



**NEW HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
*Advent Week Three: Sola Fide*  
December 14, 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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## WELCOME

### **PRELUDE:** *What Child is This?/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Traditional English carol, W.C. Dix, GREENSLEEVES, Latin, Tr. John Mason, VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Lee Holdridge

*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?*

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

*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.*



### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Galatians 4:4–7

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## INVOCATION

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *Once in Royal David's City* (TH 225)

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (TH 203)

## **OFFERING & OFFERTORY: *The First Noel/Silent Night***

**Traditional English, W. Sandy, THE FIRST NOEL, Joseph Mohr, STILL NACHT, arr. Lee Holdridge**

*The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, born is the King of Israel!*

*Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight:  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly host sing, "Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born!"*

*Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth!*

## **CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (TH 214)**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **SERMON: "With Whom God Is Pleased"**

*Sola Fide*

Luke 2:8–14; Romans 5:12–21; Romans 5:1

**Rev. Robert Rothwell**

## **CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* (TH 227)**

### **BENEDICTION**

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### **POSTLUDE**

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## "For Such A Worm As I" (Titus 2:11-15)

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## Once in Royal David's City

*You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14*

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

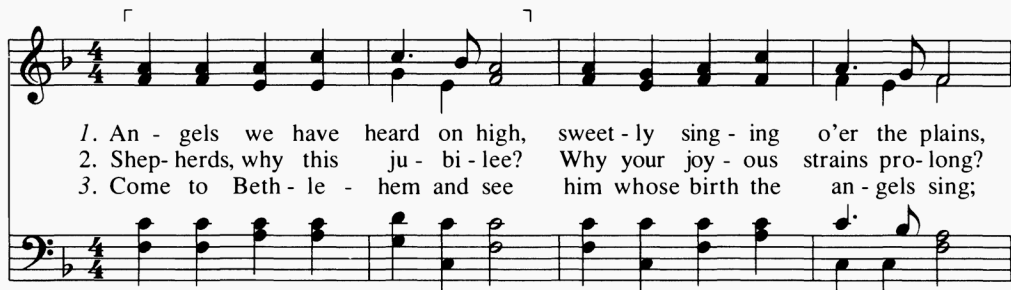
with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky, and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.  
 thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

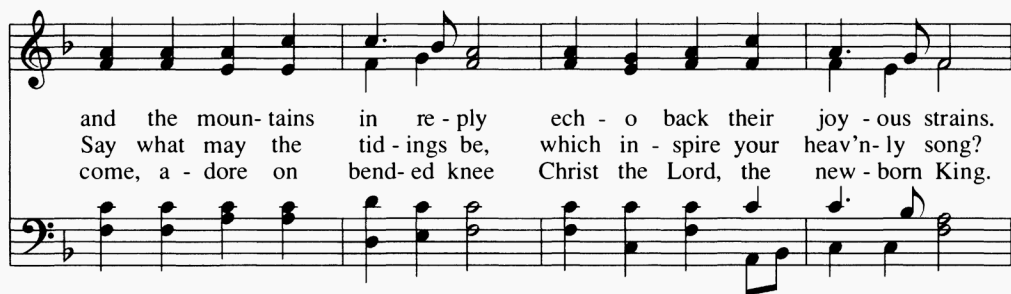
# Angels We Have Heard on High

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*  
Luke 2:14



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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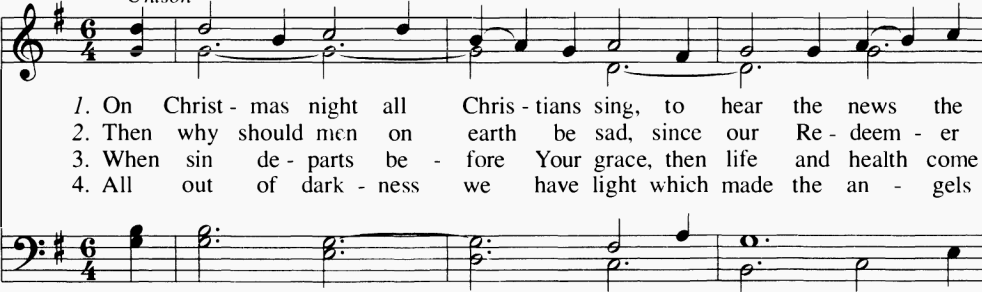
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## On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

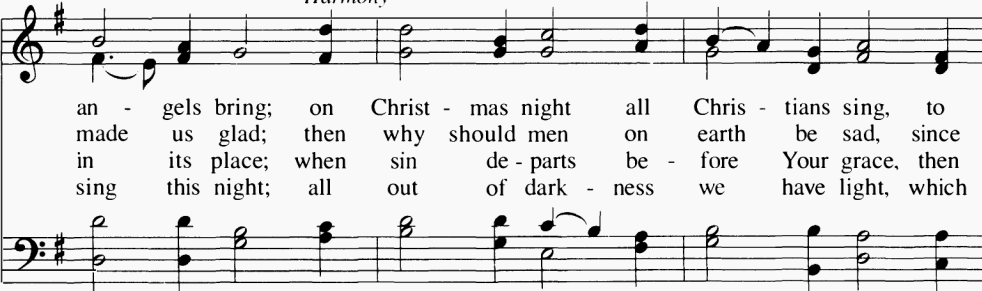
*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10*

*Unison*



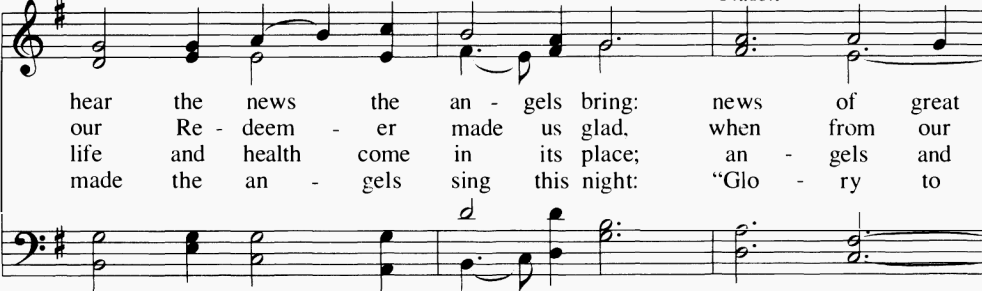
1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the  
 2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er  
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then life and health come  
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light which made the an - gels

*Harmony*



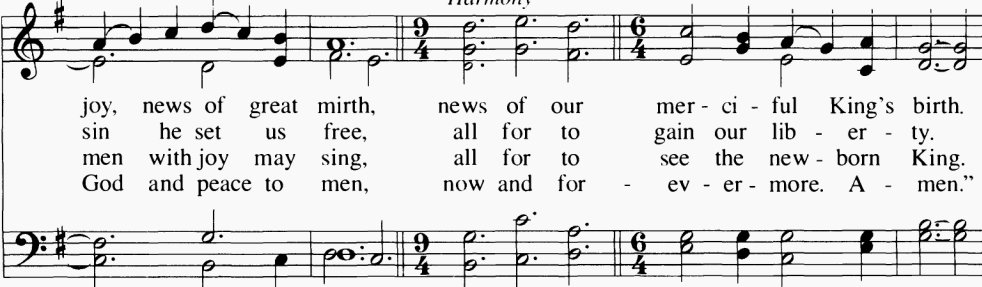
an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to  
 made us glad; then why should men on earth be sad, since  
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 sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which

*Unison*



hear the news the an - gels bring; news of great  
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, when from our  
 life and health come in its place; an - gels and  
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to

*Harmony*



joy, news of great mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
 sin he set us free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.  
 men with joy may sing, all for to see the new - born King.  
 God and peace to men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

## REFLECTION: "The Way of Obedience" by Sinclair Ferguson

Has the prospect of doing the right thing ever given you cause to be afraid? For Joseph, it had—at least at first. [His] experience of angelic revelation was quite different from Mary's. It wasn't only that the angel appeared to Mary when she was awake but came to Joseph when he was asleep. Mary was told about the conception of Jesus *before* it took place (Luke 1:31); but Joseph learned of it only *after* it had already happened. Why did the word of the Lord come to them in these two different ways and at two different times?

One reason is, obviously, that Mary needed to know in advance; Joseph didn't. Perhaps another is that Joseph needed to be tested to prepare him for the trials that lay ahead. It might seem from the angelic messages that the young couple did have one thing in common: they were both told not to be afraid (Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:30). But their fears were different. Mary was afraid because she had just encountered the angel Gabriel. Joseph's encounter was much less fearful—after all, he was dreaming. In his case the angel had come to help him deal with a two-stage fear: on the one hand, the fear of grieving God by following the desires of his own heart, and then, on the other, the fear of the consequences that might flow from marrying Mary. If Joseph went ahead with his marriage to Mary, the child she was carrying would be born only a few months afterwards. Everyone would know. And where was Mary now anyway? She had probably already left home and gone to her cousin Elizabeth. (Incidentally, what a wonderful family circle God had given her.) There was no opportunity to discuss with her what they would do. How could he discuss it with anybody? Who could give him wise counsel?

But the angel's message was *Continue to trust the Lord, Joseph. You never need to be afraid of doing God's will.* Little did Joseph know what God had planned! For some months later he and Mary would begin an extended period away from home, conveniently far away from prying eyes and loose tongues:

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. (Luke 2:1-6)*

Nor would Joseph have been able to imagine that strangers from the east would bring them valuable gifts, or that they would then be refugees in Egypt—yet well supplied with these gifts to sustain them in exile.

Our God is not what is sometimes called a *deus ex machina*—a divine figure in a play, appearing as if by magic to sort out the mess. He does not pop in and out of history as occasion demands. Matthew 1:1-17 has already underlined that he is Lord of every detail of it. Now Joseph was about to discover that for himself. He did not need to fear. The heavenly Father was in total control. This is every Christian's security too, as the Heidelberg Catechism, a 16th-century statement of faith, famously says:

*Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?*

*Answer: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

To us, Joseph seems a silent man. He appears only once in the Gospel records outside of the birth narratives in Matthew and Luke; he never speaks. We know nothing more about him. But he is a wonderful illustration of the principle articulated by the slave-ship-captain-turned-hymn-writer John Newton:

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.*

And so, when Joseph woke up, "he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife" (Matthew 1:24). We can't help admiring Joseph. He heard the word of God; he believed the word of God; and he obeyed the word of God, whatever the cost might be.

Christmas Eve services beyond number have begun with the singing of Cecil Francis Alexander's carol "Once in Royal David's City." Every year we hear these words:

*And through all his wondrous childhood, he would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay...*

But Jesus must have watched Joseph too. If you think about this, it may make you hold your breath in wonder for a moment: Joseph was the man God chose and prepared to protect and nurture his incarnate Son. Eventually, as the Lord Jesus grew older, he must have spent more time with him than he did with Mary. Yes, he loved his mother to the end; but he also loved the lowly carpenter into whose care his heavenly Father had entrusted him. He must have watched him for hours in the workshop and worked with him on his projects. From his lips he would have heard the psalms of David and the ancient stories of grace. He would have heard the prophecies that foretold his death. And perhaps from Joseph, too, he heard the words of Isaiah: "This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word" (Isaiah 66:2).

Lord, reassure us today that we have nothing to fear if we live in your presence and do your will. You have promised never to leave us and never to forsake us. Give us all the help we will need today to be obedient to your word. Amen.

***The Dawn of Redeeming Grace: Daily Devotions for Advent. Pp. 64-69. The Good Book Company. 2021.***

## PRAY THIS WEEK:

**MISSIONS PARTNERS:** *From Patrick & Regina Lennox of Occom Ministries:* This coming year, we need to pull back on our ministry travel to strengthen our support account. In order for us to hit the ground running in 2026, we need to finish this year strong -- not just with special gifts (as appreciated as they are), but we need new partners to commit to go with us for the long-haul. We need to raise our support by \$4,000 per month to build a savings and have enough to draw from every month to continue our ministry. If you are already partnering with us, thank you. We can't ask for anything more. Your faithfulness means everything.

**CFL PRESBYTERY:** For Hispanic Mission Church La Viña in Orlando and Pastor Pablo Torres.

**NEW HOPE:** For all those in our congregation dealing with illness and those who love and care for them to have strength, patience, healing, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Randy Somers  
8 Sue Vibert  
10 Maddee Mosley  
11 Michael Hamel, Richard Burguet  
15 Howard Yates  
19 Linda McMillin  
21 Clara Matulia  
25 David Kelly, James Overfield  
26 Christi Stormant  
27 Leon Libby  
28 Nathalie (Rosel) Stager  
30 Matthew Johnson

## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

(Budget) \_\_\_\_\_ (\$446,035)  
Contributions \_\_\_\_\_ \$454,041

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Shane and Jennifer Overfield  
4 Kevin and Rebekah Beary  
19 Dave and Linda Wieboldt  
20 Theresa and Wes Ohland  
23 Randal and Vianne Stormant  
29 Bill and Elaine Haley

## IMAGES

Cover: "Faith—Hope" stained glass window in Church of the Holy Spirit, East Greenbush, NY. Designed by Francesco Ruocco Studios of Havervill, MA, ca. 1937.

Page 4: Vignette mockup from an unpublished book on snowflakes. Cecelia Glaisher. Photographic print. Mid-1850s.



# NEW HOPE

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Lyndsey Coyle, *Administrator*

Olga Kolpakova, *Accompanist*

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