



**December 25, 2025**  
**Christmas Day**  
**Service of Word and Sacrament**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

Welcome to worship at Hope! Our service follows a four-fold pattern of GATHERING as the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God; WORD as God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song; in the MEAL as God feeds us with the presence of Christ and SENDING as God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. Texts you need for worship are projected; hymns and scripture readings for today are printed below.

## **THEMES OF WORSHIP TODAY**

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!



## **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Accompanist:	Anne Harding
Reader:	Heidi Bova
Ushers:	Berna & Vince Frattaroli

**Thanks to all who helped lead worship!**

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# **TODAY'S SERVICE**

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## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful ELW 283 (vs 1,2,3)**

Greeting

**Call to Worship / Christmas Acclamation**

**Prayer of the Day**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading: **Isaiah 52:7–10**

Psalm: **Psalm 98** (read responsively - ELW Hymnal)

Second Reading: **Hebrews 1:1–4**

Gospel: **John 1:1–14**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: Of the Father's Love Begotten ELW 295**

Nicene Creed ELW p.104

Prayers of Intercession: "Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*"

Peace

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

**Offering Song: What Child Is This ELW 296**

Offering Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Songs

In the Bleak Midwinter ELW 294

Away in a Manger ELW 277

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ELW 282

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

**Sending Hymn: Joy to the World ELW 267**

Postlude

