



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

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Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a community of growing disciples of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors, both near and far. We affirm that everyone is created in the image of God and is deserving of God's love and grace. We recognize that for many people, "church" has not always felt like a welcoming place. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, culture, and age. We embrace differences in relationship status, physical and mental ability, education, income, worldview, and political affiliation. We are committed to the full inclusion of all people in our community and invite you to journey with us toward a deeper faith, mutual respect, greater love and understanding, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you may view the service from a phone or another device. You are welcome to return to worship for communion, fellowship, or any portion of special interest to you.

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

↑ Gathering Hymn 246: Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

During this song, we light two Advent Candles

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

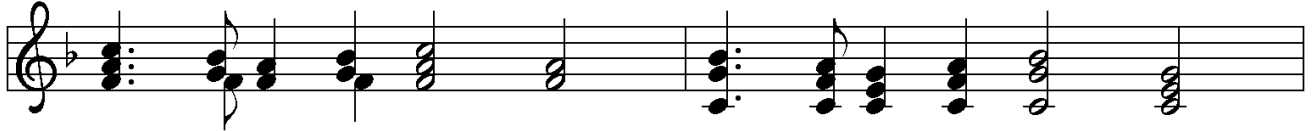
"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

↓ Opening Prayer

We pray, "Lord, have mercy," with this Russian Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

You may stay in your seat or walk around to greet others, often saying "peace be with you".

**Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching and song.**

Scripture Preparation Song: Hallelujah



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Repeat after the leader:

That’s the story of God and God’s people.

God, thanks for your story.

Dismissal

Children are welcome to stay or are invited downstairs to continue reflecting on this story.

Departing Song: Hallelujah



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

↓ Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

↑ Hymn of the Day 255: There's a Voice in the Wilderness



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Je - ru - sa - lem, her - ald good tid - ings, as -
 3 But the word of our Sav - ior is faith - ful, the



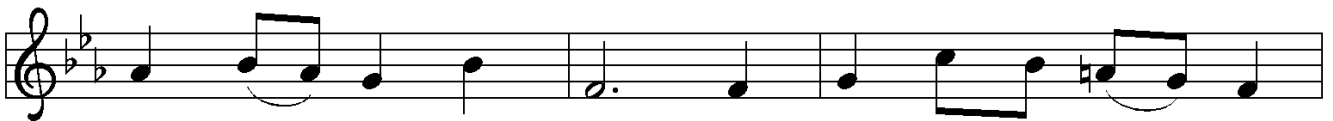
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 cend to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of our God is strong, who stands in the midst of the



high - way, a high - way for our God!
 peo - ple the com - ing of their king.
 na - tions and soon will right the wrong.



The val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 Like flow'rs of the field we per - ish, like
 Lord, feed your flock like a shep - herd, the



loft - y hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay; the pow'r and the pomp of
 lambs so gent - ly hold; in pas - tures of peace now



plac - es where God, our God, may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way.
 lead them, and bring them to your fold.

The assisting minister leads a series of prayer petitions. We join in praying together; we end each petition with the close-and-response: "Lord, in your mercy," with the response: "receive our prayer."

Prayers of the People

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

(With the assisting minister, please pray out loud the first name of each person for whom we pray. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please secure the person's consent, then reach out to Lauren in the office.)

We pray for people who have requested our ongoing prayers:

John Henry,
Dolores,

Seamus (*nephew of Rick*),
Ron,
Bob,
Terry and Ned (*friends of Chuck & Liz*),
Liz,
Jytte (*pronounced YOU-ta*) (*Karin's grandmother*),
Betsy (*Katie's mother*).

[pause]

And for those who have requested prayers of support or thanksgiving:

Lauren,
Jimmy, Hope's pen pal who is incarcerated,
Deanna (*friend of Debbie*),
Shannon (*family of Debbie awaiting a kidney transplant*),
Pastor Beth,
Lynnda as she undergoes cancer treatment,
Dick, as he faces health challenges,
Gretta as she prepares for surgery,
Emily and her new baby,
Rick,
Cindy,
Hope's Property Process as we await news from the developer,
Living Water Seventh Day Adventist Community, who uses Hope's building on Saturdays,
Humble Walk students, especially those preparing to travel to Tanzania in January,

and those we name silently or aloud [...pause...]

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

↓ **Announcements**

Offering Music

During this time of musical offering:

Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: (www.hopecp.org) - look on the red top bar for the word "Donate." You may also give by text at 844-904-1808.

For those worshiping with us in person, we pass the offering basket. You may also continue giving online or by text.

At this time, children in childcare are invited upstairs for communion.

Kids' Message

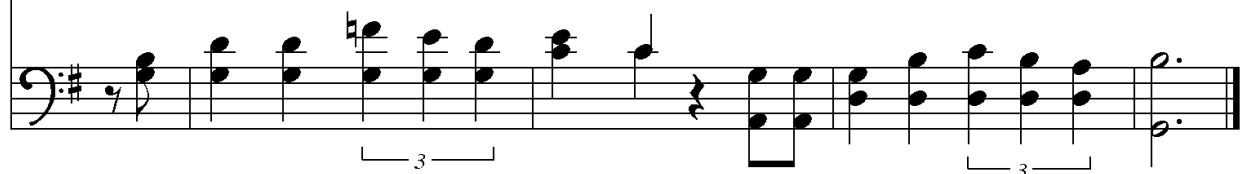
↑ Opening Communion Song 253: He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;



Children, families and anyone interested are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing as we bless communion.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

You Are Holy



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, in any language or translation we know best.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén**

↓ Our Communion Practices

Everyone is welcome to participate in communion. Today Hope offers bread, white grape juice (colored cup) and white wine (white cup) for dipping, pre-filled juice cups with wafers, and pre-filled juice cups with a gluten-free wafer. You may choose to receive bread only and/or one of the cup options. Any version of communion carries the full power of communion. If you prefer not to receive elements, you may cross your arms over your chest for a no-contact, verbal blessing. You are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing; after those who wish to come forward receive, servers will bring communion to those who prefer to stay in your seats.

Lamb of God

O Lamb of . . . God, you . . . take a-way the sin of the world; . . .

have . . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of . . . God, you . . . take a-way the sin of the world; . . .

have . . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of . . . God, you . . . take a-way the sin of the world; . . .

grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Song 241: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.
3 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
4 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race.
send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.



↑Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and fill you with God's Love.

Amen.

Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

May God who can set Creation free, show us glory.

Glory to God.

May God who knows our groaning and crying, bring about new life.

Now and always.

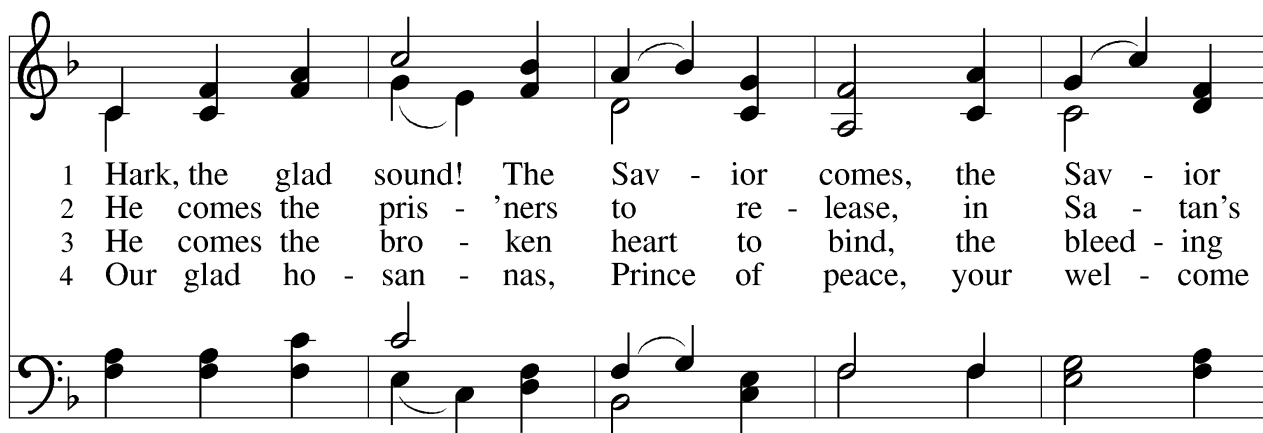
May God who helps us in our weakness, give us the firstfruits of hope.

The Lord is our hope.

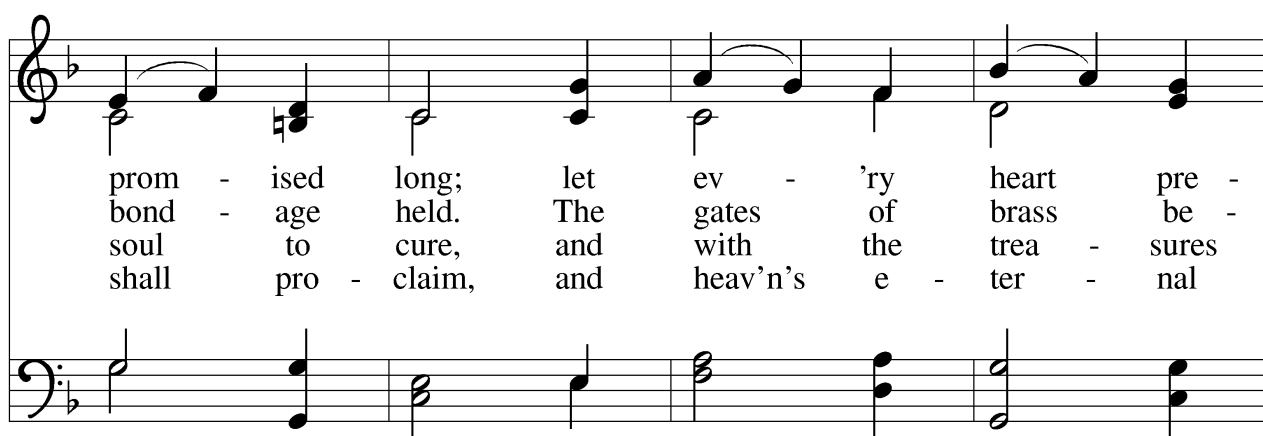
And may the Triune God sprinkle into our hearts the dew of grace and bless us all.

Amen.

Sending Hymn 239: Hark, the Glad Sound!



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.

↓ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

† **Presiding Minister:** Pastor Julie
† **Preaching Minister:** Pastor Bob
† **Assisting Minister:** Paul
† **Lector:** Jennifer
† **Usher:** Mark
† **Offering Counter:** Lois

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Announcements

Sign our guest
book and send
a message to
Pastor Julie
here:



Music Notes: As we begin a new church year, our sung liturgy draws from traditions around the world, connecting us in worship to our siblings in faith all over the globe. Rather than choosing one musically cohesive “setting,” each piece serves as a small representative of a different musical language or style. The opening Kyrie prayer comes from the Russian Orthodox tradition, and the Gospel Acclamation is based on a song of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in present-day Oklahoma. The Offertory Response song comes from Cameroon. As we enter communion, the You Are Holy comes from Sweden and the Lamb of God is extracted from the Misa Popular Campesina de Nicaragua. Thanks to Christ Lutheran Church in Washington DC for compiling and sharing this resource.

Packing Finals Kits for Humble Walk Students: Today after worship help pack bags with treats for the students. Hope has a long tradition of collecting goodies to support students through the stressful time of finals.

Gifts of Hope: Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift giving program, supporting local faith-based organizations, organized through our Metro DC ELCA synod. Look for information at Hope about how to give these meaningful gifts now through early January or learn more here: <https://metrodcelca.org/gifts-of-hope/>

Advent, Christmas and Epiphany at Hope:

- Thursday, **December 12**, 5:30pm: dinner; 6:15-7pm: Taizé Prayer. Join people of all ages at Hope for a simple dinner and sung Taizé prayer. Humble Walk Students and families with children welcome.
- Sunday, **December 15**, 10:30am: Advent 3 Worship with Pastor Ray preaching
- Tuesday, **December 17**, noon-3pm: Hope Serves Lunch at PG Day Center
- Sunday, **December 22**, 10:30am: Advent 4 Worship with Longest Night themes. This service will include special prayers for healing and an acknowledgement that holiday times may be difficult for many.
- Sunday, **December 22**, following worship: Christmas Decorating. Stay after morning worship to decorate the church for the coming celebrations.
- **All People's Christmas Eve Worship at Hope:** On Tuesday, **December 24** at 6pm with candles and holy communion. This year Hope tries a new time for a Christmas service for All People. There will be childcare and stories for young children, spoken prayers and a sermon for adults, lots of music, candles and communion for everyone. Join us for this new experiment in sharing the Christmas story together.
- **Holiday Zoom Only Worship:** On Sunday, **December 29** at 10:30am. Stay home, maybe in your pajamas or with coffee. We'll all worship online this morning, giving us the rare chance to be one community, all seeing each other on screen (rather than partially in person and partially online).
- **Lively Epiphany Worship, with a No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant:** On Sunday, **January 5** at 10:30am with lively music, balloons, and the bubble machine.

What's Happening at Hope

Today

9:30am: Choir rehearsal; Elementary aged Sunday School at Hope

10:30am: Advent 2 Worship; after worship, packing finals kits for Humble Walk Students at Hope

5-7pm: Humble Walk meal and worship service for students

This Week

Tuesday, December 10, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope at Hope

Wednesday, December 11, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 5:30pm: supper; 6:15-7pm: Taizé Prayer at Hope

Sunday, December 15, 10:30am: Advent 3 Worship at Hope and online

Looking Ahead

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Our Core Values: We are...

*Welcoming,
Growing Disciples who Lead,
Loving our Neighbors,
Near and Far.*