

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Second Sunday of Advent
January 4, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

-based on Isaiah 60:1-3

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

HYMN 16

Verse 1

**The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heav'n confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.**

Verse 3

**There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zions's sacred height
His kingdom He maintains,
and, glorious with His saints in light,
forever reigns.**

Verse 5

**The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost"
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's God and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
all might and majesty are Thine,
and endless praise.**

Verse 1 We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

(Chorus) O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Verse 2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

Verse 3 Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship Him, God on high.

Verse 4 Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Verse 5 Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Sounds through the earth and skies.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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.

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

-WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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;
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.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SHORTER CATECHISM Q/A 1

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 11:33 ESV

Oh the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 60:15-22

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 2:13-23

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SERMON

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- WE JOIN TO FEAST -

HYMN OF PREPARATION

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

HYMN 221

Verse

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
(Repeat verse one more time)**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ONE THE LORD BE WITH YOU
ALL AND ALSO WITH YOU.
ONE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!
ALL WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!
ONE LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD
ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**ONE TOGETHER LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH.
ALL CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS & LORD'S SUPPER

Lord's Supper is the culmination and high point of the worship service and is a reminder of the meal we will share in the New Creation. When we eat this meal we are taken up into heaven to feast with the saints and the Lamb.

Verse 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Chorus It is well, It is well,
with my soul, with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Verse 3 My sin: O, the bliss of this glorious thought:
My sin: Not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Verse 4 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so": It is well with my soul.

§ BENEDICTION

A benediction is literally a "good word" or a blessing to carry with us as we leave our time of worship.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

WOMEN'S WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY: *Sermon on the Mount*, by Jen Wilkin
How does the "Old" law meet the "New" way of Jesus? Last fall in our study of the Ten Commandments, we learned the Ten Words graciously position us to live at peace with God and others. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the true and better Moses, takes those ancient words and writes them directly onto our hearts.

Join us for a transformative study as we walk through the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and discover how Jesus didn't abolish the Ten Commandments, but fulfilled them with grace, depth, and a call to a higher kind of love.

Gathering Details

When: Wednesday January 28, @ 6:30, or Friday January 30 @ 9:00 AM

Where: Hopewell

Duration: 9 Weeks

Book will be available the week before the first lesson. Child care will be available on Wednesday night.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: *A Good Confession* study continues Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school is continuing their study, *A Hidden Christmas* by Tim Keller which will run through the end of the year. All are welcomed to join Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

BLESSING BOX: Winter has arrived. Some new items that would be of great use are gloves, hats, and socks. Can openers would also be great to have next to the canned food items. Items that seem to be in demand are pasta, canned meats, breakfast foods, hamburger and tuna helper, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, quick fix food items. Also, personal hygiene items are always welcome, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner, etc. Cleaning supplies are items that go quickly; laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning wipes, brushes, cleaning cloths, sponges etc. Finally, baby supplies are always popular, diapers or pull ups for Toddlers (size 1 and above), diaper wipes, nose wipes, baby shampoo & body wash, drinking cups for babies and toddlers, etc. These are just suggestions, anything you want to donate is greatly appreciated!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS - Iris Allender - 2nd, Ellen Fox - 6th,
Nora Berkley, Melinda Frazier and Jen Maurer - 10th, Dave Maurer - 11th,
Silas Smith - 12th, Katrina Browning -15th, Jason Allender - 17th,
Christopher Bolds and Linda Henderson - 19th, Paige Marston and Amy Spencer - 21st,
Eric Rose, Thomas Spencer, and Kay Tearman - 26th,
Lori Rose and Miles Steinberg - 27th, Eddie Henry - 31st

PRAYER REQUESTS: Charlotte Steinberg, Nola Lory, Don Mullen, Lexi Jones, Olive Davidson, Graham Hougland, Becky Wertz, Natalie Raleigh, Fred Burton, Candy Welch, Melinda Frazier, Amy Arkenberg, Dave Pennington, Bill Liverett, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Danny Calvert, Hannah McAdams, Marilyn Hiser, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

HOMEBOUND: Norma Jean Fox, Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, Becky Wertz

ATTENDANCE: December 28th - 124, December Average - 134 Christmas Eve - 192;
YTD Avg.- 113

To PONDER PRAYERFULLY

""The ultimate test of our spirituality is the measure of our amazement at the grace of God.""
- Martin Lloyd-Jones

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