

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday*

November 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

INTROIT “God, Your Blessings Overflow” Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Let us call upon God’s name;

Let us make God’s deeds known to all people!

Leader: Let us sing to God; sing praises to the Lord.

May we choose to dwell on God’s wondrous works!

People: And may we give praises to God’s holy name!

All those seeking the Lord, let your hearts rejoice!

All: Let us worship God! May our worship begin now and be never ending like God’s mercy and grace.

*HYMN “Praise and Thanksgiving” No. 722

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you. Please forgive us this day.

Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, and strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God’s word. We are a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God!

**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand*



Each year for the Christmas holiday, Hope Church has “Adopt a Family” Christmas stars which appear on a tree outside the office. These are available for any group or individual from the church to take, wishing to make some children extra happy at Christmas. On the stars are the sex, age and likes (gift suggestions) of local children in need of Christmas gifts as suggested by Hope Church members and friends. Please contact Deacon Cora Rose at (401) 431-4002 or at charbee01@msn.com by November 30th if you know of a local family in need of Christmas gift assistance this year. (All names will remain confidential.)

Stars may be taken off the tree outside the office beginning on Sunday, December 5th after worship or you may contact Shirley at the office (434-2415) to pick up a star on a Monday-Friday morning. All wrapped gifts must be into the church office by Friday, December 17th with the star attached to the package.

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward the purchase of “Adopt a Family” gifts, please make checks payable to Hope Church and earmarked “Adopt a Family” and mailed to the church office. Any donation would be greatly appreciated!

Give thanks
to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.

Psalm 107:1



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NEWS AND NOTES

1. A very special welcome back this morning to our supply pastor for the month of November, Rev. Russ Chamberlain.
2. Hope Church is open and ready to welcome any members of the community who are in search of a warm and friendly place to worship. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us in worship.

Those who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear masks during Sunday worship. All others are still required to wear masks except for children under the age of two. Everyone will be expected to sign in on our contact list.

If you are unable to attend the regular worship service of Hope Church in person on any given Sunday, the following is the information needed to livestream the service on YouTube or any time after and to get the Sunday bulletin to follow along with the service. A link to this week's livestream service and bulletin as well as those from past weeks is available at: hopecongre.org/?page_id=90. You can click on the "plus" mark for any date to access the youtube address, the bulletin or the sermon title for that week.

3. Now that we are an in-person worship service congregation, Hope Church is in **need of your help and commitment** to serve on any one of the following committees in 2022:

Diaconate
Music Committee
Flower Committee
Ushers & Greeters
Christian Education
Christian Growth & Evangelism
Christian Fellowship
Council Member-at-large (1)
Conference Delegates

Please contact one of the following Deacons with your decision:

Cora Rose, Co-Chair @ (401) 829-0970
Lori Russell, Co-Chair @ (401) 241-7914

4. **“Get Crafty”** is meeting on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm** at the church building. Come and join the fun and fellowship while working on crafts.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits -
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

SERMON **“Five Empowering Kernels of Corn”**

*HYMN **“For the Fruit of All Creation”**

No. 723

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)
Time of Silent Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response “Let the Church Say Amen”

**Let the church say amen, Let the church say amen
Altogether, let the church say amen.**

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

*Doxology “Give Thanks” No. 359

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Lord, we were born with nothing but the breath you breathed into us. All that we have become, all that we have created, and all that we have worked for - all this was made possible through you. We return a portion of what you have given to us as an offering of our thankfulness, and as a celebration of your love. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “We Praise You, O God” No. 726

*BENEDICTION

Leader: What we do now, you and me, will effect eternity. God’s counting on me. God’s counting on you

People: What we do now, you and me, will effect eternity. God’s counting on me. God’s counting on you.

Leader: Hoping we’ll all pull through, hoping we’ll all pull through, hoping we all pull through, me and you.

People: Hoping we’ll all pull through, hoping we’ll all pull through, hoping we all pull through, me and you.

Leader: God be in our heads and in our understandings.

People: God be in our eyes and in our looking.

Leader: God be in our mouths and in our speaking.

People: God be in our hearts and in our caring.

All: God be at the end and at our departing. Amen. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Russ Chamberlain

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda

DEACON & LAY READER - Cora Rose

DEACON OF THE MONTH - Ray Hassell

MUSIC TEAM - Kim Kuda, Andrew Foster