

Order of Worship

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome

Prelude *Laudate Sominum* W.A. Mozart

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Wherever Jesus is,

there we can meet with God.

Wherever the Body of Christ is,

there we can meet with God.

With or without trappings and traditions, wherever two or three are gathered,

there we can meet with God. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 316** *Where Charity and Love Prevail* Twenty-Fourth

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

Sometimes your Word made flesh feels more like a riddle, O God. We don't know how to interpret the stories that make us uncomfortable. We find your zeal unnerving, and your explanations confusing, and your demand for immediate change outrageous. We confess we were perfectly comfortable with the belief that you would fix everything one day in the afterlife, so we could continue on with the way we like to do it.

Forgive us for not taking you seriously when you show us how to live, how to be in community, how to worship, how to use our resources. Forgive us for preferring the structures we have built rather than the Body you call us to be. Forgive us and make us faithful partners in your kingdom work, here and now. In the name of the Word who turns everything upside down, Jesus the Christ....

(silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder – A Time for Children

Scripture Lessons John 2:13-25 NT, p. 93

Sermon Under Construction Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 321** *The Church's One Foundation* Aurelia

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.

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 320** *The Church of Christ in Every Age* Wareham

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude** *Sonata no. 12 in F Major, K. 322* Johannes Brahms

Worship Leader this week: Brenda Brazier

Worship Leader next week: Ladonna Bowers

Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Travis Williams**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Travis and his 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: Continuing 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

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| January 18 | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Choir Practice |
| January 25 | 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