

**WE'RE PLEASED YOU JOINED FOR WORSHIP TODAY  
PLEASE CONNECT WITH US**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like more information
- I want to volunteer
- I would like to be contacted
- I have updated information

**Prayer Request**

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**Announcements**

- ◆ Sunday Morning Service on radio at FM 88.3
- ◆ Newsletters Signup on our website to stay connected.
- ◆ Volunteers needed for nursery, greeter, and help. A new year is approaching, prayerfully consider how you can encourage the local body (Hebrews 10:24).

**No Pot-Providence or Evening Service on Dec 26 or Jan 2.**

- ◆ Calendar:
  - Nursery Workers:                      Helpers:
  - Dec-19 Dickerson                      Lauck
  - Dec-26 DeFreese                      Niemiowski

**Candy Catechism:**

The 10 Commandments— *aka* Decalogue, 10 Words

**Gathering of God's People**

*\*Indicates standing if you are able.*

**\* The Call to Worship**

Leader: Psa 100:1-2 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**People: Exo 15:2 The Lord is our strength and our song, he has become our salvation**

**\* Song** #214 Angels we have Heard on High

**\* God's Greeting** 2 John 3

**Confession and Purification**

**God's Law** Galatians 6:10

Silent Confession

*Kneelers are under the pew in front of you if you would like to use the for confession.*

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

Lord, eternal and almighty Father, together we confess openly before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners. We know what you require of us, yet we are cold to 'others.' Pride and self-centeredness are the hallmarks of our heart. Remind us of Christ's love that brought him here and sent him to the cross. Wash us in the grace of his blood. As your children, fill us with his love and passion toward you and your people.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\* Song** #307 Nothing but the Blood

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Receiving New Members**

Song: #460 Amazing Grace (vv. 1, 6)

**Application of the Visible Word in Baptism**

**Pastoral Prayer**

*(End with the Lord's Prayer corporately)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

**\* Sing: Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Sermon** 2 Sam 7: 8-9, 11b-16; 1 Kings 11:1-2

**Hopes & Hurts:** Hoping in Political Houses  
Pastor Chris Stevens

**\* Song** #210 Silent Night! Holy Night!

## Response of God's People

### Our Gifts and Offerings

#### \* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Celebration of Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

*We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing at a true, Bible proclaiming church. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. As Christ gave wine to the first disciples we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings are juice if you prefer.*

### Confession of Faith

HC Q&A 1: What is my only comfort in life and death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful savior Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood, has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head. Indeed, all things must work together for my salvation; therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready to live for him.

### Prayer and Consecration

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Minister: [*prayer*]

### Words of Institution and Celebration

*Celebrating our unity, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will partake together.*

### Prayer After the Supper

Father, we have received again in this meal the grace of Jesus Christ, the lord and giver of life. Though poor sinners, we have dined with the King. You have nourished our souls again. May we go forth strengthened by the Spirit, renewed in your love, and bearing fruit for your name. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory forever and ever.

### Blessing and Benediction

\* Song #100 Holy! Holy! Holy!

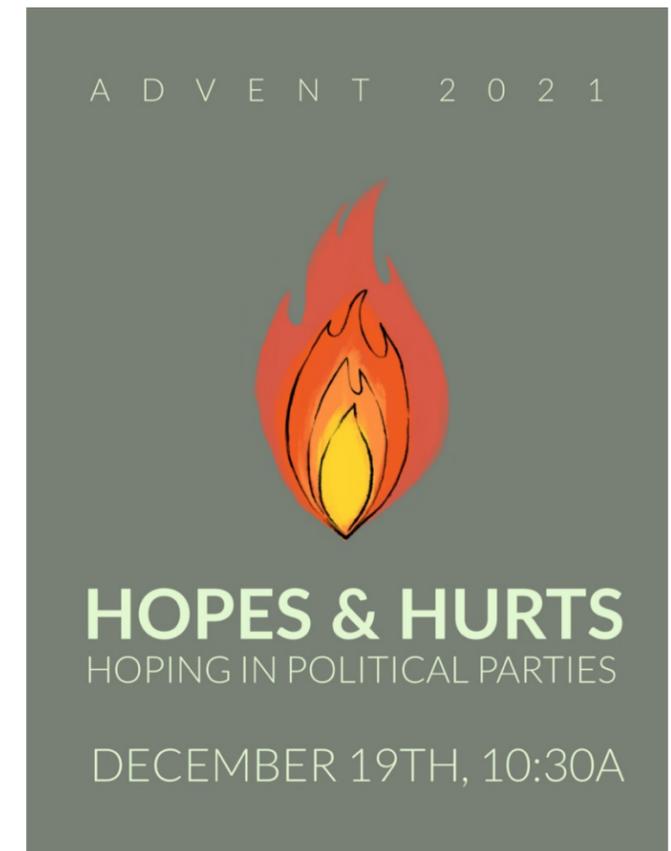
\* Benediction

\* Song #740 *Threefold Amen*

# Welcome

Lord's Day

December 19, 2021



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**Morning Worship 10:30 am**

**Evening Worship 5:30 pm**

**Christmas Eve Service 7 Pm**

*Church's Mission—*

To Know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection, Phil 3:10