



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 7, 2025



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS WEEKEND

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**: This **Saturday** (Dec 6) at **8:00AM**. We'll begin reading through J Gresham Machen's book "Christianity and Liberalism" together.

THIS SUNDAY

- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Classes are on break for December. We will resume on Sunday, January 4.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **DEACON OFFERING**: Please support Hope's diaconal ministries with your monthly offering this Sunday.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 13 at the back of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: Next **Tuesday** (Dec 9) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MOVIE NIGHT**: Come enjoy a screening of "The Muppet Christmas Carol" next **Saturday** (December 13) at **6:00PM**. Pizza, Gatorade, and popcorn will be provided.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **CHRISTMAS RIP-OFF**: Join us for a beloved annual tradition: the Craig Vick Memorial Christmas Rip-Off on Saturday, **December 20**. The evening kicks off at **6:00PM** with tasty finger foods, followed by our

hilariously unpredictable “rip-off” gift exchange.

To play, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 or less — and brace yourself for the very real possibility that your present might be snatched away! Family and friends are very welcome, so come ready for laughter, mischief, and plenty of holiday cheer.

COMING UP

- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**: Please join us for our annual service of lessons and carols on **Wednesday, December 24** at **6:00PM**.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [*Psalms 106:1, 8, 48*](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

[*"Gloria Patri"*](#)

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**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

[*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*](#)

#194

**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 thee, O Israel.***

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, 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, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

Words from Latin antiphons (12th century); Latin hymn (1710),
translated by John Mason Neale (1851; Alt. 1951).

Music: Plainsong (13th century), arranged by Thomas Helmore (1856).
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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[Romans 8:5-8, 13](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Sovereign Lord God, we confess that we have turned
our minds and hearts away from you to indulge our
own sinful desires. Our selfish self-indulgence breeds
sin in thought, word, and deed. Forgive, O our Father,
our sins of the flesh, and help us by your Spirit to put
to death the deeds of the flesh, that we might live
according to the Spirit. . . .**

Turn our minds and hearts back to you, to remember your mercy and grace demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ our Savior, that we might gratefully live as befits sons and daughters of the Most High God. We thank you, O Lord, and we praise you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[Psalm 32:5](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"](#)

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**Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.**

**Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.**

**Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
blotting out each dark misdeed;
all that well deserved his anger
he no more will see or heed.**

**She hath suffered many a day
now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
into ever-springing gladness.**

**For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.**

**O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.**

**Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.**

**For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token,
that his word is never broken.**

German text by Johannes G. Olearius (1671);
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1863).

Music by Louis Bourgeois (1551); arranged by Henry A. Bruinsma (alt. 1990).
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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER

[Latvia \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Latvia's national anthem, *God Bless Latvia*, is very telling of the history of this Baltic European country. Themed around song and dance, the anthem shows how central music and family are to Latvians' cultural identity. Indeed, singing and community played a key role in the three Baltic states' independence in the 1990s, the peaceful Singing Revolution. Despite the name of the anthem, Latvia was one of the last European states to receive the Gospel. Historically taken advantage of due to its location between two Baltic republics and Russia, Latvia has been ruled by various countries for centuries, including Russia, Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union.

Home to the world's fourth-highest suicide rate, Latvia paints a landscape of hopelessness across a backdrop of beautiful natural scenery and strong and centered family life. The hope and optimism of emerging from Soviet rule were met with the emptiness and equally bleak colors of many social problems. Alcohol, drugs, a rapidly growing sex trade, and high abortion rates rushed to fill the void of the moral vacuum left by their newfound freedom. Latvians desperately need healing and light as they continue to stumble along in the darkness.

The burst of religious activity Latvians experienced when they finally gained freedom as an independent nation in the 1990s has since died out and been replaced with nominalism. Latvia has pagan roots; cults (both pagan and Christian) are on the rise and are a barrier to authentic faith in Christ. 60% identify themselves as Christians, but only a small minority actually practice their faith.

The Russian minority, mostly non-religious or Orthodox, remains a struggle for relationships because of a dark and painful history between them and the Latvians. The rural population lacks consistent access to the Christian church. It is crucial to reach the youth of the nation before they adopt the spiritual apathy or the atheism of their forefathers. More workers are desperately needed to advance the Gospel.

- Pray for a vibrant Church that proclaims hope and righteousness.
- Pray for deliverance and restoration for addicts and trafficked girls and women.
- Pray for united missions, vision, and prayer across all Latvian churches.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT

[Deuteronomy 34](#)

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." ⁵So Moses the

servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

SERMON

“Moses: Died and Buried”

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

***Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."***

**Christ, by highest heav'n 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 as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

***Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."***

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n 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 newborn King."***

Words by Charles Wesley (1739, 1753; Alt.).

Music by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1840); arr. by William H. Cummings (1856)

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE **HOLD** ELEMENTS UNTIL **ALL** ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

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

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

THE **SECOND OFFERING** IF FOR HOPE'S **DEACON FUND.**

["Doxology"](#)

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BENEDICTION

[2 Thessalonians 3:5, 18](#)

["Threefold Amen"](#)

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 18:1–19
(TH page 788–789)

HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 8

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7

PRAYERS

SERMON

Ephesians 1:3–5, 10

“The Church: All the Elect in Christ”

(See WCF 25.1 — TH page 863)

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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