

# Order of Worship

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

February 1, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music *Hymn Melodies* arr. Adam O'Boyle

Welcome

Prelude *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* arr. Rachel Hartsell

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Whoever you are, whatever life has been for you:

**The One who knows us meets us here.**

Whatever your questions, whatever your need:

**The One who gives Living Water meets us here.**

However you heard, wherever you've come from:

**The One who is Savior of the world meets us here. Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 29 *O God, You Searched Me* O God, You Searched Me

### Call to Prayer

### Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

God who loves the world, we confess that we draw lines and build walls and treat them as law. You cross those barriers and we confess we don't know how to respond. You invite us to look beyond our divisions, to truly and deeply know one another, and we confess we aren't sure we want to.

Forgive us for staying in our own entrenched camps. Forgive us for keeping your good news for ourselves. Forgive us for our assumptions that block our ability to relate. Overcome our surprise and our resistance with your grace that bubbles up like living water and make us ready to listen and to share your word that reaches across even heaven and earth to become flesh...

### Assurance of God's Grace

### Word and Wonder – A Time for Children

Scripture Lessons John 4:1-30, 39-42 NT, p. 94

Sermon Enough is Enough Rev. Christie Ashton

\*Hymn (Insert) *The Water God Gives Us* Foundation

### Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Invitation

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The God of wilderness and wells be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift your hearts to the One who comes bringing life.

**We offer them to our God of hope.**

Make a joyful noise to Salvation's Rock.

**We will sing songs of praise each day...**(prayer continues)

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us:

**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.**

#### The Bread and the Cup

#### Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Kingsfold

### \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Postlude

Samuel Wesley

### Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Andy Young**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Andy and his family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

**The Elder on Call for February is Angie Wester.** She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-684-7691**.

## What's Happening at Hope?

**Pulpit/Bima Swap:** THIS Friday, February 6, Rev. Christie Ashton will be preaching at Temple B'nai Shalom at 7 p.m. for their Shabbat service. The Congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. If you need help with transportation, please call or email the church office by Thursday, February 5.

NEXT Sunday, February 8, Rabbi P.J. Schwartz will preach at Hope during our worship service and we will be joined by our friends from Temple B'nai Shalom. Following the service, we will enjoy our Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch. We will also collect an offering to benefit the Huntsville Assistance Program as part of the Super Bowl of Caring. We hope you will join us for this time of worship, fellowship, and service with our siblings in faith.

**Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast:** We need some volunteers to provide some of the sides - bacon, sausage, fruit, orange juice, etc. Please note that all bacon and sausage products need to be made from TURKEY since our Jewish friends do not eat pork. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for those who are able to contribute items for the meal.

**Worship Leader this week:** Tim Clutts

**Worship Leader next week:** Danielle Debraccio

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## Prayer Concerns

### Members:

Holly Lowe  
Luanne Biles  
Traci Loveman  
Andy Young

### Friends:

Margaret Bibb (Christie Ashton)  
Barbara Dennis  
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)  
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)  
Holly Carroll (Traci Loveman)  
Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling)  
Melissa Altice (Angie Toles)  
Mary Neikirk (Angie Toles)

### Family:

Laura Terry (Susan Terry)  
Lys Howdle (Susan Terry)  
Parker Lord (Candy & Bob Lord)  
Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)  
Fred Jones (Bill Jones)

### Those serving in our military

### Those affected by natural disasters and war around the world.

## Church Calendar at a Glance

February 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	New Members Class
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
February 8	9:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Worship –With Temple B'nai Shalom
		Mardi Gras Pancake Brunch

## Our Mission Statement

Called by God's grace, we celebrate life with Hope by creating a loving Christian community, serving and worshipping God, and proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We provide an open environment to explore God's will, to grow in commitment to Christ, and to be a refuge of healing.

*A Community of Hope*