

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 17, 2023



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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

Barbara Rowley and
Kathryn Bunch

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

John Myers

Prepare the Royal Highway (*Celebrating Grace* #95, v. 2 & 4)

Leader: We wait our Savior's coming,

People: Our own eternal King!

Leader: Long promised by the prophets,

People: Let heaven with praises ring.

Leader: Our hope is ever growing,

People: God's peace to all bestowing.

All: Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

Leader: Christ's is no earthly kingdom;

People: It comes from heaven above.

Leader: His rule secures our freedom,

People: And justice, truth, and love.

Leader: Hope, peace, and joy our treasure,

People: God's love above all measure.

All: Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's word!

Invocation

John Myers

Hymn of Praise No. 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Lighting the Candle of Joy

The Lunch Bunch

Leader: During this season of Advent,

People: We await the coming of our Savior.

Leader: We feel the abundant joy of the season,

People: Our cups run over!

Leader: For though we have wandered in darkness,

People: We know a great light is coming.

Leader: We remember God's promises,

People: That through Christ we are saved.

Leader: We know that God walks among us,

People: And that makes our joy complete.

(Light the Candle of Joy)

Leader: May the joy of Christ's birth abide in us,

People: May we share that joy with all we meet.

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 joy, reflected in me.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Children's Message

Mike Bunch

Hymn of Faith No. 124

The First Nowell

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Worship through Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Offertory

He is Born

Barbara Rowley and

Arr. Anna Laura Page

Kathryn Bunch

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessing 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.

Anthem

Let There Be Christmas

Joseph Martin

Let there be music. Let there be praise. Let there be singing to fill ev'ry space. Let there be starshine, dazzling and white. Let there be worship. Let there be Christmas tonight.

Let there be carols. Let there be song. Let there be angels to sing loud and strong. Let there be candles, gentle and bright. Let there be worship. Let there be Christmas tonight.

Christmas, come now, and fill us with love. Bring our spirit of grace from above. Christmas, come let our hope be restored. Bring us news that a Savior is born!

Christ, the Savior, is born!

Let there be glory. Let there be peace. Let there be promise. Let justice increase. Heaven has spoken, "Let there be Light!" Come, all ye faithful. Let there be Christmas tonight. Let there be music. Let there be singing. Let there be worship. Let there be Christmas tonight. Come to the manger. Kneel and adore Him. O let there be Christmas tonight. Silent night.

Sermon

God's Promise

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Hymn of Commitment No. 139 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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Benediction

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude

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 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

TODAY! 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.

Join us at Hope Valley Baptist Church as we celebrate Advent and Christmas 2023

December 17, 5:00 pm: **“Let There Be Christmas” TODAY!**
*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.

Midweek Services in Person

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

6:30 pm – Bible Study

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

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 plate 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 TODAY, 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.

(Sermon Notes on next page)

