

# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022



St. Katharine's, Hamburg, Germany

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## HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Hope Presbyterian Church*  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

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**We Gather as God's People**

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| Prelude | "O Morning Star, How Bright" | Paul Manz |
| Introit | "Blessing"                   | Denzler   |

Welcome

*Please take this time to write your prayer concerns online in live chat, or when onsite use prayer cards.*

\* Advent Candle Lighting

The world says, "All is lost."  
God says, "All is loved."  
The darkness says, "The light is dying."  
The light says, "The fire is catching."  
Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."  
Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,  
**we pray for holy hope of God.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
**Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

\* Hymn #88 v 1, 7      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**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, Desire of nations, bind**  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!

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

**Call to Confession**

This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin, and put on the armor of righteousness, asking our Savior for forgiveness. *Let us first pause in silence for reflection and personal confession.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Response #113        "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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**Call for the Offering**

All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives to the Lord. *There are many ways to give – through the micro-pantry, Kumler chili with beans collection, spare change for Kumler, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You may mail checks directly to the Church Office for all offerings and pledges.* Let us receive this morning's offering and give thanks to God.

**Prayer of Dedication**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**We Listen for God's Word**

**Time with the Children**

Anthem        "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"    Lloyd Larson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

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This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Seeing as God Sees"

Rev. Pam Laing

### We Respond to the Word

Hymn

"More Love, More Power"

Jude Del Hierro

#### **Chorus:**

**More love, more power, more of You in my life.  
More love, more power, more of You in my life.**

#### **Verse 1:**

**And I will worship You with all of my heart.  
And I will worship You with all of my mind.  
And I will worship You with all my strength,  
for You are my Lord, You are my Lord.**

#### **Verse 2:**

**And I will seek Your face with all of my heart.  
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind.  
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength,  
for you are my Lord, You are my Lord.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### **Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**The Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. It is right to give thanks and  
praise.**

**(Prayer continues...)**

**It is indeed right ... pour out Your Holy Spirit ... with those who sing  
to your glory ...**

**Let us together proclaim the mystery of our faith.**

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

**And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:**

Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Response

Have all here been served? **Yes.**

Have ALL been served? **Not yet, but one day, with God's help!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Moment for Mission

Sheryl Essenburg

### We Are Sent Forth to Serve

\* Hymn #82            "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, thou expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

\* Benediction

Postlude                    "Hyfrydol"

Flor Peeters

Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday School 10:45 – 11:30

\* *Those who are able please stand.*

Numbers listed in the bulletin correspond to songs in the purple hymnal, Glory to God, which contains words and music for congregational singing. All are encouraged to make a joyful noise!

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Communion liturgy adapted from Eucharistic Prayers, S.Wells & A.Kocher, 2016.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please share your prayer concerns online in the live chat or fill out the Contact Cards provided as you enter the sanctuary and place them in the basket. More cards are located in the pass-through near the office.*

### **Prayer for Thanks, Praise, & WOW!**

- Grace N: Prayers of THANKSGIVING for Hope Presbyterian Church and all those who support the online worship community. Love you!! (11/23/22)
- Thanks for safe travels back home from "Down Under". (11/18/22)
- Rock Creek Presbyterian Church is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary! (11/16/22)
- From Mary H: thank you for all the prayers for my surgery. I've been home since Sunday afternoon. I had one minor setback but it seems to be under control, and hopefully that's the only setback and it gets better from here. (11/16/22)

### **Prayer Requests**

- Marcia J: for my friend Carla and her son Ayden. Ayden went to the ER with serious trouble breathing. Paramedics intubated him, and they are now awaiting answers. (11/23/22)
- Mary H: for continued healing. She is at home and doing better but still gets tired easily. (11/23/22)
- Carolee C: husband Tom is having heart complications from Covid, and now she herself has Covid. (11/23/22)
- Elizabeth W: having a thyroid nodule biopsy. (11/23/22)
- Sharon S: Every day I pray my fractured back will get better so my doctor will release me, but it is still very painful. (11/23/22)

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- Grace N: for my niece's family, the Cravens family - as they mourn the loss of husband and father, Bob Craven. (11/23/22)
- Richard D: for my best work friend, Ken B, who went in for a lower GI procedure and was rushed to the hospital with the "Widow Maker" - 100% blockage. Heart surgery upcoming. (11/23/22)
- Gun violence victims, families, neighborhoods, and our country. (11/18/22)
- Dr. Sydney Freeman, making several transitions with family and calling. (11/16/22)
- Carolee C: for husband Tom, who has Covid and has been hospitalized. (11/16/22)
- Nancy S: for Belinda Ricks in the hospital in St. Louis. (11/16/22)
- LaCleta H: For her brother-in-law Charlie. He's in the later stages of colon cancer and his health is deteriorating. (11/16/22)
- LaCleta H: For her cousin Kerry J, having shoulder surgery and recovery. This is to resolve issues he's had since a fall on ice last winter. (11/16/22)

### **Prayer for Comfort in Grieving**

- For the victims and families of the Club Q shooting in Colorado. (11/23/22)
- For the family of Becky C's co-worker Steve, age 57, who had a heart attack and died on 11/19. (11/23/22)
- For the Self and Kreher families: Mike S's cousin Patty and her husband Joe died in a plane crash on 11/19. Joe was the pilot, and they were the only two aboard. The investigation could take a year. (11/23/22)
- For Rev. Edwin Brinklow, whose mother passed away suddenly this week. (11/16/22)
- For Rev. Joyce Chamberlain, whose father passed away recently. (11/16/22)
- For Kay Daniel, observing the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of husband Dave's passing. (11/16/22)

## PRAAYER REQUESTS

### Prayer for Our Church Family

- Sharon and Fred Stillwagon
- Gary and Glenda Terpstra
- Jeff, Elizabeth and Teddy Wake

### Prayer for Churches in Our Presbytery

- For honorably retired ministers
- For members at large
- For current ministers

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*... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:  
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

*Micah 6:8*