

ADVENT 2021



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H O COMMUNITY  
P E CHURCH

## Welcome

We believe that God uses our time in corporate worship to conform us. He is like a master craftsman and we are his work of art. God is the one who invites us to worship him and in doing so we commune with the Father in Christ through the power of His Holy Spirit. We find a specific flow of worship in Scripture so our liturgy is based on a pattern that has been followed throughout Scripture and church history. We see that God speaks and we respond.

**Remembering God's Presence**-God's grace initiates an invitation to worship. We remember that God is holy, glorious and it is by grace that we are invited into his presence.

**Remembering God's Grace** - Since we are ushered into God's holy presence, we are made aware of our sin. We are reminded that our sin is forgiven in Christ, so we approach our God as his children. So we can be honest with him about our failures and be assured of his mercy.

**Renewal in Christ as Prophet** - God speaks to us through the Word of God proclaimed. The Holy Spirit uses this time to convict, rebuke, and encourage. This is a divine encounter with the true and living God.

**Renewal in Christ as Priest** - In this meal we are strengthened and nourished by the Spirit of Christ. We commune with God himself and with one another. This is not a time for mere commemoration, but God is at work in our hearts as we partake.

**Renewal in Christ as King** - Christ the king sends us out to be a missional presence in the world. We are assured of his presence as we seek to live in our communities with Christ as our king.

This worship pattern is both biblical and spiritual formative. We invite you to participate actively in worship or to just listen and observe at your discretion.

We would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have. Be sure to stop by the Welcome table after the service or reach out to us at [hopecc.church](mailto:hopecc.church).

## Exploring?

Do you have questions about the Christian faith?

Do you desire to learn more about the person and work of Jesus Christ?

Do you wonder why we, a beautiful and messy community, love and are so committed to a local church?

Do you wrestle with intellectual barriers that make belief seem implausible, even irresponsible?

Do you struggle to reconcile a good God with a hurting world?

We recognize that you may have questions. That's why:

- We want to create a welcoming place where you feel comfortable coming with your questions and doubts.
- We seek to be a community where you can belong before you believe.
- We believe that God draws both the convinced and unconvinced to worship.
- We desire to listen to skeptics. We do not listen to respond, but we listen to hear the doubts and questions.
- We long to speak and show you how the love of Jesus Christ and a local church has changed us.

I would love to take you out to lunch and discuss with you how the gospel has changed my life and listen to your story and try to answer your questions. Please reach out to me @ [jc@hopecc.church](mailto:jc@hopecc.church).

## Remembering God's Presence

Please stand.

The call to worship is a reminder that God is the great initiator. He is the one calling us into His presence

Bold text is read together by the congregation. Plain text is read by the leader. Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

### CALL TO WORSHIP - LUKE 1:68-71

Minister: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel.

**Congregation: For he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.**

Minister: As he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old.

**All: That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

### PASTORAL PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### SONG OF ADORATION

*O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL*

WORDS BY: JOHN FRANCIS WADE

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O 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 heav'n 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,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
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

*O COME O COME EMANUEL*  
WORDS & MUSIC: JOHN MASON NEALE

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh,  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel

## Remembering God's Grace

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Please be  
seated.

The call to  
repentance is  
an opportunity  
to remember  
God's grace and  
the goodness  
of the gospel as  
we confess our  
sins to Him.

### **CALL TO REPENTANCE - GENESIS 17:1-3; 15-17**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, 2 that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." 3 Then Abram fell on his face.

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

### **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much.**

**Forgive us Lord,  
for not bending the knee,  
for not reading your Word,  
for not searching our hearts,  
for not facing our sins.**

**Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!**

**Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence  
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.**

*SILENT CONFESSIO*

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - COLOSSIANS 3:14-17**

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*In Christ Alone*

MUSIC BY: KEITH GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

## Receiving Christ as Prophet

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### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:46-56

46 And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
50 And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
51 He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
55 as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Spirit uses  
His Word as a  
powerful means  
of nourishing  
and comforting  
God's people,  
and awakening  
people to new  
faith.

## SERMON

REV. J.C. BAYSINGER

### *“THE TREE OF HOPE* Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

#### Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. How do God's promises sustain your faith when times are difficult?
2. What does the Christian hope look like to you?
3. How does Jesus fulfill this passage?
4. Where do we find justice and righteousness in Jesus?
5. How is Jesus Christ our righteousness? Look at 2 Corinthians 5:21.

# Receiving Christ as Priest

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe that our salvation consists in the remission of our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, and that therein our righteousness before God is implied; as David and Paul teach us, declaring this to be the blessedness of man that God imputes righteousness to him apart from works. And the same apostle says that we are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing the conscience of fear, terror, and dread. (Based on the Belgic Confession Article 23)

## PRAYER OF FAITH

## OFFERING

All we have is given  
to us by God. Our  
offerings express this  
joyful dependance  
and our commitment  
to join God in his  
work of renewal.

## SONG OF PREPARATION

*Fullness of Grace*

WORDS & MUSIC BY KEITH AND KRISTIN GETTY

Fullness of Grace in man's human frailty,  
This is the wonder of Jesus.  
Laying aside His power and glory,  
Humbly He entered our world.  
Chose the path of meanest worth:  
Scandal of a virgin birth.  
Born in a stable, cold and rejected:  
Here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father  
Shown in the face of Jesus.  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity,  
Walking the Calvary road.  
Christ the holy Innocent  
Took our sin and punishment.  
Fullness of God, despised and rejected:  
Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for,  
Promise of God in Jesus.  
Through His obedience we are forgiven,  
Opening the floodgates of heaven.  
All our hopes and dreams we bring  
Gladly as an offering.  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:  
God's gift in love to the world.

# Receiving Christ as King

## SURSUM CODA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SACRAMENT

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

## INVITATION

Minister: These are the Gifts of God, for the People of God. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

( Directions for taking communion are on pages 14-15 )

## PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## SONG OF BLESSING

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN FRANCIS WADE

O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

For he alone is worthy,  
For he alone is worthy,  
For he alone is worthy,  
Christ the Lord

We'll give him all the glory,  
We'll give him all the glory,  
We'll give him all the glory,  
Christ the Lord

## 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.

## THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in Peace

Just as we begin with with God's gracious invitation, so we end with God's promise to always be with us.

It is appropriate to lift our heads as a symbol that through Christ God graciously lifts our head, and we hold out our hands palms up to symbolize our need and eagerness to receive God's blessing.

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Sursum Corda is Latin for "lift up your hearts." One of the oldest liturgical pieces still in use, it calls us to be heavenly minded and summons us into the Lord's presence. Along with the voices around you, hear the echo of 2,000 years of worshipping Christians who have gone before.

Communion (i.e. the Lord's Supper or Eucharist) is a covenant renewal meal, instituted by Jesus the night before his crucifixion. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of the King, but also, when we receive it in faith, it is true fellowship with King Jesus, in his presence and at his table. and real communion with your borthers and sisters in Christ. It is a symbol of our bond of love as fellow Christians.

**WEEKLY AT HOPE**

**FAMILY GATHERING**

12/5/21 AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

**HOPE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

6:30 PM SUNDAY 12/19/21

@ The Arrowoods  
2770 E Wyatt Way  
Gilbert, AZ 85297  
Gate code 1776#

Dinner will be provided. More details to come.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

3:30 PM FRIDAY 12/24/21

Craig & Marie Baysinger  
7560 S. Peppertree Dr.  
Gilbert, AZ 85298  
Code: 0131

To stay up to date on all our activities and add your name and contact information, sign-up with church center at [faithhopelove.churchcenter.com](http://faithhopelove.churchcenter.com).

**Finances for October 2021**

<u>October</u>	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
Internal Giving	\$ 7,108	\$ 11,250	\$ -4,143
Expenses	\$ 15,601	\$ 15,425	\$ -176

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**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*Directions for taking communion:*

Hope Community Church welcomes all baptized believers who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and understand the meaning of the Lord's Supper to eat with us. Please note that we use wine for Communion; if you prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, the grape juice is white and the wine is red. For those with wheat allergies, a gluten free cracker\* is available in place of the bread.

*When and how to come forward for communion:*

Starting with the first row walk towards the center aisle and come forward. Once you have received the elements you may eat and drink at anytime. Please dispose of the cups in the trash receptacle.

*A Word to Parents:*

Children are welcome at the communion table. To receive the Lord's Supper, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member at Hope Community Church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If you have any question about how the process works, please contact Pastor J.C. Send him an email at [jc@hopecc.church](mailto:jc@hopecc.church)

Children may take the wine at their parents' discretion.

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**

(Hope Community Church is not only for those who are committed followers of Jesus Christ, but also for those who are curious, skeptical, unsure, etc. Our desire is for you to feel that you belong, even if you are unsure if you believe that Jesus is Lord.)

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

Lord, I am restless, and I am unsure why. I have desires that have no explanation. I am thirsty, but nothing seems to satisfy. I am hungry, but I can never get enough. I am restless. Please help me to understand and trust that you are my rest. Reveal yourself to me and how me that you are the way, the truth, and the life. I am restless, help me to find my rest in you.

**PRAYERS OF BELIEF**

Lord, I am convicted that I am a sinner in need of forgiveness. Forgive me for sinning against you in thought, word, and deed. Enable me to turn from trusting in my own efforts to trusting in you. Thank you for taking the punishment my sins deserved on the cross and by giving me new life in Christ, forgiveness of sins, and a righteousness that is not my own. Just as you raised Jesus Christ from the dead, I ask that you give me new life in him. Empower me to love you with my heart, soul, mind, and strength and my neighbor as myself. Help me to follow you in baptism and live as a committed disciple to you by faith in the power of your Spirit.

**Prayer Request and Comments**

We want to pray for you and hear your comments, suggestions and praises. Please write them in the space below or submit them online at [faithhopelove.info](http://faithhopelove.info).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

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Day      Evening

*Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by or give it to an usher or greeter.*

## *We Are Glad You Are Here Today!*

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help you in any way we can. Feel free to fill out the tear-off card below to let us know what information would be helpful. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or leader. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with a pastor to help you learn more about HCC. We are here to serve you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add me to the church directory.

Please add me to the church email list.

### *Please Let Us Know If You Are:*

First Time Visitor

Repeat Visitor

### *Please Contact Me About:*

Joining a Community Group

Membership at Hope

Meeting with a Pastor

Getting Involved

## Hope Community Church

**Our Vision:** At Hope Community Church we are a worshipping community of believers in Jesus Christ who are committed to developing our faith in him, depending on the hope he offers in the gospel, and deepening our love for Him and our neighbors.

Developing Faith-Everybody expresses faith to some degree. The question is, where is that faith directed? Are you banking on yourself, your family, science, the good of humanity, or are you ultimately depending on Christ? The beauty of the gospel is that when we begin to trust in Jesus, everything changes. We believe living by faith means moving into a realm whereby we are uncertain of ourselves but more confident of God and his faithfulness. As our faith increases, we become more like Christ as we seek to follow him.

Depending on Hope-As we express faith in Christ, we also depend on hope in the gospel. One Christian thinker puts it this way, "all hope must rest on something, but the key question is whether God and his scriptural promises are that foundation on which we find refuge by the power of the Spirit." One of the purposes of our church is to point people to the true source of hope, Jesus Christ.

Deepening in Love- As we develop our faith and depend on hope, our love for God and one another will increase. Our motive for loving others, not only those like us, but those who are radically different than us, is to glorify God in obedience to the gospel.

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