

Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday - December 13, 2020 at 10:30 AM

A Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

*Call to Worship and Prayer

Psalm 130:5-8

Lighting of Advent Candle: Love

Roy Family

Genesis 3:8-15

... Jason Stark

The First Offer of the Gospel

****"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*** (1 & 4) ...#200

"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 heav'n's all-gracious King';
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing."

"For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing."

Isaiah 7:10 – 14; 9:2-7

... Hayden Boagni

Prophecy of Immanuel's Righteous Reign

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (1 & 2) ...#194

"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 Rod of Jesse, free, thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave." **Refrain**

Micah 5:2-5

... Hannah Richard

The Prophet Micah foretells the Glory of Bethlehem

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (1 & 4) ...#201

"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 streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

"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."

Luke 1:26-28

... Pat Feucht

The angel Gabriel greets the virgin Mary

Luke 1:46-56

... Paula Feucht

Mary Responds to the Announcement with Humility

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1, 4) ...#218

"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:

Refrain: *Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King."*

"Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

Matthew 1:18-25

... Christi Hodges

The Biblical account of Jesus' Birth

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (1, 2) ...#196

"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."

"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."

Luke 2:8-16

... David Gandy

The Shepherds are led by the Angel to Jesus

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (1, 5) ...#223

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around, and glory shone around."

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

Matthew 2:1 – 11

... Roger McChesney

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus

John 1: 1 – 14

... Alyshia Boagni

St. John unfolds the Mystery of Christ's Incarnation

* ***"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*** (1, 2, 3) ... #203

"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 th'angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King.'

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

"Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n 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 them second birth.

A Christmas Meditation

... Rev. Dean Rydbeck

*"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for
he will save his people from their sins."* Matthew 1:21

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

... # 210

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Words of Institution

Serving of the bread and the cup

Partaking of the bread and cup & together

* ***"Joy to the World!"***

... #195

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing." (3x)

"Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy." (3x)

"No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found." (3x)

"He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love." (3x)

***Closing Prayer**

Jude 1:24-25

(*Congregation standing, as you are able)