

GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

*“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd
my people Israel.”*

Matthew 2:6

December 15, 2019

Good Hope strives to be a Christ-centered community,
loving God and loving people.

Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP Hebrews 1:1-4

“Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”

HYMN 194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Isaiah 11:1-2

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

HYMN 199 *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Russell and Ardala Kunze
Nick and Tracy Totaro

CHILDREN'S STORY

(Children ages 3 and under may be dismissed to the nursery).

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Questions 15-18

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for?

A. He must be truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, He must also be true God.

Q. Why must He be truly man and truly righteous?

A. God's justice demands it: man has sinned, man must pay for his sin, but a sinner can not pay for others.

Q. Why must He also be true God?

A. So that, by the power of His divinity, He might bear the weight of God's anger in His humanity and earn for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Q. And who is this mediator – true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

HYMN *From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable*

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
By the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
To the anguish and the shame of scandal
Came the Savior of the human race.
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven,
Shepherds listen as the angels tell
Of the Gift of God come down to man
At the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
Humble servant in the Father's hands,
Filled with power and the Holy Spirit,
Filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
Joys and sorrows that I know so well;
Yet His righteous steps give me hope again -
I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
He was lifted on a cruel cross;
He was punished for a world's transgressions,
He was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, He fights for me,
Loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
And with a shout our souls are free -
Death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He's standing in the place of honor,
Crowned with glory on the highest throne,
Interceding for His own beloved
Till His Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds
Hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
But the Bride will run to her Lover's arms,
Giving glory to Immanuel!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Rejoice and Be Merry*

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth!
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation— his praises we'll sing!

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation— his praises we'll sing!

Likewise a bright star in the sky did appear,
Which led the Wise Men from the east to draw near;
They found the Messiah, sweet Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation— his praises we'll sing!

And when they were come, they their treasures unfold,
And unto him offered myrrh, incense and gold.
So blessed for ever be Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation— his praises we'll sing!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

HYMN 211 *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

(Children ages 4 to 8 may be dismissed to Children's Church)

SERMON PASSAGE

Micah 5:2–6

SERMON

A Surprising Salvation

Mr. Hettinger

HYMN 224

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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