

# Seeking to bring the **life-giving Hope of Jesus Christ** to our community in Hot Springs, AR

# Celebration of Worship Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

# Gathering Song O Come, All Ye Faithful #208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, glory in the Highest;
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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# **Call to Worship**

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Isaiah 40:3-5

# The Prayer of Invocation

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #203

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;

Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

# **Lighting of Advent Candle**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

Congregation: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

# **Corporate Confession of Sin**

Heavenly Father we confess that we are poor sinners, un-deserving of your grace and well deserving of your perfect wrath. For we have acted as an enemy of the cross. But for your divine intervention, we are bound for destruction, we worship our bellies, we glory in shame, and our minds are set on earthly things. Holy and infinite God, we humbly plead for your mercy and forgiveness. Almighty God, you be our end, be the sole object of our worship, you be our glory, and set our minds on you alone. Amen.

#### **Private Confession of Sin**

#### The Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

-Psalm 103:8-12

#### The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** 

# Angels, from the Realms of Glory #218

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Wise men, leave your contemplation, brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great desire of nations, ye have seen His natal star: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

#### The Sermon from God's Word

#### **Reverend Scott Davis**

#### Sermon Notes

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# **Tithes and Offerings**

Our offering is an act of worship where we respond to the goodness and mercy of Godwith our gratitude and reliance on Him for all things. If you are our guest today, please feel under no obligation to give.

# Hymn of Response O Holy Night

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope: the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn; Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim.

"O Holy Night," Words: John S. Dwight, Music: Adolphe Adam, Public Domain

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to join us in taking the Lord's Supper. The outer ring is grape juice.

The inner rings are wine.

# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you! And also with you.
Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Most righteous God, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in the expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

#### Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# Doxology #731

(Tune: "Old Hundredth" from the Genevan Psalter)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

#### A Note to Visitors

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come, Hope Church Hot Springs opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Children at Hope Presbyterian Church To parents of young children may we suggest:

God gave children the vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!

Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor and elders.

Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. But, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

#### To the members of our church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of his church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

# **Announcements**

Theology on Tap, our weekly bible study will be this Tuesday evening at 6:30. We'll be meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott lobby. The hotel is located at 200 Marriott Ct, just off Central Avenue. Make plans to join us!

Our next Trail Life meeting will be today at 4pm here at the church.

Trail Life is a Christ centered, church based, boy focused scouting ministry for school aged boys.

Make plans to attend our Christmas Eve "Lessons and Carols" service this year! The one hour service begins at 5pm. There will be cocoa, punch and cookies afterwards.

Our elders are launching small groups that meet in one another's homes for bible study, food and fellowship. To that end, we're wanting to get a sense of who is interested in joining a small group and/or who is willing to occasionally host in their home. Please see the signup sheet on the counter to let us know!

Our Hope Presbyterian Christmas Dinner is scheduled for the evening of December 12th.

Mark your calendars. We'll push out more details in the coming weeks.

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# ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

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