

# HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 10, 2023



## Our Church Staff

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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

## Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

*How Far Is It to Bethlehem*  
Arr. Ron Boud

Kathryn Bunch and  
Barbara Rowley

Call to Worship

Julie Stoops

**It Came upon the Midnight Clear** (*Baptist Hymnal*, 1991. v. 1-2)

Leader: It came upon the midnight clear,

**People: That glorious song of old,**

Leader: From angels bending near the earth,

**People: To touch their harps of gold:**

Leader: "Peace on the earth, good will to men,"

**People: From heaven's all gracious King.**

Leader: The world in solemn stillness lay,

**People: To hear the angels sing.**

Leader: Yet with the woes of sin and strife,

**People: The world has suffered long,**

Leader: Beneath the angel strain have rolled,

**People: Two thousand years of wrong;**

Leader: And man, at war with man, hears not,

**People: The love song which they bring:**

Leader: O hush the noise, ye men of strife,

**People: And hear the angels sing!**

Invocation

Julie Stoops

Hymn of Praise No. 79

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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Lighting the Candle of *Peace*

Modern Disciples Class

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.**

*(Light the Candle of Peace)*

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with us.

**People: May the peace of Christ stay with us.**

**Congregational Response**      *Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*      BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy, and love!  
These are gifts You bring from above.  
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your peace, reflected in me.

**Scripture Reading**      Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13      Anne Pokorny

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of Faith No. 125**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      GLORIA

**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**      *Kiss of Peace*      Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Anthem**      *God Bless Us Everyone*      Menken & Ahrens

*Let the stars in the sky remind us of man's compassion.  
Let us love 'til we die, and God bless us, ev'ryone.*

*In your heart there's a light as bright as a star in heaven.  
Let it shine through the night and God bless us, ev'ryone.*

*'Til each child is fed, 'til all men are free, 'til the world becomes a fam'ly...  
Star by star up above and kindness by human kindness, light this world with your love,  
and God bless us, ev'ry one.*

*'Til each child is fed, 'til all men are free, 'til the world becomes a fam'ly, a fam'ly...  
Let the stars in the sky remind us of man's compassion. Let us love 'til we die, and God bless us,  
ev'ry one. Let the stars in the sky remind us of man's compassion.  
Let us love 'til we die and God Bless us, ev'ry one. God bless us ev'ryone. Ev'ryone.*

**The Lord's Supper**

**Hymn of Commitment No. 138**      *How Far Is It to Bethlehem*      STOWEY

**Benediction**      Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Postlude**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*      Barbara Rowley  
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If you would like to make a financial contribution to our church, there is an offering box available in the vestibule or you can go to [hvbc.org](http://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  
**“Let There Be Christmas”**  
A Service of Christmas Messages  
And Music  
**Sunday, December 17, 2023**  
**5:00 pm**  
Please join us for a festive (& delicious)  
Christmas Reception immediately  
following the service!

**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: \$385

**Join us at Hope Valley Baptist Church as  
we celebrate Advent and Christmas 2023**  
  
December 17, 11:00 am: Third Sunday of Advent  
Lighting the Candle of *Joy*  
December 17, 5:00 pm: **“Let There Be Christmas”**  
*Christmas music and Scripture presented by the singers and instrumentalists  
of HVBC. Reception to follow.*  
December 24, 11:00 am: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Lighting the Candle of *Love*  
December 24, 5:00 pm: **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service.**  
December 31, 2023, 11:00 am: First Sunday after Christmas

**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. Please drop off and collect your cards at any time until the Christmas Eve  
service. Cards for members who are not able to collect their own will be delivered,  
either via mail or personally depending on their location. 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.

**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 received no later than December 17.**

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.

**Midweek Services in Person**

6:00 pm – Dinner, bring your own dinner.

6:30 pm – Bible Study

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Church Directory**

There are copies of the updated church directory in the vestibule. Please be sure to take one per family. Also, if there are mistakes in this directory, please let Robin in the church office know.

**Food Pantry**

There are lists of needs on the bulletin boards and in the most recent newsletter. We also have brown bins in the vestibule & children's hallway for you to place your donations in. You can also bring them by the church office. Thanks for your support!

**Pickleball Social**

Saturday, December 16

4:30—6:30 pm

This is an introduction to Pickleball.

Please contact Nick Galvez at [ngalvez1234@gmail.com](mailto:ngalvez1234@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Come try it out!

**(Sermon Notes on next page)**

