

# Hope Presbyterian Church

Austin, Texas

Invite all to worship God • Grow in faith • Follow Jesus by serving others

## *A Festival of Carols*



A Service of Lessons and Carols

The Adult Choir, Unity Singers, and Orchestra

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022

10:00 a.m.

# Welcome to Hope!

Welcome to the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual *Festival of Carols* at Hope Presbyterian Church! The congregation is invited to join in singing the carols and listening to the Word proclaimed through scripture and song.

You are invited to join us for any of our worship services, on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** There are **two Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.** There is also a service on **Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Please silence all personal electronic devices before the service begins.** Personal Sound Systems and Large Print Bibles are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS MORNING** so children may take part in the service with their families. You are welcome to use the **Hope Room** in the Narthex as a cry room, to soothe a fussy baby or let a restless child roam. The service can be seen and heard from the Hope Room.

**AN OFFERING** will be taken during the singing of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Gifts of money may be placed in the offering plates passed by the ushers, given online at [hopeaustin.org/donate](http://hopeaustin.org/donate), or texting '**HOPEPC**' to **73256**.

**GUESTS** are invited to the Welcome Center located in the Narthex to receive information on the ministries and family of Hope Presbyterian Church.

**NEW MEMBERS** — At Hope Church, we believe that membership is more than signing a piece of paper. It is a commitment and a connection to a community of believers who have a passion for living and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you have questions about church membership, please contact Pastor Josh in the church office at 512-258-9117, or email him at [josh@hopeaustin.org](mailto:josh@hopeaustin.org).

## Orchestra Musician Sponsors

*We sincerely thank the members and friends of Hope Presbyterian Church who have supported the Music Ministry over the years. Today we are especially grateful to those who have made special gifts to fund this year's orchestra. If you would like to lend your support, you may make a gift to "Sponsor a Musician" by leaving it in the collection plate, sending it to the church office, or making it online. Thank you!*

## Come Home to Hope for Christmas



**Blue Christmas - Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.**

# *A Festival of Carols*

**Welcome** .....Rev. Josh Robinson

**Fantasia on Greensleeves** .....Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Orchestra*

**Lighting the Candle of Love** .....Wendy & Greg Grounds

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,  
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.  
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle, we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.  
Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Love. Let us pray together:

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

⤴ *Please rise as you are able in body or spirit.*

⤴ **Fanfare & Processional**..... *O Come, All Ye Faithful*.....J.F. Wade arr. John Rutter  
*Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

Introduction: Fanfare

**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!**

**God of God, Light of Light,**

**Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;**

**Very God, begotten, not created:**

**O come, let us adore him...**

**Child for us sinners, poor and in a manger, Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love; Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? O come, let us adore him...**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;**

**Glory to God in the highest:**

**O come, let us adore him...**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,**

**Jesus to thee be glory given;**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:**

**O come, let us adore him...**

**Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer** .....Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

*Hear our prayers O God in the name of Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory, and taught us to pray together saying:*

**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; and 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.**

**Carol** ..... *Rejoice and Be Merry*.....John Rutter

*Choir & Orchestra*

*Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth!  
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!  
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!  
A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;  
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,  
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!*

*Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,  
Which led the wise men from the East to draw near;  
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!  
And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,  
And unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.  
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,  
Who brought us salvation, his praises we'll sing!*

**First Lesson** ..... *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7* .....Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.*

⤴ **Carol**..... *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.....15th C. French arr. John Rutter

*Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

**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 victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...**

*Choir: O come, thou Dayspring, 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 ...*

**O come, o come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...**

**O come, thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel...**

**Second Lesson**..... *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9* ..... Rev. Dr. Jeanie Stanley

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation.*

**Carol** ..... *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.....Michael Praetorius

*Choir*

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
as men of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind.  
With Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.*

**Third Lesson** ..... *Luke 1:26-35, 38* .....Rev. Josh Robinson

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.*

↑ **Carol**..... *Angels from the Realms of Glory*..... Henry T. Smart arr. John Rutter  
*Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

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.  
Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light. (Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star. (Refrain)  
Though an Infant now we view him,  
He shall fill his Father's throne;  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Every knee shall then bow down. (Refrain)

**Fourth Lesson** ..... *Luke 2:1-7* ..... Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy  
*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.*

**Carol** ..... *Candlelight Carol* ..... John Rutter  
*Congregation, Choirs & Orchestra*

*How do you capture the wind on the water?  
How do you count all the stars in the sky?  
How can you measure the love of a mother,  
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?  
Refrain: Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow  
Shine on his cradle 'til breaking of dawn.  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Angels are singing, the Christ child is born.*

*Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him,  
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep;  
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior,  
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Refrain  
Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger:  
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay,  
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:  
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day. Refrain*

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

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**Carol** ..... *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ..... Lewis Redner arr. John Rutter  
*(Congregation seated) Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

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.  
For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth.  
And praises sing to God our King,  
And peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
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!

**Fifth Lesson..... Luke 2:8-16.....Rev. Dr. Jeanie Stanley**

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.*

**Carol..... Jesus Child.....John Rutter**

*Choir & Orchestra*

*Have you heard the story that they're telling 'bout Bethlehem,  
Have you heard the story of the Jesus child?  
How he came from heaven and was born in a manger bed?  
Mary was his virgin mother pure and mild.*

**Refrain: Sing alleluia, brothers, sing alleluia, sisters,  
Worship the Jesus child and praise his mother mild.  
'Glory to God on high!' the angel hosts above are singing:  
Listen to the story of the Jesus child.**

*Have you heard the story of the poor humble shepherd men,  
Sitting on the hillside with their at flocks night?  
Suddenly the angel tells them, 'Hurry to Bethlehem;  
Go and find the Jesus child, the world's new light.' Refrain*

*Jesus child, lying at Bethlehem, sleeping safe at Mary's knee,  
Save my soul and bring me to paradise,  
Let me join the angels singing glory to thee. Refrain  
Have you heard the story of the kings from the Orient,  
Following the star that's shining over his head?  
Offering their precious gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense,  
Kneeling with the ox and ass before his bed? Refrain  
Brothers, let us celebrate the birth of the Jesus child,  
Sisters, come and welcome him the newborn King;  
Praise the Lord who sent him down from heaven at Christmas time;  
Young and old and rich and poor, his praise sing! Refrain*

**Sixth Lesson..... Matthew 2:1-11.....Rev. Dr. John Leedy**

*Magi from the east come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus.*

**Carol..... We Three Kings.....J.H. Hopkins arr. Dan Forrest**

*(Congregation Seated)*

*Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

*Choir: We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.*

**All: O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

*Choir: Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.*

**All: O star of wonder, star of night...**

*Choir: Frankincense to offer have I,  
Incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, voices raising,  
Worshipping God on high.*

**All: O star of wonder, star of night...**

*Choir: Glorious now behold him arise,  
King, and God, and sacrifice!  
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.*

**All: O star of wonder, star of night...**

**Seventh Lesson..... John 1:1-14.....Rev. Dr. Jeanie Stanley**

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth.*

**↑ Carol ..... Joy to the World..... Lowell Mason arr. John Rutter**

*Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing...**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy...**

*Choir: 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...*

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love...**

**Prayers of The People**..... Rev. Dr. John Leedy

**Carol** ..... *The Hands That First Held Mary's Child*.....Dan Forrest

*Choir & Orchestra; Berea Suen, cello solo* Text by Thomas Troeger

*The hands that first held Mary's Child  
were hard from working wood,  
from boards they sawed and planed and filed  
and splinters they withstood.*

*This day they gripped no tool of steel,  
they drove no iron nail,  
but cradled from the head to heel  
our Lord, newborn and frail.*

*When Joseph marveled at the size  
of that small breathing frame,  
and gazed upon those bright new eyes  
and spoke the Infant's name,  
the angel's words he once had dreamed  
poured down from heaven's height,  
and, like the host of stars that beamed,  
blest earth with welcome light.*

*'This Child shall be Emmanuel,  
not God upon the throne  
but God with us, Emmanuel,  
as close as blood and bone.'  
The tiny form in Joseph's palms  
confirmed what he had heard,  
and from his heart rose hymns and psalms  
for heaven's human word.*

*The tools which Joseph laid aside  
a mob would later lift  
and use with anger, fear and pride  
to crucify God's gift.  
Let us, O Lord, not only hold  
the Child who's born today,  
but, charged with faith, may we be bold  
to follow in his way.*

**Carol** ..... *I Saw Three Ships*.....English arr. Mack Wilberg

*Choir & Orchestra*

*I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas Day, on Christmas Day;  
I saw three ships come sailing in  
On Christmas Day in the morning.  
And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day...  
Our Savior Christ and his lady, on Christmas Day...*

*Pray whither sailed those ships all three, on Christmas Day...  
O they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day...  
And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas Day...  
And all the angels in Heav'n shall sing on Christmas Day...  
And all the souls on Earth shall sing on Christmas Day...  
Then let us all rejoice amain, on Christmas Day...*

⬆ **Charge & Benediction**.....Rev. Josh Robinson

**Go to prepare a place in your hearts and homes for God your Creator, Emmanuel.**

**Go to prepare a welcome for the Christ child, God with us, Emmanuel.**

**Go to prepare an opening for the Holy Spirit, the breath of God among us, Emmanuel.**

⬆ **Carol**.....*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* ..... F. Mendelssohn arr. John Rutter

*Congregation, Choir & Orchestra*

**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 a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,**

**Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!  
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 we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!**

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## *Adult Choir & Unity Singers*

### **Soprano**

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## *Orchestra*

### **Violin**

Bruce Colson, Concertmaster  
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John Moon  
Brandie Fischkes

### **Viola**

Stephen Buckles  
Luis Bellorin

### **Violoncello**

Erna Buckles  
Shawn Sanders

### **String Bass**

Kyrie Bouressa

### **Flute/Piccolo**

Ann Kjerulf Knien  
Annette Juba

### **Clarinet**

Mary Schani  
Darwin Risser

### **Oboe**

Susan Douglas  
Jeremy Suen

### **Bassoon**

Chuck Hazlewood

### **Trumpet**

Samuel Acosta  
Ryan Manders  
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### **French Horn**

Rusty Holmes  
Aaron Owens

### **Trombone**

Scott Avant  
Joe Rush  
Simon Lohmann

### **Tuba**

Sumner Erickson

### **Timpani**

Tyler Dempsey

### **Percussion**

Brent Acuff  
Jacob Gray

### **Harp**

Lisa Lamb

### **Organ/Piano**

Kathy Winston

### **Handbells**

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