

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Advent

February 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome

Prelude *Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days* St. Flavian

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

As we wake,
May your kingdom come.

As we pray,
May your will be done.

As we live,
On earth as it is in heaven.

As we wait,
Let us worship God!

***Hymn 409** *God Is Here* Abbott's Leigh

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

Loving God, you don't just speak of your kingdom, you enact it, and we confess we still don't really understand. We don't know how to flip the hierarchies of this world, let alone how to eliminate them. You show us power made perfect in service, and we look for what advantage can be gained. You show us love that pours out its life for the other, and we look for the right answers.

Forgive us when we try to bypass the parts that make us uncomfortable. Forgive us when we try to fit you into the systems of this world. Forgive us when we receive but then fail to give. Make us ready to follow your example and to love one another as you have loved us. We ask in the name of the One who kneels at the feet of his friends, Jesus the Christ...

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder – A Time for Children

Scripture Lessons John 13:1-17 NT, p. 107

Sermon The Beginning of the End Rev. Christie Ashton

***Hymn 208** *O Blest Are They Who in Their Love* Guilsborough

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) Philippians 2:5-11

We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...*(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 202** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* Oh Waly Waly

*Charge and Benediction

***Postlude** Forty Days and Forty Nights arr. F Schubert

Prayer Family of the Week:

Our prayer family of the week is **Shelby Albert**. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Shelby and her Family. asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for March is Angie Wester. She may be contacted at any time for information, emergencies, or concerns at **256-426-9564**.

What's Happening at Hope?

Congregational Meeting: There will be a called congregational meeting on Sunday, March 8, immediately following worship in order to suspend the rules and extend the Session term of Angie Wester for one year. Please plan to stay for a few minutes following worship for this important meeting.

Stations of the Cross Walk: On Good Friday, April 3, from noon until 1 p.m. we will participate in the annual Stations of the Cross Walk on the Aldridge Creek Greenway between the Mt. Gap Rd. and Hobbs Rd. access points. We are responsible for four stations. If you are able and willing to volunteer to represent one of those stations (there's a script, and it's not long!), please contact the church office (office@hopehuntsville.org or 256-881-4673) by Thursday, March 26. Thank you for your participation in this significant community event.

Worship Leader this week: Travis Williams

Worship Leader next week: Traci Loveman

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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:

Kelly Waldron (Christie Ashton)
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

March 1	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:45 a.m.	Choir Practice
March 8	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Called Congregational Meeting
	11:45 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