

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Return to the Heart* David Lanz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission *Alternative Christmas Giving*
Terri Carpenter

SILENT MEDITATION

ADVENT CANDLE PROCESSIONAL

The first Advent candle is lit while the soloist sings the first verse of hymn 85:

Soloist: Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Leader and people then share in the following spoken call and response:

Leader: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks.

**People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

* **HYMN 87** “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In preparation for confession, the congregation sings verse one of hymn 82:

**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.**

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our
sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us
as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as
we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and
pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the
seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor
against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your
good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and
reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free
to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love
in Jesus Christ.**

Silent Prayers & Assurance of Pardon

*In response to the assurance of pardon spoken by the liturgist,
the congregation sings verse two of hymn 82:*

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now they 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.**

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 92 “While We Are Waiting, Come”

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 13:11-14, p. 923 (NT)

ANTHEM *As a Little Child* Joseph M. Martin

O you must become as a little child,
As a little child and come unto Him.
Yes, you must become as a little child
To share in the kingdom of God.
Come unto Jesus, run into His arms.
Come unto Jesus and you can share the kingdom of God. *Repeat*

O Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Come unto Jesus, run into His arms.
All people come unto Jesus, and you can share the kingdom of God.
O you can share the kingdom of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5, p. 550 (OT)

SERMON “Swords into Plowshares”
Glimpses of Hope

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 103** “Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostle’s Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again
from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Glimpse of Hope from Guatemala Janet Black

Offertory *Longing* George Winston

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver
us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and forever. Amen.**

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

The Words of Institution

The Feast

The bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.

90 “Wait for the Lord” (refrain only)

91 “Come, Come Emmanuel”

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*** HYMN 360** “Christ Is Coming!”

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Firelight* David Lanz

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ’s spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today’s liturgist: Bonnie Runkle
Today’s greeters: Herschel and Linda Lewis
Today’s ushers: Bill and Terri Carpenter

Out-to-Lunch Bunch
Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. See Marlene Johnson for more information about today’s lunch outing.

2020 Stewardship Campaign Update

2020 Operating Fund pledges made	51
2020 Operating Pledge Total	\$163,532
2020 Member Contribution Budget Goal	\$175,000

Deep Blue for Advent
Why are we using blue instead of purple for Advent this year? Deep blue is the color of the clear, predawn sky—the color that covers us in the dark, cold hours before the sun rises. Thus, many churches use blue for Advent as a sign of our hope-filled anticipation of the promised light of Christ breaking over the horizon at the dawn of a new day.

“Princettias” for the Sanctuary
This year you are invited to order a “princettia”—a white flower similar to a poinsettia—to be placed in the sanctuary in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$5, and order forms are on the table in the Narthex. Please place your completed form with your payment in the box provided. We will be accepting orders from November 24- December 8.

Advent Series on Isaiah: *Glimpses of Hope*
This Advent, our lectionary sermon scriptures come from the prophet Isaiah, and each passage speaks to things we deeply hope for: peace between nations, reconciliation of enemies, renewal of life, and God’s presence with us. Join us in worship as we catch these glimpses of hope.

Narthex Banners: *Catching Glimpses of Hope*
The banners in the Narthex were hand-cut by our own Worship Arts Team! Look closely at them to find the following “glimpses of hope”: plowshares and pruning hooks, the wolf and the lamb, blooming crocuses, the stump of Jesse, the wise men, the shepherds, the angels, and Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

Men’s Brunch Bunch will meet at 10:30 AM this Saturday, December 7 at J.K’s on Long Shoals. Contact John Riley at (828) 575-2894.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, December 8 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Tuesday, December 3.

Calendar

Sun	1	12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)
Tue	3	9:30 AM	Soul of Aging
		6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Wed	4	5:00 PM	Outreach
		7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thurs	5	2:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle
Sat	7	10:30 AM	Men’s Brunch Bunch
Sun	8	9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Class
		11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Marlene)

New Hope Presbyterian Church
We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ’s call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.

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“Including, Renewing, Serving”

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019
11 o’clock



“Swords into Plowshares”
First in the Series: *Glimpses of Hope*



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and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.”
(Isaiah 2:4)