Ek and Michael Filip Gerhard Ek who are visiting from California. Grandparents are Dr. James and Mrs. Norma Edwards. Both of Norma's daughters were baptized at Hope Church. Erin Benjamin Leuthold in 1975, and Margaret in 1980 and was the first baby to be baptized in the new sanctuary. Erin's son, Ethan was baptized in the Gardens of Hope.

**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU** to Lynn Shelton, Alan Armstrong, cast and crew of "The Oft Told Story" for their time, talent and gifts. Thank you also to everyone who helped with publicity, ushering, set construction, video taping and many other talents to make this production so successful. It was enjoyed by all!

**THANK YOU** to Hope members and friends for your overwhelming support of our Rudolph Round-up Christmas gift drive. Over 150 items were collected and delivered to Heartland for Children to fulfill Christmas wish lists. They will help many during this Christmas Season. Thank you once again!  
Christian Education Committee

**SAVE THE DATE!**


**Next Sunday, December 31— Sign-up for Church Directory Photos**  
Last photo session will be held  
Monday, January 22 and Tuesday, January 23.

**Sunday, January 7— Installation of Officers**  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Thursday, January 18 — Fellowship Dinner — 5:30 p.m.**  
Tickets available Sundays, January 7 and January 14

**Thursday, January 18 — The King's Brass in Concert**  
Hope Church Sanctuary — 7 p.m.  
Free Admission — A love offering will be taken.





Join us this evening for  
**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**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*

**We will be packing "Kid's Pack" Next Sunday, December 31** in Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service.

**"Study of Isaiah"** Bible Study Class begins **Monday, January 8** at 6:30 p.m. and then repeats on **Thursday, January 11** at 10:30 a.m. in the Sunset Room. Questions? E-mail Reverend Carriker: [owen@hopepreswh.org](mailto:owen@hopepreswh.org).

**"The Shack Study"** resumes **Tuesday, January 9** at 7 p.m. in the Adult Library. Questions? Please contact Julie: [julie@hopepreswh.org](mailto:julie@hopepreswh.org).

**Kid's Rock — Thursday, January 11 — 4 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

**Youth of Hope — Sunday, January 14 — 4 p.m.** in the Youth Room.

**Adult Ukulele Class — Sunday, January 14 — 6:30 p.m.** in Room 200.

**The Upper Room** and **These Days** devotionals for January/February 2018 are on the Narthex table. A donation of \$1 is suggested.

**2017 Annual Reports — Church/Group Organization Leaders**, please e-mail your annual reports to [donna@hopepreswh.org](mailto:donna@hopepreswh.org) by December 31. All reports will be included in a printed report available at the Annual Congregational Meeting after the first of the year. Thank you!

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

*All women are invited to join any or all Circles.*

**Circle of Hope — Wednesday, January 3 — 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Mary Ax, 4465 Strathmore Drive, Lake Wales.

**Circle of Friends — Monday, January 8 — 6 p.m.** in the Church Parlor. Questions? Please call Jeanie at (863) 326-6056.

**Morning Glories Circle — Tuesday, January 9 — 10 a.m.** in the Church Parlor. Please join us! Questions? Call Lynne Maxwell (863) 291-3819.

**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**.

**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 Church is very much appreciated.

\*CAROL 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11  
Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus

CAROL 151 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”  
NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14  
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth

CAROL 122 “Silent Night, Holy Night”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN 134 “Joy to the World!”

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” Anthony Giamanco

\*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.*

**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 Janci Hurt in loving memory of her husband, Ron Hurt (9-15-1940 — 12-26-2000).

**FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX** are presented to the glory of God by Judy Hatcher and Kristie Hatcher-Bolin in honor of *Mary Burns’ 100th Birthday today! Happy Birthday, Mary!*

**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."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
Week of December 24, 2017

**TODAY — Lessons and Carols**

9:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Children’s Church  
10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School, Sunset Room

**TONIGHT — 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

**Monday, December 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Tuesday, December 26**  
Church Office and Schools Closed

**Wednesday, December 27**  
Church Office and Schools Closed

**Thursday, December 28**  
Church Office and Schools Closed

**Friday, December 29**  
Church Office and Schools Closed

**Next Sunday, December 31, 2017**

9:30 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Children’s Church  
10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. “Kid’s Pack,” Fellowship Hall



**Church Office Holiday Schedule — Office Closed  
Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1**

**WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday, December 17, 2017

**9:30 a.m. Worship 228**

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

**Ushers:** Barb Anderson, Captain; Brenda Gregory, Alex Huynh,  
Lynne Maxwell, Bill Ryde  
**Flowers:**.....Alex Huynh



**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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