HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday December, 7th, 2025

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 and 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 info@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, listen to your story, and try to answer your questions. Please reach out to me @ 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

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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.

SONG OF ADORATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Songwriters: Charles Wesley

Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the new-born king
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"

(Refrain)
Hark! The herald angels sing: "Glory to the new-born 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 th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

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 new-born king"

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Angels from the Realms of Glory

WORDS & MUSIC BY: JAMES MONTGOMERY; HENRY SMART

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.

(Refrain)
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 us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

Refrain

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.

Refrain

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

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 - 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

Angels we Have Heard on High
WORDS & MUSIC BY: UNKNOWN; FRENCH MELODY

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!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

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

Refrain

Receiving Christ as Prophet

Please be seated.

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.)

God uses His Word to speak to us.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2–7

2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who
dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
3You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice
before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the
spoil.
4For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his
oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment
rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
6For 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.
7Of 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. The
zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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**

Humility's Peace

Luke 2:8-20

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over
their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to
them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the
people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the
Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling
cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude
of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one
another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the
Lord has made known to us." 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and
Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known
the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it
wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things,
pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising
God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Notes

Faith Seeking Understanding:

1. Where am I chasing a shallow version of peace instead of the peace Jesus actually gives? Think comfort, control, avoidance, or “everyone just stop fighting already.”
2. How might God be inviting me, like the shepherds, to receive His good news from a place of humility rather than self-sufficiency?
3. What would it look like this week to rest in the truth that Jesus has already “killed the hostility” between God and me? In other words, how would my anxiety, guilt, or self-condemnation change if I believed reconciliation was finished, not conditional?
4. When you think about Jesus as the Savior, Christ, and Lord, which aspect of who He is brings you the most comfort right now—and why?
5. The shepherds responded by going quickly, telling others, and glorifying God. What would it look like for you to respond to the peace of Christ with similar eagerness—in your home, workplace, friendships, or church?

Receiving Christ as Priest

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.

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

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

SONG OF PREPARATION

What Child is This?
WORDS & MUSIC BY: W. C. DIX; UNKNOWN

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

SURSUM CORDA

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,

SONG OF BLESSING

The King in all His beauty
WORDS & MUSIC BY: MATT PAPA; MATT BOSWELL

O lift your eyes to heaven, see
The Holy One eternal
Behold the Lord of majesty
Exalted in His temple
As symphonies of angels praise
Now strain to sound His glory
Come worship, fall before His grace
The King in all His beauty

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
The King in all His beauty

How worthy, how worthy, how worthy
The King in all His beauty

BENEDICTION

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Go in Peace

NEXT AT HOPE

Gilbert Community Group
Tuesday | December 9th | 7:00–8:15 PM
The Baysingers - 7560 S. Peppertree Ln.
Gilbert, AZ 85298
Code: 0131#

Hope Christmas Party - Save the Date
Sunday | December 14th | 5:00 PM
The Aguilars – 7574 S. Peppertree Dr
Gilbert, AZ 85298

CHRISTMAS EVE
Join us on December 24th at 3:30 pm for Lessons and Carols. The nursery **will not be available** for the afternoon service, but kids are welcome to attend.

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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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 questions 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 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 Requests 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 concerns. Please contact me at:

(_____)_____

Day Evening

Please hand this card in 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 and return it to the welcome table. Don't hesitate to check the box to meet with our pastor to help you learn more about HCC. We are here to serve you.

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

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Address: _____

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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 worshiping 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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