

Advent



December 3rd, 2023

## 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 [hopec.church](mailto:hopec.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@hopec.church](mailto:jc@hopec.church).

# Remembering God's Presence

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## **CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 69:32-34**

Minister: When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.

**People: Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.**

Please stand.

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

## **PASTORAL PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

## **SONG OF ADORATION**

*COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS*

WORDS AND MUSIC BY: CHARLES WESLEY

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.

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.

*ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH*  
MUSIC & WORDS BY: BETA RADIO; JAMES CHADWICK

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, Gloria

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Gloria, Gloria

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King

Gloria, Gloria

See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary, Joseph, lend you aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

Gloria, Gloria  
In excelsis Deo

# Remembering God's Grace

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## **CALL TO REPENTANCE**

Prepare the way of the Lord!  
Let us make our confession to God.

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.

## **PRAYER OF REPENTANCE**

**Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.  
We forget our neighbor's needs  
and do not love you above all else.  
We need a Savior.  
Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts.  
O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen."**

*SILENT CONFESSION*

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - JEREMIAH 33:14-16**

"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. 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. 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.'

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: MATT PAPA

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
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 mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man.  
In His living, in His suffering  
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 mystery  
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 mystery;  
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 deliverance;  
how unwavering our hope.  
Christ in power resurrected  
as we will be when he comes.

# Receiving Christ as Prophet

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## **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.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

God uses His  
Word to speak  
to us.

### GENESIS 3:14-15

14 The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

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. BRAD CHANEY

### *WANTED & ATTACHED*

ROMANS 8:14-21

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.



## Notes

### Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. What was pastor Brad's "big idea" for today's sermon?
2. How does the concept of adoption give you peace?
3. What does it mean to suffer with Christ?
4. How does the passage reveal Christ?
5. What is one way you can apply today's sermon this week?

# Receiving Christ as Priest

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## **CHILDREN'S CLASS/NURSERY**

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

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
And he is the head of the body, the church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

—Colossians 1:17-20

## **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**

*ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY*

MUSIC & WORDS BY: JAMES MONTGOMERY

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 field 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!

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
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!

# Receiving Christ as King

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## **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.**

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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 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**

*O COME LET US ADORE HIM*  
TUNE; WORDS BY: ADESTE FIDELES; JOHN FRANCIS WADE

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

We'll praise His name forever  
We'll praise His name forever  
We'll praise His name forever  
Christ the Lord

For He alone is worthy  
For He alone is worthy  
For He alone is worthy  
Christ the Lord

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

**BENEDICTION**

**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.

## NEXT AT HOPE

### **HOPE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**12/17/23 at 5:00 pm**

**Go to church center for more information.**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Join us December 24th for two services. We will worship in the morning together at 10:00 am and will come back at 3:30 pm for lessons and carols. Nursery will not be available for the afternoon service.

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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. Our bread is gluten free.

### *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 please wait till all have been served and we will partake together.

### *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 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.

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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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