

**Order of Worship**  
**Fifth Sunday of Advent**  
February 15, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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

**Welcome**

**Prelude**                      *He Hideth My Soul*                      arr. Mark Hayes

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

Called to be light,

**we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.**

Called to live in God's reality,

**we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.**

Called to seek God's kin-dom,

**we would be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence. Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn 451**                      *Open My Eyes*                      Open My Eyes

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayer for Forgiveness** (Unison)

You are a God who refuses to stay in the box we have built for you, a God who breaks the rules we create and so opens to us a new world of abundant life. We confess that we want you to stay within the confines of what we understand, and we admit that when we can't figure it out we are quick to get defensive and turn away in a huff. Forgive us when we can't live with the discomfort of unknowing. We confess that we like to think we've got you under control, and we admit that we like this world that works for us.

Forgive us when we ignore or silence others who try to tell a different story. Teach us to say we don't know, and to listen when you speak in unexpected voices. Teach us to see your light shining and to follow into your kingdom life. We ask in the name of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus the Christ..

**Assurance of God's Grace**

**Word and Wonder – A Time for Children**

**Scripture Lessons**                      John 9:1-41                      NT, p. 102

**Sermon**                      Do You See What I See?                      Rev. Traci Loveman

**\*Hymn 722**

*Live Into Hope*

Truro

**Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

The 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 & 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 192**

*Lord the Light of Your Love*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow arr. Mark Hayes

**Prayer Family of the Week:**

Our prayer family of the week is **David and Debbie Adist** This week, we ask the congregation to remember David, Debbie and their 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?

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** the annual meeting of the congregation will be Sunday, February 22, immediately following worship. The agenda includes proposed changes to the bylaws, electing Session and Nominating Committee members, and presentation of the budget. The proposed changes to the bylaws will be available next Sunday for review prior to the meeting. The Nominating Committee presents Travis Williams for the Session class of 2028 and Peter Loveman for the 2026 Nominating Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Please plan to stay for a few minutes following worship for this important meeting.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** We will observe Ash Wednesday on February 18, with a worship service at 6:00 p.m. The service will conclude with the imposition of ashes. We hope you will join us as we examine our hearts and renew our commitment to Christ in worship, prayer, and practice. Childcare will be available.

**Worship Leader this week:** Jenny Langston  
**Worship Leader next week:** Lareeta Ashton

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## Prayer Concerns

### Members:

Holly Lowe  
Luanne Biles  
Traci Loveman  
Andy Young  
Shelby Albert

### Friends:

Luke & Crystal Allen (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
Margaret Bibb (Christie Ashton)  
Barbara Dennis  
Emily Loeb (Debbie Adsit)  
Suzanne Minga (Traci Loveman)  
Dr. Jon Wongsurawat (Traci Loveman)

### Family:

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 15	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
February 18	9:30 a.m.	Ash Wednesday
February 22	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*