

**ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

9:30 a.m. December 31, 2017

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

PRELUDE "Sussex Carol" Mark Hayes
Philip King, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!
People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Leader: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord.
People: The glory of God's people and a light to all.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
**God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light.
You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others.
You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God.
Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that
we may live in peace according to your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come!
You are a holy people, redeemed by God, sought out, not forsaken.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERLUDE "I Wonder As I Wander" arr. Mark Hayes

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Breath of Heaven"
Jordon Reddout Wilhoit, Soloist
Jeff Reddout, Guitar

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148 Page 780

GIVING THANKS WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Elder Barry Porter

OFFERTORY "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Gina Sprunger

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION


SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-40 Page 1246

SERMON "THE PRESENTATION: AS IT SHOULD BE"
Reverend Owen Carriker

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.

"KID'S PACK" — **NEXT SUNDAY, January 7** in Fellowship Hall after the Worship Service. We will also be taking down the greens. Pizza will be served! Please sign up on the pew pad today!



LAST PHOTO SESSION FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY
Please sign up **TODAY** immediately following the Worship Service at the tables in front of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Photography Dates:
Monday, January 22 and Tuesday, January 23 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADULT UKULELE CLASS— **Thursday, January 4** — 6:30 p.m. in Room 200.

SAVE THE DATE!

Next Sunday, January 7— Ordination and Installation of Officers
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

The King's Brass in Concert



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

"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.

"The Shack Study" resumes **Tuesday, January 9** at 7 p.m. in the Adult Library. Questions? Please contact Julie: 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.

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.

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. All reports will be included in a printed report available at the Annual Congregational Meeting after the first of the year. Thank you!

HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!



*HYMN 134

“Joy to the World”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Go Tell It on the Mountain” John Turner

*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 Barry Porter, Chairperson of the Worship 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 Terri Palmer in memory of their son Joshua.

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 contents for the month of **January** will be dedicated to **Family Emergency Services** of Winter Haven. Their needs include all types of non-perishable food items as well as products for use in the home. Another way to help is by contributing monetary gifts. Please make checks payable to *“Family Emergency Services”* and place in the offering plate. Thank you for contributing to this worthy ministry.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of December 31, 2017

TODAY, December 31

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Church
- 10:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:40 a.m. Sign-up for Church Directory Photos

Monday, January 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Church Office and Schools Closed

Tuesday, January 2

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Glories Circle, Sunset Room
- 4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227

Wednesday, January 3

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group of Hope, Parlor
- 1:30 p.m. Circle of Hope, home of Mary Ax
- 6:00 p.m. Bells of Hope, Bell Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, January 4

- 5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
- 1:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Ukulele Class, Room 200

Friday, January 5

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

Next Sunday, January 7, 2018

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Ordination and Installation of Officers

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Children’s Church
- 10:40 a.m. “Kid’s Pack,” Fellowship Hall*
Taking down the greens*
**Followed by Pizza Lunch!*

WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship 230
Christmas Eve 291

Ushers: Barb Anderson, Captain; Mary Ax, Marilyn Bauer, Bev DePamphilis, Bill Ryde
Flowers:.....Judy Calhoun



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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