

# HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

December 3, 2023



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

# The Church at Worship

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Wines

### Chiming of the Trinity

### Prelude

*There's A Song in the Air*  
Arr. Smith and Hustad

Barbara Rowley and  
Kathryn Bunch

### Meaning of the Service & Invocation

Rev. Benjamin Wines

### Carol No. 104

*Once in Royal David's City*

IRBY

## THE ADVENT WREATH

### Children's Message

Rev. Amy Herring

### Lighting the Candle of HOPE

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus!

People: **Today we begin the journey of Advent. Let us pray that we may be ready and able to welcome the Christ Child into our lives again.**

Leader: May this Advent season inspire our hearts and lives.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: May this Advent wreath remind us to prepare for Christ's coming.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: The first candle is the candle of HOPE. It was hope that gave people the courage to go on, and it was hope that directed their prayers toward the Messiah.

People: **Because of our trust in what God has already done for us, we are bold to hope for what He will yet do with us.**

*(Light the candle of hope)*

Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

People: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." May our lights so shine before others that they will give glory to our Father in heaven and discover the hope brought by the Christ Child! Amen.**

### Carol

*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 hope, reflected in me.

## THE EVERGREENS

### Reading

Betty Griffitts

### Musical Response

*The Holly and the Ivy* TRADITIONAL BRITISH CAROL  
Brenda Doyle, Kathryn Bunch and Barbara Rowley

## THE POINSETTIAS

**Reading**  
**Choral Response**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Nick Galvez  
ES 1ST EIN ROS'

## THE CHRISMON TREE

**Reading**  
**Carol**

*O Christmas Tree*

Mike Bunch  
TRADITIONAL GERMAN CAROL

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
The sight of thee at Christmastide spreads hope and gladness far and wide.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou tree most fair and lovely!  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou hast a wondrous message.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou hast a wondrous message.  
Thou dost proclaim the Savior's birth, Goodwill to all and peace on earth.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Thou hast a wondrous message.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You speak of God, unchanging.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You speak of God, unchanging.  
You tell us all to faithful be, and trust in God, eternally.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You speak of God, unchanging.

## THE LIGHTS

**Reading**  
**Choral Response**

*Come to the Light*

Rhonda Welfare  
Joseph Martin

## THE NATIVITY SCENE

**Reading**  
**Carol No. 110**

*Away in a Manger*

Brenda Harton  
MUELLER

**Pastoral Prayer ending in the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Scripture Reading and Homily**

*The Face of God*

Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Carol No. 83**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

**Benediction**

Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Postlude**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*  
IN DULCI JUBILO

Kathryn Bunch

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!

Jennifer Bowen will be taking roll orders for the holidays as a fundraiser for our Hope House Ministry. Rolls will be delivered frozen and fully baked. A limited number can be delivered fresh. Either way, they will just need to be reheated at home. Please complete an order form (in the vestibule) or email Jennifer at: [jennifer.pt.bowen@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.pt.bowen@gmail.com). (Please don't tell her what you want - her memory is terrible these days!)

### **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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm: **A Service of Lament**

*We gather to grieve our losses and reaffirm God's promise of hope as we  
worship together.*

December 10, 11:00 am: Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting the Candle of **Peace**

**Communion**

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

**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 15.**

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)**

