HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 8, 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	Jesu, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Douglas Wager	Kathryn Bunch and Barbara Rowley		
Welcome and Announcements Rev. B		Rev. Benjamin Wines		
Chiming of the Trinity				
Call to Worship	Psalm 15	Mike Bunch		
 Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? People: Who may dwell on your holy hill? Leader: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, People: And speak the truth from their heart; Leader: Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, People: Nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; Leader: In whose eyes the wicked are despised, People: But who honor those who fear the Lord Leader: Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; People: Who do not lend money at interest, Leader: And do not take a bribe against the innocent. People: Those who do these things shall never be moved. 				
Invocation		Mike Bunch		
Hymn of Praise No. 137	Sing We Now of Christmas	FRENCH CAROL		
Lighting the Candle of Peace		HVBC Choir		
 Leader: God, you have called us to be still, People: To know that you are God. Leader: Yet we rush to pick up weapons of war, People: That should be beaten into plowshares. Leader: Remind us that all people bear your image, People: That all people are our neighbors. Leader: Teach us to set aside differences, People: And strive for peace. Leader: As we light this candle, People: We pray that your peace would reign. (<i>Light the Candle of Peace</i>) Leader: May the peace of Christ be with us. People: May the peace of Christ stay with us. 				
Congregational Response	Light the Light, the Fire of Life	IL EST NE		
Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again. Light the candle of His peace, light the light of angels singing, light the candle of His peace, light the light that shone that night. Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory.				

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Offertory Response Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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	Firstborn	Rev. Benjamin Wines
The Lord's Supper		
Hymn of Commitment No.	79 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel	VENI EMMANUEL
Benediction		Rev. Benjamin Wines
Postlude	Angels from the Realms of Glory Bay/Buy	Barbara Rowley

Deacons of the Week – Rhonda Welfare & Mike Bunch Attendance last week – 66

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".

You are cordially invited to **Hope Valley Baptist Church** To celebrate the birth of Jesus As we present **"The Candles of Christmas"** A Service of Christmas Messages And Music **Sunday, December 15, 2024 11:00 in the morning** Please join us for a festive (& delicious) Christmas Reception immediately following the service!

Baking Fundraiser

Rev. Amy Herring

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Chris & Mary Summerlin

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Brenda Doyle

Jennifer Bowen will be baking Thanksgiving and Christmas rolls and breads as a fundraiser for Hope House. Order forms are available in the vestibule with more details. Please order using the form or via email - if you tell her what you want, she's likely to forget!

Christmas Card Exchange

As we get closer to Christmas, it's time to start writing Christmas Cards! We will again be hosting a church-wide Christmas Card Exchange as a fundraiser for Missions. You can drop off and collect your cards at the sorting box that will be placed next to the Hospitality Room at the end of November. The deadline is NEXT SUNDAY, December 15. If the person does not live close by, please mail the card directly to them. A collection box will be placed with the card box. A donation of 25 cents per card is requested. Please make checks payable to HVBC with Missions in the memo line.

FOOD COLLECTION

We will have a Food Drive in October, November, and December with donations going to Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. There are bins in the vestibule for you to place your donations. Listed below are the Food Bank's most needed items:

Canned Fruits Rice Canned Beans Dried Beans Canned Dairy **Hygiene Products** Pastas Canned Meats Dried Fruit Canned Soup Paper Products

Canned Vegetables Lentils **Cleaning Products Beverages** Cereal & Oatmeal Nuts, seeds, trail mix, and granola bars

Join us at Hope Valley Baptist Church as we celebrate Advent and Christmas 2024

December 15, 11:00 am: Third Sunday of Advent Lighting the Candle of *Joy* The Candles of Christmas & Reception

December 22, 11:00 am: Fourth Sunday of Advent Lighting the Candle of *Love*

December 24, 5:00 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight and **Communion Service.**

December 29, 2024, 11:00 am: First Sunday after Christmas

Pickleball Join us on Saturday, **December 14** 5:00—7:00 pm

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.

On December 15 following the Christmas musical service "The Candles of Christmas," you are all invited to a reception following the service. Please feel free to invite your friends and family. Please bring your favorite sweet or savory finger food to share. There will be someone in the Fellowship Hall all morning to receive food.

RED CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - Beautiful red poinsettias will decorate our Sanctuary
during the Advent and Christmas season. To order your poinsettias, please complete the form
below, attach your check made out to Hope Valley Baptist Church, and drop it in the offering box
or bring (or mail) it to the church office. (Please note on your check that it is for poinsettias). All
orders must be <u>received no later than NEXT SUNDAY, December 15</u> .
I will provide poinsettia(s) @ \$16.00 each () In honor () In memory
Of:
Given by:
A check in the amount of \$ payable to Hope Valley Baptist Church is attached.

Sermon Notes are on the next page.

Sermon Notes

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

"Firstborn"

Colossians 1:15-23

Emphasis on verses 15, 19-20

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Questions for Further Reflection:

Today is the Sunday of Peace. What is the peace that Christ offers to us all? What role does Creation play in the story of redemption?