

**Order of Worship**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
December 9, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Wake, awake! for night is flying</i>	J.G. Walther
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Veni Emmanuel
<b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Call to Worship</b>	(Responsive)	
<b>*Hymn 106</b>	<i>Prepare the Way, O Zion</i>	Bereden Vag
<b>Litany for Advent</b>		
<b>Response</b>	<i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i>	Hymn 92
<b>*Passing of the Peace</b>		
<b>A Lesson for Our Children/Hanging of the Greens</b>		
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Esther 4:1-17	OT, p.
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning</i>	arr. Alspaugh
<b>Sermon</b>	Courage — For Such a Time As This	Rev. Christie Ashton
<b>*Hymn 100</b>	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	Star of the County Down
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>		Luke 1:68-79 (adapted)
<b>*Response</b>	<i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>	arr. Alspaugh & Ashton
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<i>Dialogue</i>	Nicolas de Grigny
<b>*Hymn 307</b>	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	CWM Rhonda
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>*Response</b>	<i>O Lord, How Shall I Meet You</i> (verse 3)	Hymn 104
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing</i>	Fr. Walczynski

\*All who are able please stand.

**What's Happening at Hope:**

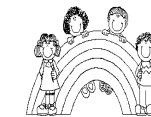
**For Such a Time As This:** Advent is a time when we prepare to welcome Christ into our hearts, lives, and the world. In the midst of the darkness of the season and the world, Christ's light comes to shine with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year, during the Advent and Christmas season, our sermon series will focus on how the gift of Jesus "For Such a Time As This" changes our lives and the world. Each Sunday in Advent, we will consider how we can live with vision, action, dreams, and promise as we watch, seek, and follow Christ. Beginning with Christmas, we will hear Jesus' story as told in the Gospel of Matthew, as we continue to welcome Jesus. We hope you will join us for worship as we remember Christ's birth, and celebrate Christ's coming again this season.

**The annual congregational meeting is TODAY** immediately following worship for the purpose of approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2019. The Session recommends the current Terms of Call for the Pastor be continued, with the exception of an increase of \$220 for Board of Pensions dues and taxes. We will also have a fellowship lunch to celebrate the holidays following the meeting. We hope you are able to join us!

**Eighth Street Group Home:** Great news — all residents have been "adopted" for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Group Home! All wrapped gifts should be brought to the church by NEXT Sunday, December 16 and placed beneath the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. You can still contribute money or gift cards, there is a separate box to deposit gift cards in. Thank you for helping us bring holiday cheer to the residents of this special home!

**Living Gratefully, Giving Gracefully:** Our annual stewardship season is going well! Many people have pledged to support the ministries of this church by "Living Gratefully, Giving Gracefully". Commitment cards are available on the credenza outside the sanctuary, and can be returned to the offering plate or church office anytime in December. We are grateful for the gifts we have received, and invite you to prayerfully consider how you can give back to God during the coming year!

**Hope Presbyterian Playschool:** Our theme this week at the Playschool focused on "families" and all the many different ways, sizes, and shapes that make a family. Always a fun time learning through play at the Playschool!



*Dear family of Hope,  
Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and visits. Having such a warm and caring church family means the world to me. I thank God for you and his blessings daily.*

*My love to each of you,  
Sharon Campbell*

<p><b>Assisting in Worship Today</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Tom Giles</p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Susan Bidwell</p> <p><b>Ushers today:</b> Judy Counts</p> <p><b>Ushers next Sunday:</b> Tom &amp; Anita Giles, Andy Young</p> <p><b>Sound technician:</b> Daniel Ray</p>
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**Church Calendar At-A-Glance:**

TODAY	11:30 a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting & Fellowship Lunch
Dec. 13	6:00 p.m.	Playschool Christmas Program & Dinner
Dec. 20	7:00 p.m.	Advent Evensong & Dessert Reception (with All Saints Lutheran)

Our prayer family of the week is Jill Whitelock. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Jill and her family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for November is Andy Young. He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-763-0581.

**2018 Financials:**

Nov. Operating Income: \$ 10,488	Nov. Operating Expenses: \$ 10,907
YTD Operating Income: \$ 106,082	YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 104,358

*Prayer Concerns*

**Members:**

Sharon Campbell  
Judy Counts  
Kitsy Stracener  
Sara Malaspina  
Janet Onkey  
Nona Kendrick  
Barbara Jones  
Mary Rudd  
George & Beth Burks  
Sandra Young  
Bennie Langston  
Dr. Chris Hauer  
Shelby Albert  
Faye Moore

**Family:**

Marcia Loveman (Peter Loveman)  
Beth McCormick (Lewis & Margie Agnew)  
Will Lee (Lewis & Margie Agnew)  
Helen Ray (Daniel Ray)  
Jane Yantis (Candy Lord)  
Carolyn Adsit Haygood  
(Debbie and David Adsit)  
Gran & Karen Mitchell (Traci Loveman)  
Jim Sterling (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
Jean Clutts (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
Susan Galyon (Barbara Dennis)  
Kelley Tucker (Anita Giles)  
Robert Crawley (Barbara Dennis)

**Friends:**

The family of Karen Balta (Traci Loveman)  
Robert Barnett (Susan Bidwell)  
Jonathan & Lauren Perkins (Lisa Shiver)  
Andy Reed (Candy Lord)  
Hope Freeman (Candy Lord)  
Lola Papagermanos (Judy Counts)  
Sue Hendrix (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)  
Katie & David Ainsley (Barbara Dennis)  
Janice Childress Wilson (Barbara Dennis)  
Rev. Houston Hodges  
Logan Shaffer (Barbara Dennis)  
Pat Putman (Cheryl Hoard)  
Patsey Sloan & Anthony Sloan (Vicki Compton)

**Those serving in our military**