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Follow Jesus by Serving Others

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

**Welcome to worship** at Hope Presbyterian Church! We invite you to enter into the spirit of worship with us. Enjoy the fellowship of this community of faith. Lift your voice in song. Lift your heart and burdens in prayer. Listen to and for the Word of God to you. Heed God's message as it comes through the Holy Spirit's presence. Leave this place in joy to love and serve God and neighbor, seeking to follow Christ our Lord. **We're glad you're here!**

**Centering Words:** The Teacher of Children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of Heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

## Disciples Gather to Worship God

☪ **Welcome** ([hopeaustin.org/connect](http://hopeaustin.org/connect))

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church where we:

**Invite All to Worship God, Grow In Faith, and Follow Jesus by Serving Others!**

♫ **Prelude**

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Mark Lowery & Buddy Green

Joan Cook, soloist

✙☪ **Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon and all shining stars.**

Praise the Lord, mountains and hills and creatures of every kind.

**Kings of the earth and all peoples, praise the name of the Lord.**

Siblings in the family of Christ, let us worship God.

↑♫ **Hymn of Praise 119** (GTG)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

☪ **Response:** Praise the Lord! **The Lord's name be praised!**

✙☪ **Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

*(silence is kept)*

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

↑ Indicates when we are to rise, as we are able.

✙ Indicates when someone is praying.

📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.

♫ Indicates when music is sung or heard.

☪ Indicates when someone is speaking.

**Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.

A personal sound system for the hearing impaired is available.

Please ask an usher for a receiver.

GTG– *Glory to God* purple hymnal

STF– *Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

## ☪ Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, hear and trust in the good news of the Gospel: **in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ↑☪ Response 113 (GTG)

*Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 3)*

GLORIA

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo! Glo—ria in excelsis Deo!**

## ↑☪ Sharing the Peace

The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

## Disciples Listen to the Word of God

## ↑☪ Hymn 108 (GTG)

*Of the Father's Love Begotten (vss. 1,2,5,6)*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

☪ Response: Praise the Lord! **The Lord's name be praised!**

## ☪ Prayer for Illumination

## 📖 First Reading

Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)

Bible p. 833

## ☪ Children's Sermon

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

*Little Church will not be held this week.*

**The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,  
The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,  
And the Word of God will help us grow, grow, grow,  
The Word of God will help us grow.**

## Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

Bible p. 862

## ☪ Sermon

*And the Flesh Became Word*

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

## Disciples Respond to the Call of God

## ↑☪ Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed (excerpt)*

Rev. Dr. Krystal Leedy

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with  
the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he  
became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

## ☪ Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

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.**

♫ Response 121 (GTG)

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 4)

St. Louis

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!

☛ Call to Discipleship

Rev. Dr. John Leedy

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♫ Offertory Solo

*Coventry Carol*  
Ann Moeller, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child. Bye bye lully lullay.*

⬆️ ♫ Doxology

*Praise God for Gifts of Hope and Peace*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.  
Praise God for gifts of joy and love. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell on earth for us – Emmanuel.  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

⬆️ Prayer of Dedication

## Disciples Depart to Serve God

⬆️ ♫ Hymn 136 (GTG)

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Spiritual

⬆️ ☛ Benediction

⬆️ ♫ Response 134 (GTG)

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

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

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

♫ Postlude

*In Dulci Jubilo*  
Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

Marcel Dupre

### Members are the Ministers of Hope Church

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson, Pastor

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# News for the Pews

As you leave worship today pick up a yellow shopping bag for Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM) on your way out today, and return them to the worship NEXT SUNDAY with the following items.



Spaghetti pasta—1 lb. package  
 Spaghetti sauce—24 oz. in CAN  
 Peanut Butter—13.3 oz. plastic jar  
 Jelly/Jam—20 oz. plastic jar  
 Dish soap—please tape down tops

## New Adult Christian Education Class

### *Revitalizing Hope:*

### *Addressing Homelessness Together*

Sundays at 11:30 am (in-person and online)

January 12 – April 13, 2025

Homelessness remains a significant challenge in our community, and at Hope Presbyterian Church, we are committed to responding with both faith and action.

Our upcoming *Revitalizing Hope: Addressing Homelessness Together* course offers an inspiring way to explore this issue, deepen your understanding, and discern how faith can lead us to compassionate solutions. This initiative combines education, community engagement, and spiritual growth to make a meaningful impact.

The *Revitalizing Hope* course features an inspiring lineup of guest speakers: Through their expertise and personal stories, we'll uncover the root causes of homelessness and learn about innovative efforts to address it.

*Revitalizing Hope: Addressing Homelessness Together* is not just a course but a call to action—a chance to reflect on how scripture and shared faith guide us to serve others. Sign up today by visiting [www.hopeaustin.org/registration](http://www.hopeaustin.org/registration). Together, we'll discover how to turn faith into action and hope into reality.



Hope Presbyterian Church  
 is having a Blood Drive!

The Bloodmobile bus will be in the circle driveway on Sunday, January 12, 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come lend a helping arm, donate blood to support your community and save local lives. It is easy; just go to [wrbdonor.org](http://wrbdonor.org) to schedule your appointment, use the QR code, or call (512) 206-1242. Appointments are strongly encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.



## Financial Summary

December 26, 2024	2024 Actual Year to Date	2024 Budget (Jan-Dec)
<b>Income</b>		
Pledged	690,046	670,245
Unpledged	70,857	105,963
Other	60,597	103,792
<b>Total Income</b>	821,501	880,000
<b>Expenses</b>		
Buildings & Grounds	156,833	154,880
Christian Education	8,370	8,479
Deacons	2,073	3,451
Outreach	32,200	33,929
Personnel	596,299	650,137
Stewardship	18,794	21,987
Worship & Music	3,997	5,299
<b>Total Expenses</b>	818,565	878,162
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	2,935	1,838