

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTER SCHEDULE

**Sundays**      9:30 am      Sunday School  
                   10:30 am      Worship  
                   12:15 (Quarterly)      Prayer for Missions  
                   Evenings      Fellowship Groups

**Wednesdays**      6:30-7:30 am      Prayer Group  
                                   9:30am, 1:30pm & 7:30pm Women's Bible Studies

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*Order of Worship*

December 24, 2015

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church!

Lessons & Carols Service

December 24th, 2015

11:00pm

December 24, 2015

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**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Rejoice, for God is with us —  
Emmanuel.

**Congregation:** *In the darkness of our world shines  
God's holy light.*

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God!**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**Opening Prayer**

**Prophecy of the Messiah**

—Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; John 1:1-2, 4-5

*Lighting of the Christ Candle  
on the Advent Wreath*

—Jim and Janice Weiss

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**The Coming of Jesus is announced  
to Mary and Joseph**

—Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

*Lighting of the Gabriel candle  
and the Mary & Joseph candles*

***O Come, O Come Immanuel***

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, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree,  
an ensign of Thy people be;  
Before Thee rulers silent fall;  
All peoples on Thy mercy call.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.  
O come, Desire of nations,  
bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**The Preparations for the Birth of Jesus**

—Luke 2:1-5

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**Welcome to Hope Church!**  
**We are glad you are here today,**  
**December 24, 2015**

**How may we pray for you?**

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**Will you let us help?**

If you or someone you know has  
a physical or financial need, talk to  
one of our Deacons.  
Or, write your name and number below  
and a Deacon will contact you.  
All requests are held in  
the strictest of confidence.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark street shineth  
the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever circling years  
shall come the time foretold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world give back  
the song which now the angels sing.

**Jesus is Born**

—Luke 2:6-7

*Lighting of the Baby Jesus candle*

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***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies.  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see.  
Hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Life and light to all He brings,  
risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by.  
Born that man no more may die.  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King.

***O Holy Night***

—Ashley Woodard & Julie Money

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## Jesus' Birth is announced to the Shepherds

—Luke 2:9-14

*Lighting of the Angels' candles*

### ***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear***

It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold;  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from Heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies  
they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats o’er  
all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains,  
they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o’er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
the love-song which they bring;  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
and hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing!

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## Shepherds find the Baby Jesus

—Luke 2:15-18

*Lighting of the Shepherds' candles*

### ***The First Noel***

The first noel the angels 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, noel, noel, noel.  
Born is the King of Israel

### **Wise Men Bring Their Gifts to Jesus**

—Matthew 2:1-11

*Lighting of the King's candles*

### ***The First Noel***

And by the light of that same star,  
three wise men came from country far.  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel.  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in the wise men three,  
full reverently upon the knee.  
And offered there in His presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, noel, noel, noel.  
Born is the King of Israel.

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## ***What Child Is This***

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

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
let loving hearts enthrone Him  
This, this is Christ the King  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
the Babe the Son of Mary

### **Sermon**

—David Speakman

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt  
among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as  
of the only Son from the Father, full of grace  
and truth. —John 1:14

### **Confession of Sin**

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and  
creation was born, the object of your loving  
care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the  
Word became flesh, Jesus, the gift of your  
love. We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
We stand in awe before the mystery of the  
incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures,  
feeble in our faith, empty of hope, lacking in  
love. This year let the miracle and mystery of  
Christmas invade us again. We wait upon you  
and your grace with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## **Assurance of Pardon**

“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of  
a great joy that will be for all the people. For  
unto you is born this day in the city of David a  
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

—Luke 2: 10-11

## **Communion**

### **Passing of the Light**

### ***Silent Night***

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.  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born.  
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.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth

*(repeat verses as needed until all candles are lit)*

## **Benediction**

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