



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

December 28, 2025



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

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY (DEC 28)

- **NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Classes are on break for December. We will resume on Sunday, January 4.
- **NOTE:** *The livestream this Sunday will be video **and sound only**. The text from the bulletin will not be shown on screen, so please download and/or print the bulletin at home. The bulletin may also be found on the main page of Hope's website:*
www.hopepreschurch.org.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP:** Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **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:** There will be **NO** Bible study next **Tuesday** (December 30).
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Next **Saturday** (Jan 3) at **8:00AM**. We will discuss the Introduction to Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism".
- **TAKING DOWN "THE GREENS":** Please save next **Saturday** (Jan 3) at **10:00AM** to help take down the lovely Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY:** We resume our study of Paul's letter to the Romans on Tuesday, **January 6** at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link)

COMING UP

- **INQUIRER'S CLASS:** Anyone interested in a new member / inquirer's class, *please notify Pastor Martin*.
- **SERVING ACRES OF DIAMONDS:** Our church is providing a Community Dinner at Acres of Diamonds (a women and children shelter in Duvall founded by Christians) on **Wednesday, February 25** from **5:30PM** to **7:15PM**. We have 3 ladies who have volunteered to be part of our team and have room for 2 more. Please consider being a part of this ministry. You must be 12 or older to participate. Please contact Kelly Vick by January 17 for more information or if you want to participate (kellypvick@msn.com).

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Psalm 89:1-4, 52](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

[“Gloria Patri”](#)

#734

**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.**

[“As with Gladness Men of Old”](#)

#226

**As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious God, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly cradle bed,
there to bend the knee before
him whom heav’n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare
at that cradle rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure, and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.**

**Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[Hebrews 10:26-31](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Creator and King, Sovereign God, out of the depths
of our sin we cry out to you, O Lord. Hear us, Father.
May your ears be attentive to our pleas for mercy.
If you, Lord, kept a record of our sins, who could
stand before you? We acknowledge our sins.
We confess them to you, all of our offenses in
thought, word, and deed. Our sins deserve your
judgment, O God, but with you there is forgiveness**

that you may be feared. Our souls wait up on you,
and in your words of grace and mercy we hope
with confidence, through Jesus Christ our Savior.
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

[Romans 8:1-2](#)

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

["See, amid the Winter's Snow"](#)

#199

See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies:
he who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim.

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Say, ye holy shepherds, say —
what's your joyful news today?
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**"As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing, 'Peace on earth,'
told us of the Savior's birth."**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**Sacred infant, all divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**Teach, O teach us, holy child,
by thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble thee,
in thy sweet humility.**

***Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

*Westminster Confession of Faith III.3&4 –
Of God's Eternal Decree*

3. By the decree of God, for the manifestation of his glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life; and others foreordained to everlasting death.

4. These angels and men, thus predestinated and foreordained, are particularly and unchangeably designed, and their number so certain and definite that it cannot be either increased or diminished.

PRAYER

[Liberia \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Liberia was founded in West Africa by freed slaves who sought to establish a nation in which man was not owned but free. Though it is the oldest republic in Africa, a national identity has only started to take shape after two civil wars. Blanketed with rainforests and valuable hardwood trees, Liberia is richly blessed in natural resources such as timber, iron ore, gold, and diamonds. Its temperate climate also fosters productive agriculture.

Almost half of Liberia's five and a half million people are under the age of fifteen. Sex trafficking is widespread, and many of the victims are children. An estimated 84% of the population live on less than \$1.25 a day. Only about 47% of adults and 54% of youth are literate. Emotional and psychological scars of war and disease plague Liberia. The first civil war (1989–1996) claimed over 200,000 lives. The second (1997–2003) caused the death of an additional 100,000 people. These wars demolished the nation's economic system and traumatized its people. Sadly, Liberia was forced to fight yet another battle when Ebola struck in 2014. By 2016 the horrific disease had killed over 4,000 people.

Many farmers fled their lands, leaving fields unplanted and without a harvest. In addition to a lack of crops, only a quarter of the population has access to safe drinking water.

In the midst of these tragedies, Liberians celebrate freedom of religion. Approximately 42% follow ethnic religions, 40% claim Christianity, and 16% are Muslim. Islam is growing at a faster rate than Christianity. The Church is mostly located in the city, while much of the population lives in rural areas without access to sound Biblical teaching. Many doors have opened for the spread of the Gospel throughout Liberia, including the Ebola crisis which provided countless opportunities to share the love of Jesus through tangible medical care. But the false teachings of the prosperity gospel have also gained influence in many regions. May the Holy Spirit motivate Liberians to reach the unreached with His love and give them a desire to introduce their own people to Jesus, their only Savior.

- Pray for conviction and deliverance from sex-trafficking and violence against women.
- Pray for Liberia's youth trapped in severe poverty, gangs, drugs, and corruption.
- Pray for believers to grow in passion to share the Gospel with Muslim and animist neighbors.

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.

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

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.”

20 The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was
the mother of all living.

S E R M O N

“The Covenant of Grace”

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the Source, the Ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers
sang of old with one accord,
whom the Scriptures of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

**Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!**

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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

["Doxology"](#)

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BENEDICTION

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

["Threefold Amen"](#)

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 20

(TH page 790)

HYMN

“Who Are These like Stars Appearing”

TH #542

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 11

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10

PRAYERS

SERMON

Romans 11:1–5

“The Church: How Visible Is It?”

(See WCF 25.4 — TH page 863)

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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