

ADVENT 2022



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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.

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.

Remembering God's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP - JOHN 3:16-17

Minister: For God so loved the world,

Please stand.
People: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

The call to worship is a reminder that
Minister: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

God is the great initiator. He is the one calling us into
People: but in order that the world might be saved through him

His presence

Bold text is read together by the congregation.

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

Plain text is read by the leader.

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

WORDS & MUSIC: ROWLAND HUGH PRICHARD & CHARLES WESLEY

Responsive readings remind us that during corporate worship God speaks to his people and we respond together as a community.

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.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY
WORDS & MUSIC: MATT BOSWELL, MATT PAPA, AND MICHAEL BLEECKER

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity;
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry;
He the perfect Son of Man,
In His living, in His suff'ring,
Never trace, nor stain of sin;
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory;
See the price of our redemption;
See the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory;
Grace unmeasured love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
Slain by death, the God of life,
But no grave could e'er restrain Him;
Praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance,
How unwavering our hope!
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be, when He comes.

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Remembering God's Grace

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 - 1 JOHN 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

Lord Christ,

we confess our willingness to be loved

but also our reluctance to love.

We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love

but also our refusal to forgive.

We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question.

In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should.

Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds;

with gratitude, as Simeon;

with obedience, as Mary;

with love, as you have loved us.

Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - ROMANS 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

COME THOU FOUNT

MUSIC & WORDS BY: JOHN WYETH AND ROBERT ROBINSON

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Receiving Christ as Prophet

CHILDREN'S CLASS

(At the parents' discretion, children up to 3rd grade may go to a class designed for them or remain in the service.)

Please be seated.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

God uses His
Word to speak
to us.

Hebrews 12:18-24

18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel

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

OUR HOPE AWAITS

Isaiah 2:1-5

- 1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
- 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,
- 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
- 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Notes

Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. What are some areas of hope we see in this passage?
2. What is a counterfeit hope that captures your attention?
3. How does celebrating Advent direct our hope back to Jesus Christ?
4. Who is the one person you can share this hope with?
5. In what area is God asking you to walk in the light?

Receiving Christ as Priest

CHILDREN'S CLASS

(Parents are now excused to pick up their children and have them join us for the rest of worship.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

So then we confess
that God fulfilled the promise
made to the early fathers and mothers
by the mouth of the holy prophets
when he sent the only and eternal Son of God
into the world
at the time appointed.
The Son took the “form of a slave”
and was made in “human form,”
truly assuming a real human nature,
with all its weaknesses,
except for sin;
being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
without male participation.

Belgic Confession Article 18, pt. 1

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

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION
WORDS & MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

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.

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 worshiping 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 brothers and sisters in Christ. It is a symbol of our bond of love as fellow Christians.

SONG OF BLESSING

DOXOLOGY

WORDS & MUSIC: THOMAS KEN AND LOUIS BOURGEOIS

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen!

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in Peace

NEXT AT HOPE

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11th @ 5:00 PM
The Arrowoods
2770 E. Wyatt Way
Gilbert, AZ 85295
Gate Code: #1776

*Come join us for our Annual Christmas Party. We will have dinner together and a white elephant gift exchange for adults and kids. Look for an email later in the week with more details.

Christmas Eve Lessons And Carols

Join us at 3:30 to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ as we look at the gospel story and sing together.

<u>Oct. 2022</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Internal Giving	\$13,798	\$12,762	\$- 1,036
Expenses	\$17,751	\$ 16,980	\$ -771

To stay up to date on all our activities or add your name and contact information, sign-up with church center at faithhopelove.churchcenter.com.

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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

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 show 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.

Name: _____

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

(_____) _____

Day Evening

Please hand this card in to at the welcome table.

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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