



**NEW HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Advent Week Two: Sola Gratia
December 7, 2025 | 10:30AM

W E L C O M E T O N E W H O P E

We are so glad you found your way here today. To our members and returning visitors, welcome back! To those of you who are new, welcome! There are a couple of things you might like to know.

First, New Hope Presbyterian is a Bible-believing congregation seeking to worship and serve God in response to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, we believe gathered worship is the central event in the church's life together: it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also recognize that for some of you this is the first time (or the first time in a long time) in a more structured service of worship that calls for you to participate so actively. Relax! Everything you need is both printed in the Worship Guide you are holding and up on the screen. We encourage you to turn off the auto-pilot and join us in vibrantly and enthusiastically praising God, confessing, singing, and hearing the Scriptures. Worship is for all of God's people. Enjoy the service!

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MEDITATION

Reflect on these words about the Incarnation of Christ:

If Christ had arrived with trumpets and lain in a cradle of gold, his birth would have been a splendid affair. But it would not be a comfort to me. He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be thought of little significance in the eyes of the world. Now I can come to him. Now he reveals himself to the miserable in order not to give any impression that he arrives with great power, splendor, wisdom and aristocratic manners." – *Martin Luther*

WELCOME

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PRELUDE: *Adestes Fideles*

John Francis Wade

— G O D ' S G L O R Y —

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 11:9b-10

⁹ "...Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (TH 196)

— O U R G U I L T —

READING OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:20, 48; 6:1, 33; 7:12

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

²⁰ ... unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

¹ Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ³³ ... seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

¹² So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Confess your sins to God:

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor miserable sinners confess that from our childhood, until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we had never provoked your anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

— G O D ' S G R A C E —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

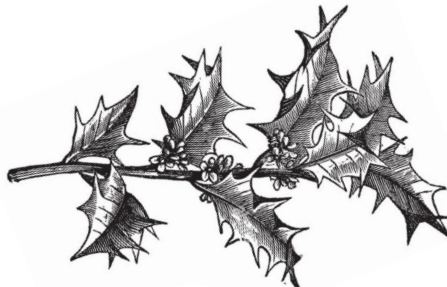
Ephesians 1:3-8

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight[.]

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: *Fullness of Grace*

PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION



— O U R G R A T I T U D E —

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: *On Christmas Night*

Traditional English Carol, SUSSEX CAROL, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

*On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,*

*News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.*

*When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place.*

*Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.*

*All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night,*

*"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen."*



SERMON: "For Such a Worm as I"

Sola Gratia

Titus 2:11

Rev. Richard L. Burguet

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *What Child Is This?* (TH 213)

Guidelines for Reception of the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper, also called "Communion" or "the Eucharist," is the ultimate family meal for Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus to partake of this sacrament—those who have believed the Good News, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing with the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus and His people, the Church: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." - 1 Cor. 11:27-29

Reflection for Those Not Partaking:

Prayer for a Search for Truth: "Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me into the life You promise."

Prayer for Awakening: "Lord Jesus, I have heard teaching from the Bible and have been in church for years, but very little of this seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what You are saying. Unnerve me with the bad news. Captivate me with the good news. Make what is familiar seem new."

Prayer for Belief: "Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the Cross, and offering me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord."

— G O D C O M M U N E S W I T H U S —

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; And he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**"Catholic" means universal- one church across all times, places, and peoples.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night* (TH 215)

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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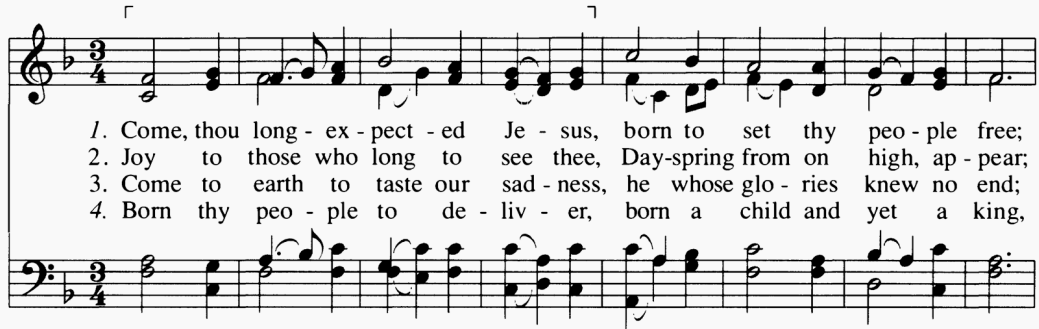
"Don't Rush To The 'Good Stuff!'" (Matthew 1:1-19)

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

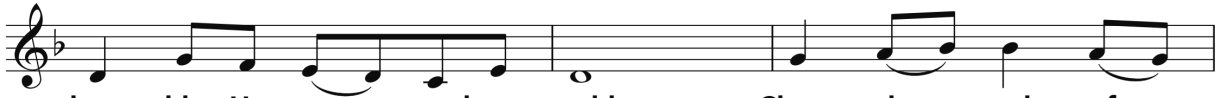
Fullness of Grace



Full - ness of grace in man's hu - man frail - ty, this is the won - der of
 Full - ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face of
 Full - ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Prom - ise of God in



Je - sus. Lay - ing a - side His pow - er and glo - ry,
 Je - sus. Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu - man - i - ty,
 Je - sus. Through His o - be - dience we are for - giv - en,



hum - bly He en - tered our world. Chose the path of
 walk - ing the Cal - va - ry road. Christ the ho - ly
 op - 'ning the flood - gates of heav'n. All our hopes and



mean - est worth: Scan - dal of a vir - gin birth. Born in a sta - ble,
 in - no - cent took our sins and pun - ish - ment. Full - ness of God, de -
 dreams we bring glad - ly as an of - fer - ing. Full - ness of life and

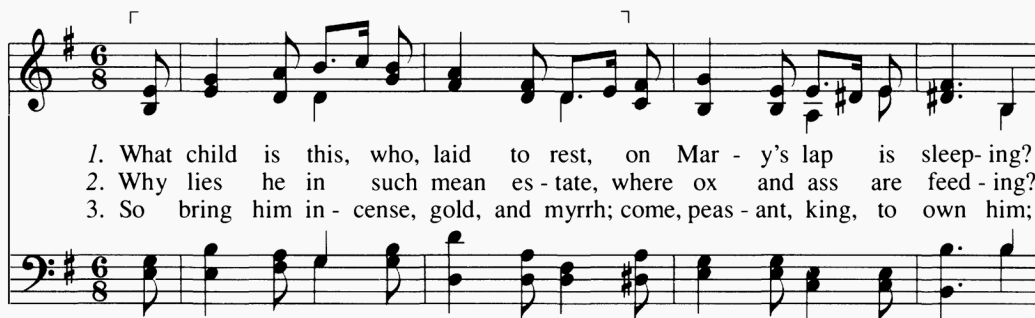


cold and re - jec - ted: Here lies the hope of the world.
 spised and re - jec - ted: Crushed for the sins of the world.
 joy un - speak - a - ble: God's gift in love to the world.

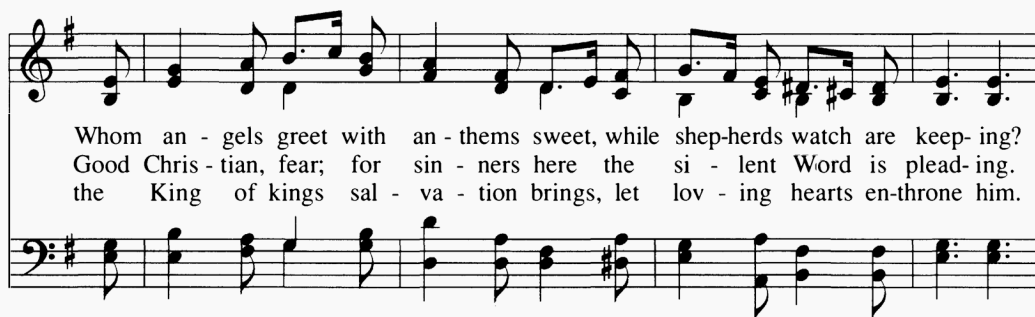
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What Child Is This

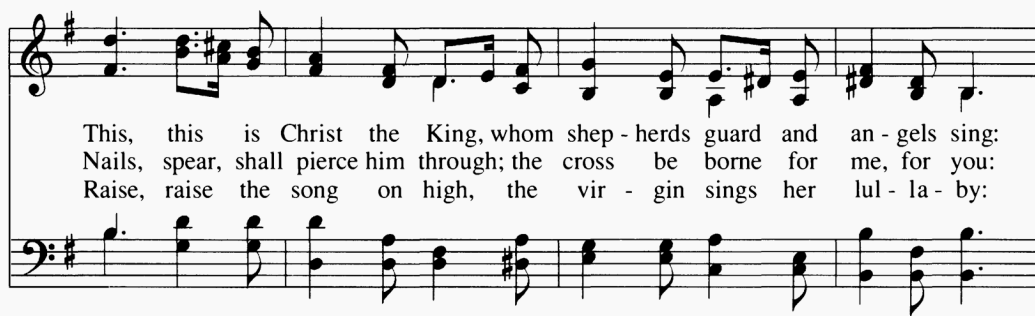
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



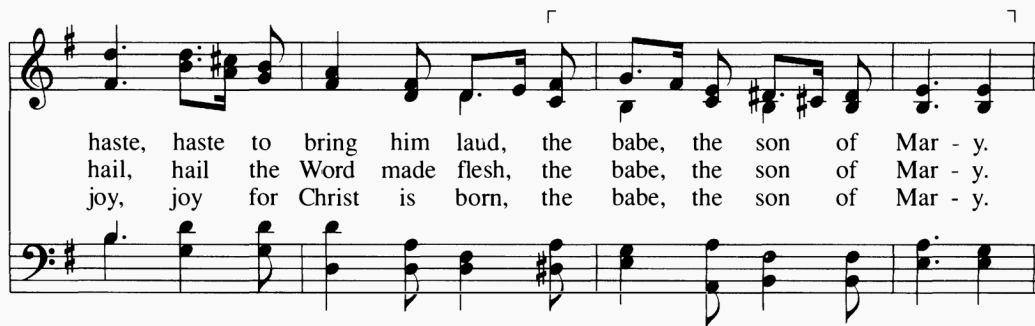
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Is. 12:3

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a
 3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall re -
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er joy our

f REFRAIN **p** echo
 an - gel bright.
 child to - day. How great our joy! Great our joy!
 deem us all.
 hearts shall fill.

f **p** echo **f**
 Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

p **echo**
 heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

HISTORY OF HYMNS: “WHAT CHILD IS THIS”

C. Michael Hawn | June 19, 2013 | umcdiscipleship.org

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

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.*

GREENSLEEVES, the tune for which this text was probably written, is one of the most beautiful and beloved melodies of the season.

Though not exclusively a Christmas tune, its association with this season goes back to at least 1642, where it is paired with the Waits' carol, “The old year now away is fled.” Shakespeare refers twice to GREENSLEEVES in his play *Merry Wives of Windsor*, helping to date it in the 16th century.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), an Anglican layman, was the son of a surgeon in Bristol, England. He spent most of his life as a businessman, working as a manager for the Maritime Insurance Company in Glasgow, Scotland. We know of his church affiliation only through his hymns that were published in *Altar Songs*, *Verses on the Holy Eucharist*, and *A Vision of All Saints*.

Hymnologist Albert Bailey notes that some of Dix's hymns are “horribly sentimental,” but on the whole says, “his hymns are simple, reverent, sincere, imaginative, not above the average comprehension, and two of them at least have proved to be continuously serviceable.” In addition to “What child is this,” Dr. Bailey is referring to “As with gladness men of old,” an Epiphany hymn.

Stanza one, influenced by the Romantic poets of his day, perhaps skirts the edges of sentimentality. Beginning with a rhetorical question, “What child is this?” the poet condenses Luke 2:8-16 into a single stanza, painting a picture of a classic Nativity scene with the Christ Child sleeping on “Mary's lap” while angels sing “anthems sweet” and shepherds “watch are keeping.”

Stanza two makes fleeting reference to the less than ideal conditions—“mean estate”—under which the idyllic scene of the previous stanza is situated. Like stanza one, the poet begins with a rhetorical question, “Why lies he in such mean estate?” In essence, he asks why the Christ Child should be in such a humble setting “where ox and ass are feeding.” The original second half of this stanza [found in the Trinity Hymnal but not in others], provides a more complete response to this question:

*Nails, spear shall pierce him through;
The cross he bore for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the Son of Mary!*

Dix's answer to the reason for the “mean estate” under which Christ was born lies in his future suffering on the cross. Possibly Dix knew the Waits' New Year's carol mentioned earlier. The second stanza of this carol written over a century earlier also alludes to the suffering of Christ:

*The name day now of Christ we keep,
Who for our sins did often weep;
His hands and feet were wounded deep,
And his blessed side with a spear...*

In the final stanza, the poet expands the circle of those attending this humble scene. Drawing from the Epiphany season and the gifts brought by the magi, we take our place at the manger, bringing metaphorical gifts of “incense, gold, and myrrh.” This is a setting that defies the conventional class structures of the time; the invitation is open to both the “peasant” and “king.” In a sentiment that is very common in hymnody, “the King of kings” will be “enthroned” in “loving hearts.”

Dr. C. Michael Hawn was director of the sacred music program at Perkins School of Theology and is now retired as Professor Emeritus of Church Music.

PRAY THIS WEEK:

MISSIONS PARTNERS: From Fred and Sheila Reid (Alive Again Ministries in Tokyo): "Please pray that we can raise \$45k by the end of the year (\$15k to make our deficit for 2025 and the rest for a stable 2026). Our Japanese friends are blown away when they find out that we are sustained by the sacrificial financial giving of Christian friends like you. Your act of love, which is upholding Sheila and me and our ministry financially, is a Witness of Grace and Love to our neighbors, including our landlord, the Yamazaki family! Because of your continued partnership, we are able share the Gospel of God's Grace in a place where giving is rare and Christians are even rarer." (Check New Hope's newsletter for a link to give to Fred and Sheila and a short video update.)

NEW HOPE: For our Living Nativity to be a fun and safe event with good weather, and that the Spirit will use it to do a good work in our community by reaching many who have never heard the Gospel.

LAKESIDE COVENANT: For Lakeside as they elect elders and near the end of the process of particularization.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF KHERSON, UKRAINE: For God's continued protection and provision for Vova, Max and his family, and the Holy Trinity Church family, and preservation of the church building. That as the war drags on, seemingly endlessly, you'll give those who have remained there strength and courage to continue to endure and serve those around them.

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

General Fund

(Budget) _____ (\$436,932)

Contributions _____ \$442,002

IMAGES

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19 Linda McMillin
21 Clara Matulia
25 David Kelly, James Overfield
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