

Order of Worship
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Welcome

Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Adam O'Boyle

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us follow the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

Hymn 170 *You Walk Along Our Shoreline* Der Maien

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Forgiveness (Unison)

Everlasting God, we confess our tiredness, our sense of overwhelm, the feeling of being burned out. We confess that this leads us to turn inward and care for ourselves first, while our neighbors in need still cry out.

Help us, O God, to find ways of letting go of the worldly ways of our daily life that cause us to be sluggish and invigorate us to care for the most vulnerable.

Remind us, O God, of the example of Christ who took time to pray and rest, but also went on to feed and heal and proclaim your Good News.

Renew our spirits, O God, to let go of what drags us down in the world we have created, the world of empire, and instead live into your reign on earth as it is in heaven, the beloved community of Christ

Jesus our Lord, in which we are one body of many parts, but all in need of one another...

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder - A Time for Children

Scripture Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon Left Behind Rev. Christie Ashton

Hymn 721 *Lord, You Have Come* Pescador de Hombres
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

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 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 725 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* Nyland

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Morning Has Broken* arr. Phillip Keveren

Worship Leader This Sunday: Emily Williams
Worship Leader for January 29: Lareeta Ashton

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Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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The Elder on Call for January is Peter Loveman. He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-503-1580.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Our Wednesday Night Bible Study will continue this Wednesday at 7PM. There is no homework so feel free to join us any time and invite friends and/or family. The link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out via email before each Wednesday. Please plan to join us as we explore God's Word and our world together.

Congregation Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting today immediately following worship for the purpose of electing Session members and the 2023 Nominating Committee members at large. The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees: Bill Ashton, to fill an unexpired term in the Session class of 2023; Angie Toles, Session class of 2025; and Tim Clutts, Brenda Brazier, and Andy Young, members at large on the 2023 Nominating Committee. Nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided the person nominated is eligible and has agreed to serve. Eligible candidates must be a member of the congregation and unrelated to any current member of Session or the Nominating Committee. There is one remaining vacancy in the Session class of 2025. If you are interested in serving on the Session, have questions about it, or wish to nominate someone, please speak to Peter Loveman, Lisa Shiver, or Pastor Christie as soon as possible.

Christian Unity Week: The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a worldwide event from January 18 to January 25 in which Christians are invited to pray for and work toward Christian unity, across national and denominational lines. At Hope Presbyterian Church, we will honor this effort with our annual "pulpit swap" with Weatherly Heights Baptist Church. On Sunday, January 29, Dr. David Freeman will preach at Hope while Rev. Ashton will preach at Weatherly Heights.