

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTER SCHEDULE

<b>Sundays</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
	12:15 (Quarterly)	Prayer for Missions
	Evenings	Fellowship Groups
<b>Wednesdays</b>	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 20, 2015

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church!

“Waiting on God isn’t about the suspension of meaning and purpose. It’s part of the meaning and purpose that God has brought into my life. Waiting on God isn’t to be viewed as an obstruction in the way of the plan. Waiting is an essential part of the plan. For the child of God, waiting isn’t simply about what the child will receive at the end of his wait. No, waiting is much more purposeful, efficient, and practical. Waiting is fundamentally about what we will become as we wait.” —Paul David Tripp

“Waiting is active. Most of us think of waiting as something very passive, a hopeless state determined by events totally out of our hands. But there is none of this passivity in scripture. Those who are waiting are waiting very actively. They know that what they are waiting for is growing from the ground on which they are standing. That’s the secret. The secret of waiting is the faith that the seed has been planted, that something has begun. Active waiting means to be present fully to the moment, in the conviction that something is happening where you are and that you want to be present to it.” —Henri Nouwen

“It’s hard to wait, so hard to wait.” —Flo Paris

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## Gathering in God's Presence

### *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

*Come and worship come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King*

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light

Sages leave your contemplations  
Brighter visions beam afar  
Seek the great Desire of nations  
Ye have seen His natal star

Saints before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord descending  
In His temple shall appear

All creation join in praising  
God the Father Spirit Son  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One

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### Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

Congregation: **He is risen indeed!**

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### *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, o Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, I, Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and Thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision, o Ruler of all

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### *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Come Thou long 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

Joy to those who long to see thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
Of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
Glad tidings of a birth;  
Go to him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Ever wonder what it's like to be a missionary?

Students in grades 9-12 and parents please join us on January 17th following worship to hear about an opportunity this summer to serve with Pico Escondido. Lunch will be provided. Register on the website so we know you're coming!

**New Deacons.** The Elders are requesting nominations for Deacons. Please pray for new men to be raised up to serve. Review the qualifications for a Deacon in 1 Timothy 3: 8-13. Ask for the man's permission before submitting his name. Nominations should be received by December 31.

**Middle and High School Girls.** Come sing in the youth girls' chorus on Christmas Eve. Rehearsal on Monday, December 21 at 9:30 am in the worship center. Contact Julie Money if you would like to participate or have questions.

**Happy Birthday Jesus Party.** 10 am to noon on Monday, December 21st in the worship center.

**Children's Christmas Eve.** Please arrive by 4:45 pm. Children ages 3 to 1st grade meet in Room 106. Please dress as a sheep, cow or donkey. Children in 2nd-5th grade will sit in the designated area near the front of the worship center. Please dress as a shepherd or angel.

**Children's Sunday School.** There will be no Sunday School on December 27 or January 3.

**Folders** are available for children in 3rd-5th grades in the back of the worship center. Please return following the service.

**Welcome to Hope Church!**  
**We are glad you are here today,**  
**December 20, 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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**To receive Hope Church emails:**

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**To update contact information** for the Hope Church office, please fill in the reverse side of this form.

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## Covenant of Membership

*Caroline & Chad Brown  
Joan & Ray Burnette  
Dave Gilson  
Lee & Scott Roche  
Holly Smith  
Lauren & Derick Tolley  
Meg Weiss*

*\*Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade  
are dismissed to attend their worship class\**

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

## Welcome and Prayers of the People

—Ethan Smith

## Offering and Doxology

## Life Together

—David Speakman

## Message

—David Speakman

### “Worth the Wait”

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the

Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup> he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup> “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup> that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup> And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

<sup>36</sup> And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup> and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

—Luke 2:21-38

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## Gathering at the Lord's Table

*\*Children return to join their families\**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

## *Thou Who Wast Rich*

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,  
All for love's sake becomes poor.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;

Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenwards by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;

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## *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Go, tell it on the mountain.  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherd kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night.  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

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## Benediction

And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. —Romans 15: 12-13

### Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's biblically based curriculum will show you how to get rid of debt, manage money, spend & save wisely and much more! Make plans to join this 10 week adult Sunday School class led by Dave & Kristine Sunda beginning January 10th.

**Schedule**

**December 20th**

Deacons	<i>Ken Burgess</i>
Hope Café	<i>Dave &amp; Kristine Sunda</i>
Greeters	<i>Jayson &amp; Tracy Grogan</i>
Infants	<i>Hannah &amp; Nate Myer</i>
Ones	<i>Lance &amp; Lynn Crumley</i>
Twos	<i>Valerie Godwin &amp; Janice Weiss</i>
Threes	<i>Michael &amp; Joan Mitchell, Susannah Bell</i>
4s/5s	<i>Elissa Dowlen, Katie Denton, Gabrielle Fuller</i>
K-2nd	<i>Christian &amp; Katie Moretz, Gracie Petty</i>

**Instructions for Communion**

The Lord’s Supper is open to anyone who is trusting in Jesus’ death and resurrection alone for his or her redemption.

Grape juice is available as white juice in cups at the left and right station.

At the middle station, you may receive from the common loaf and cup. There is a tray of grape juice so that whole families may come up together. We follow the practice of Intinction. You dip the bread in the wine. Gluten free crackers are available on the right & left tables.

People come forward and receive the elements from the back rows first.

If you need prayer, there is a group (including elders) available to pray for anyone in need of prayer in the kitchen. There is also a group of women in the room next to the Connections kiosk who can pray for women who may prefer this option.

There is a Communicants class for children 3rd grade and up every February.

**Prayer of 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 hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering 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. Amen.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,

Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.  
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

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**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

O Promised Christ, our lives are filled with sin. We overlook our neighbor’s needs and do not love you above all else. Our rescue depends on your coming. We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a guilty people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing your will is that you should come and empower us to do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your rescue, for your peace, for your pardon, for your power, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Sing aloud, O Daughter of Zion; Shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

—Zephaniah 3: 14-17

**He Will Rejoice Over You**

The Lord our God is with you  
He is mighty to save  
The Lord will take great delight in you  
He will quiet you with His love

He will rejoice over you  
He will rejoice over you  
If you could only hear His voice  
You would hear the Lord rejoice  
Rejoicing over you with singing

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**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**Vivian Turnau**

—Luke 2:8-14, Luke 2:15-20, Romans 10:14,15

<b>2015 YTD Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	<b>\$654,372</b>
<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>\$665,280</b>