

HOPE CHURCH
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
November 20, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Fanfare on Now Thank We All Our God* B. W. Sanders
Chorale Prelude on Nun Danket Alle Gott J. S. Bach
Minuet in G J. S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP Hughes
We have put on Christ.
In him we have been baptized.
Alleluia!

VOTUM AND SENTENCES

Our help is the name of the LORD who made heaven and earth *Psalm 124:8*
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord our God
who has looked favorably on God's people to redeem them.

God has raised up a mighty savior for us.

God has shown the mercy promised from of old,
and has remembered God's holy covenant:

To be rescued from the hands of our enemies
and to serve God without fear.

By the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high will break upon us,

**To give light to those who sit in darkness
and to guide our feet in the way of peace.**

from Luke 1

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Red #219 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

*SALUTATION

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Bold type indicates congregational response

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

The image shows a musical score for the prayer 'Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy, up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with red lines indicating the syllable placement under the notes.

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Mighty and Tender God,
Voice of the voiceless, Power of the powerless:
**We praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness,
a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,
in which the stranger is welcome, the hurting are healed,
and the captive is set free.
Guide us by your truth and love
until we and all your people make manifest
your reign of justice and compassion.**

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us, as sung above

ASSURANCE OF PARDON & LAW AS A GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

RESPONSE Red #797 *Sing! A New Creation*
stanzas 1,3

EBENEZER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, PROFESSION OF FAITH AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Preparation and Presentation

Profession of Faith and Promises

*Confession of Faith *Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized
receive a ministry to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord,
and to love and serve those with whom they live and work.

**We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole.
We are the salt of the earth; we are the light of the world.**

Baptismal Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks . . .

The Baptism Covenant

Welcome

We give thanks to God for the gift of all the brothers and sisters
whom we have welcomed today.

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.

**Join with us as we give witness in the world to the Good News,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

RESPONSE *Minuet in G* Carillon Choir

J. S. Bach

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

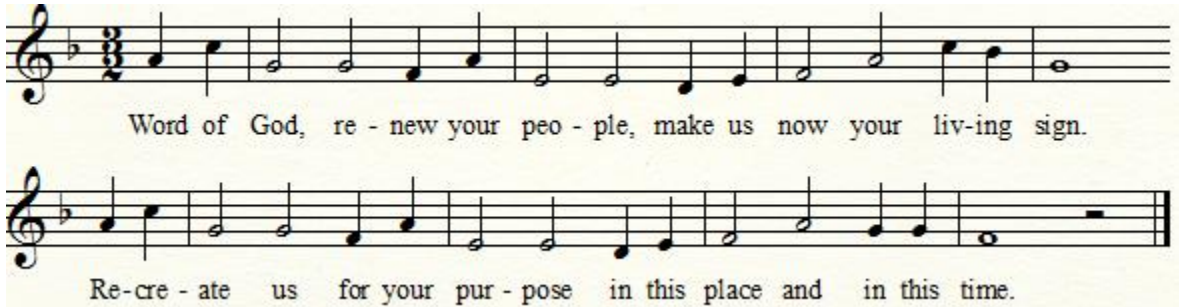
And also with you.

Children age 3-5th grade leave for Children in Worship

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Word of God*

Farrell



Word of God, re - new your peo - ple, make us now your liv - ing sign.
Re - cre - ate us for your pur - pose in this place and in this time.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6

p. 633

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LUKE 1:68-79 Red #67 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

FOREST GREEN

THE EPISTLE LESSON Colossians:1:11-20

p. 956

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:33-43

p. 859

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

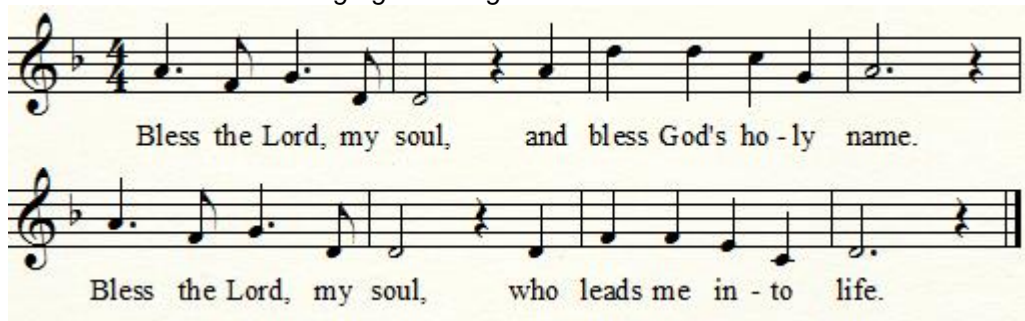
SERMON *An Advent Resolution*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING *silent meditation*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

LIFE OF HOPE

CALL TO PRAYER *Bless the Lord, My Soul*
congregation sings twice



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Throughout the prayer the following response will be used:

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

... ending with the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad and pass it back.*

Offertory *O All Ye Nations*

H. Schutz

O all ye nations, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord, all ye people.

God's loving kindness unto us is great and merciful.

With heart and with voice in Him rejoice; for God's truth endureth evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, sing praises! Alleluia, Alleluia, sing praises!

Alleluia, praise ye the Lord!

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

***Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen**

***or praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

*RECESSIONAL HYMN Red #543 *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Marche Triomphale on Now Thank we All our God*

S. Karg-Elert

Participating in worship today are Seminary Intern Alyssa Anten, preaching; Pastor Gordon Wiersma, liturgist; Mark Edgington, reader; Joe Arevalo, representing Caring for Creation, crucifer; Chancel Choir directed by Brian Carder; Carillon Choir; Rhonda Edgington, organist; Brass ensemble - Genevieve Gruenler, Kyle Rosenau, John Schmidt, Liam Morrison, Denis Engle; Violin players - Ellen Rizner, Karen, Anna, Joshua Pearson, Isaac Edgington

Pastor Jill is away on study leave time and will return to her office on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to leave the sanctuary after the Word with the Children to participate in **Children in Worship**. The story for 3-year-olds and Pre K = *Ten Best Ways to Live*; kindergarten and grade 1 = *David*; grades 2 and 3 = *Jonah and the Whale*; grades 4 and 5 = *Daniel*. **Children's Bulletins** are available at each door for ages 3-6 & ages 7-12. Please return writing & coloring utensils to the doors after the service.

Visitors, we are so glad you could worship with us today! Please feel free to stop by the welcome desk in the gathering area to receive helpful information and a Hope Church mug.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given today by Peg DeHaan, in loving memory of John DeHaan who passed away on Thanksgiving Day in 2009.

Greeting you at the parking lot entrance were Don & Lise Topp; elder greeter today will be DeeDee Piers.

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are Elineke Ann, child of Dana Huisman-Whitman and Adam Whitman, Eli Bojay and Zoe Agnes, children of Kristyn and Josh Bochniak, and Hazel Lillian, child of Avril & Tristan Freeman. We welcome these families into the body of Christ and the family of Hope Church.

New Member Reception: On November 14, the elders met with the following people and welcomed them into the membership of Hope Church: **Lauren Janes** joins by reaffirmation of faith and is sponsored by the Marthens family. She joins with her husband Dustin, and children, Daphne and Theodore. **Kristyn and Josh Bochniak** (with children Eli & Zoe) join by reaffirmation of faith and are sponsored by Joe and Allison Davelaar. **Rich and Carmel DeLeau** and their children Marena, Jourdan, and Max join by transfer from First Reformed Church in Zeeland, MI, and are sponsored by the Steeby family. **Bob** (RCA Pastor) **and Mary Luidens** join by transfer from Altamont Reformed Church in Altamont, New York, and are sponsored by Tom and Sharon Arendshorst. **Amory Jewett** joins by reaffirmation of faith and is sponsored by Earl Laman. **Perry and Pam Landes** join by reaffirmation of faith and are sponsored by Larry and Jane Schuyler. **Phil Landes** joins by transfer from Maximo Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida and is sponsored by Phil Van Eyl. **Grace Miguel Cipriano** joins by transfer from Third Reformed Church in Holland, MI, and is