HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 29, 2026



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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

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Please be sure to silence all electronic devices.

Prelude *The First Noel* Smith/Hustad — Kathryn Bunch and Barbara Rowley

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Benjamin Wines

Chiming of the Trinity

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 — Rev. Amy Herring

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.

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 ***hope***, reflected in me.

THE EVERGREENS

Reading — Ron Parker
Choral Response *The Holly & The Ivy* — TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

THE POINSETTIAS

Reading Michael Calloway
Choral Response *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* GERMAN CAROL

THE CHRISMON TREE

Reading Emma Stoops
Carol *O Christmas Tree* 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 Betty Griffitts
Carol No. 96 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

THE NATIVITY SCENE

Reading Ginger Rose
Carol No. 117 *Still, Still, Still* STILL, STILL, STILL

Pastoral Prayer ending in the 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.

Scripture Reading and Homily ***Sleeper, Awake!*** Rev. Benjamin Wines

Carol No. 83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Benediction Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Barbara Rowley
VENI EMMANUEL

Deacons of the Week – Brenda Doyle & Jonathan Herring
Attendance last week – 53



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. You can drop off and collect your cards at the sorting box that is placed next to the Hospitality Room. **The deadline is December 13.** If the person does not live close by, please mail the card directly to them.

A collection box has been placed with the card box. If you'd like to participate in this project to raise more money for Hope House, please deposit 25 cents for each card you give to other church members and friends.



We are collecting food items to donate through the end of the year. These donations will be sent to local food banks, Urban Ministries and/or Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC.

Wooden food collection bins are in the vestibule and the Children's hallway where food items can be placed. Thank you so much!

CHRISTMAS MISSION 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.

You are cordially invited to

Hope Valley Baptist Church

To celebrate the birth of Jesus

As we present

This Holy Night

A Service of Christmas Messages and Music

Sunday, December 20, 2026

11:00 am

Please join us for a festive (& delicious) Christmas Reception immediately following the service!



The Hospitality Team invites all members, visitors, friends, and family to come to our Christmas Reception after the carol service at 11:00 am worship on Sunday, December 20th. Members are asked to bring sweet or savory finger foods to share. Someone from the Hospitality Team will be in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am on the 20th for food drop off. We look forward to seeing you!

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 December 13</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.

November 29

First Sunday of Advent

"Sleeper, Awake!"

Ephesians 5:8-14

Emphasis on verses 8-9, 14

Questions for Further Reflection:

In this passage, Paul tells the Ephesians they ought to imitate Christ. How does imitating Jesus bring hope to the rest of the world? How can imitating him bring hope into our own lives?