

Order of Worship
Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome

Prelude *He Hideth My Soul* William J Kirkpatrick

Call to Worship(Responsive)

We come in these endless days, Precious God, people in need of the constancy of your love:

may we drink deeply from your fountain of life; may we continue to be guided by your Light.

We gather in these weary days, Water-changing God, people looking for signs of hope and wonder:

may we drink deeply from your fountain of grace; may our weariness be wrapped in your Hope.

We worship in these overwhelming days, Gifting God, people who try to point others to Jesus:

may we drink deeply from your fountain of joy; may our life be strengthened by your Life.

***Hymn 645** *Sing Praises to God Who Reins Above* Mit Freuden Zart

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

You show us the truth of your goodness, O God – that even when we fall short, you provide more than enough. We give you thanks for your abundant generosity. We confess that we have abundant reasons for shame – we shame ourselves, with our inner voices shouting that we aren't as good as others; we shame others when we judge they've not measured up to our standards; we have expectations that neither we nor anyone else can meet. Yet you transform shame with grace.

Forgive us, Lord Jesus, and help us to be gracious to one another and to ourselves. Forgive us and set us free to change our ways. Forgive us and fill us to overflowing with your goodness once again. We ask in your glorious and powerful name....

(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder – A Time for Children

Scripture Lessons John 2:1-11 OT, p. 93

Sermon In Plenty and Want Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 156** *Sing of God Made Manifest* Salzburg
(verses 1-3)

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) Wesleyan Covenant
Holy God, we are no longer our own but yours. Put us to what you will, rank us with whom you will. Put us to doing, put us to suffering. Let us be employed by you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let us be full, let us be empty. Let us have all things, let us have nothing. We freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are ours, and we are yours. So be it. And the covenant which we have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

***Hymn 546** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* Sicilian Mariners

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Symphony no.1 in C Major Op. 68* Johannes Brahms

Worship Leader this week: Abigail Ashton

Worship Leader next week: Brenda Brazier

Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Susan and Rob Terry**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Susan, Rob and their family asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for December is Susan Terry. She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-975-9847**.

What's Happening at Hope?

New Member Class: Beginning THIS Sunday, our 9:30 a.m. Sunday School class will begin a 4 week series for those who may want to join the church as well as anyone who wants to learn more about our beliefs and congregation. Join us as we grow in faith and knowledge together.

Save the Date: On Sunday, February 8, we will be joined by our friends from Temple B'nai Shalom as part of our pulpit/bima swap. Following the service, we will enjoy our Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast. We will also take an offering to benefit the Huntsville Assistance Program as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. We hope you will join us for this time of worship, fellowship, and service with our siblings in faith.

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Prayer Concerns

Members:

Holly Lowe
Luann Biles
Traci Loveman
Andy Young

Friends:

Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman)
Margaret Bibb (Christie Ashton)
The Family of Jean Beagan (Christie Ashton)
Barbara Dennis
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)
Bob Harriger (Joanna Sterling)
Melissa Altice (Angie Toles)

Family:

Doug Brazier (Brenda Brazier)
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

January 11	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
January 18	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

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