HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 29, 2024



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Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshiping in the Spirit, growing in discipleship, and sharing God's love.

The Church at Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Benjamin Wines		
Chiming of the Trinity				
Call to Worship	Psalm 148:1-6, 13	Mike Bunch		
 Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; People: Praise him in the heights! Leader: Praise him, all his angels; People: Praise him, all his host! Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; People: Praise him, all you shining stars! Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens, People: And you waters above the heavens! Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, People: For he commanded and they were created. Leader: He established them forever and ever; People: He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; People: His glory is above earth and heaven. 				
Invocation		Mike Bunch		
Hymn of Praise No. 106	He Is Born	IL EST NE		
Scripture Reading	Luke 2:41-52	Steve Bolton		
Children's Message		Rev. Benjamin Wines		
Hymn of Faith	I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day	WALTHAM		
I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play, and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men. I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom had rolled along th'unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men.				
1	I bowed my head: "There is no peace on and mocks the song of peace on earth, go			
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men."				
Till, ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day a voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men.				

Worship through Stewardship

Offertory Prayer Anthem

Bring a Torch Joel Raney Kathryn Bunch Rhonda Welfare and Frances Smith Mary Summerlin, Pianist This morning Frances Smith and Rhonda Welfare are playing a duet using a handbell tree made by Rhonda's sister, Sandy Welfare. A handbell tree is a stand that allows a soloist or small group to play multiple bells simultaneously using mallets.

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Sermon	Why Are You Searching?	Rev. Benjamin Wines
Hymn of Commitment No. 122 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice		IN DULCI JUBILO
Benediction		Rev. Benjamin Wines
Postlude	It Came Upon the Midnight Clear CAROL	Kathryn Bunch

Deacons of the Week – Rhonda Welfare & Anne Pokorny Attendance last week – 69

If you would like to make a financial contribution to our church, there is an offering plate in the vestibule or you can go online to hvbc.org and scroll down to "Support HVBC".

Christmas Missions Offering

Our goal for Global Missions Offering this Christmas season is \$3,000. You may support missions and missionaries around the world by giving to the CBF Global Missions Offering or the SBC Lottie Moon Offering. Please designate on your check or offering envelope your preference. Collected to date:

> CBF Global Missions - \$1,895.00 Lottie Moon - \$350.00 Christmas Cards - \$338.00 **Total = \$2,583.00**

FOOD COLLECTION

Tuesday, December 31 is the last day of our food drive. All donations are going to Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. There are bins in the vestibule and the children's hallway for you to place your donations. There is a list of the Food Bank's most needed items on the bulletin boards. The office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, December $30^{\text{th}} \& 31^{\text{st}}$ from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm if you need to bring your donations on those days. In order to be included in your 2024 Giving Record for tax purposes, contributions must be postmarked by **Tuesday, December 31**; and online contributions must be made by midnight on **Tuesday, December 31**.

Holiday Office Hours

The Church Office will be closed:

Wednesday, January 1 There will not be a midweek service.

Sermon Notes are on the next page.

Sermon Notes

December 29, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas

"Why Are You Searching?"

Luke 2:41-52

Emphasis on verses 46-47, 49

Questions for Further Reflection:

This time of year, we are reminded of the traditions and habits of our families. How have your family traditions shaped you? How should Jesus' habits shape you?