



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

**Celebration of Worship**  
**Sunday, December 7, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Gathering Song**

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196***

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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### **Call to Worship**

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*(from Psalm 94)*

### **The Prayer of Invocation**

#### **Angels We Have Heard on High #214**

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

*(Refrain)*

*Gloria*

*in excelsis Deo!*

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?  
*(Refrain)*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing,  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
*(Refrain)*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

The prophet Isaiah said, “The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, “Greetings, you who are highly favored!  
The Lord is with you.”

### **Congregation:**

**We rejoice that we too have found favor with God. God’s mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation.**

—based on Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:28, NIV

## Corporate Confession of Sin

**O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.**

**To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because of the treachery that we have committed against you. O Father, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your people.**

**O my God, incline your ear and hear.**

**For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy.**

**Amen.**

Based on Daniel 9

## Private Confession of Sin

## The Assurance of Pardon

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

*John 6:37-40*

## 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.**

## ***Silent Night #210***

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child; Holy infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

### ***Scripture Reading***

***John 16:16-33***

### **The Sermon from God's Word**

**Rev. Scott Davis**

### **Tithes and Offerings**

Our offering is an act of worship where we respond to the goodness and mercy of God with 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 Joy to the World #195**

Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven and nature sing,  
And Heaven, and Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

"Joy to the World!" Words: Isaac Watts, Music: George Frederick Handel, 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!

We're going to be featuring some of our own church's talent for the December 12th Christmas dinner. If you'd like to share something, see Tamara Johnson.

Our next Trail Life meeting will be here at the church on December 14th at 4pm. 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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