

**Welcome to Hope Church on this First Sunday of Advent!**

**December 2, 2018**

**Welcome to Worship!**

**The Community Gathers**

With a Call to Worship

Hearing the Prophecy: *Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

*"Hope Is Here/Joy to the World"*

Psalm 25: 1-10

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sharing Joys and Concerns

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Hymn #123 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

Children's Focus

**The Community Approaches God**

Offering Prayers and Gifts

**The Community Listens to God**

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

**Are You The Branch?**

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*"A Christmas Alleluia"*

**The Community is Sent by God**

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* Hymn #124 (vv. 1 & 2)

Blessing

**Welcome Guests!**

- We invite you to fill out a Communication Card
- A "Welcome Gift" is available in the Faith Center
  - Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship

**Morning Prayer**

*Thank you for this new day to sing your praise and watch for signs of your kingdom. By your Spirit, let me abound in love for you and your children, that in living and loving I may point to your coming reign. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.*

**Evening Prayer**

*Thank you for the signs of your coming reign, and for the power of your saving love. Bless all those whom I met today, and strengthen their hope in your power and grace. Now as I close my eyes, I relinquish all anxieties and fears, trusting in your providence and mercy. Amen.*

*(Morning and Evening Prayers © 2015 Westminster John Knox Press)*

**Notes and News**

**Hope Community Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a free Christmas meal following the Children's Christmas Program on December 16. Family and friends are always welcome! Please sign up in the Faith Center. Reservations are required.

**Shop with Scrip.** With the holiday season around the corner, consider buying scrip to give as a gift or use for yourself. You pay full value of the gift card; Hope Church Women gets a percentage of all sales to be used for their Missions. Order sheets are available in the Faith Center (near the mail boxes). Complete the order sheet with checks made payable to Hope Church Women by **December 9** and your order will be available for pick up on December 16 at Hope. Or order online, hundreds of cards to choose from! The enrollment code is listed on the bottom of the order sheet. Scrip is available all year!

**Giving Tree Ministry:** If you are able to support this ministry, please take a name from the tree in the Faith Center. Unwrapped gifts with no sales receipts will need to be here by no later than December 9. Please see Corry Scherg for details.

### Upcoming Dates

**December 2:** 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  
11:15 a.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

**December 4:** 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break  
*(Join us for a woman's Bible study group and conversation over coffee)*

**December 5:** 11:00 a.m. Martha/Ruth Luncheon  
*(Please bring a white elephant gift, short devotion and a dish to pass.)*  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**December 7:** 6:00 p.m. Sarah Circle/Mixed Bags at the Reiss Mansion

**December 8:** 6:00 p.m. House of Saints Worship Service

**December 9:** Profession of Faith  
Annual Congregational Meeting

The Consistory is pleased to announce this year's double slate, from which two names will be drawn for each office: **Elders:** Paul Bolgert, Tim Dekker, Deborah McDougall, Dale Rauwerdink **Deacons:** Fred Huerta, Mary Lesicko, John Gregory Merkel, Scott Warmus

**December 11:** 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. FirstHope Community Meal  
*(Please sign up in the Faith Center for those wishing to help or bring a dessert)*

**December 16:** Children's Christmas Program/Community Christmas Meal  
*(ALL are welcome to stay for the meal; please sign up in the Faith Center)*

### Prayer Requests

- Healing for Amy Yang
- For the Spirit to move mightily in the growth of House of Saints  
Saturday night worship
- For the Giving Tree Ministry to find full support
- For the 2020 Vision of Hope Team