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God Gathers — We Prepare

Preparation for Worship

“Only the humble believe him and rejoice that God is so free and so marvelous that he does wonders where people despair, that he takes what is little and lowly and makes it marvelous. And that is the wonder of all wonders, that God loves the lowly.... God is not ashamed of the lowliness of human beings. God marches right in. He chooses people as his instruments and performs his wonders where one would least expect them. God is near to lowliness; he loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. - Isaiah 7:14

Remembering His Birth: The Candle of Annunciation

God Calls — We Praise

Call to Worship (Standing)

Isaiah 9:6,7

Leader For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

All **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom,

All **To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

Song of Praise

"Joy to the World"

All Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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Prayer of Adoration

God Invites — We Confess

Community Confession of Sin (Be seated or kneel)

Galatians 4:4,5

Leader But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Personal Confession of Sin (Silence is kept)

God Assures — We Give Thanks

Assurance of Pardon (Standing)

Galatians 4:6

All And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Song of Assurance

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

All Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all!
Swift are winging, angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ, the babe is Lord of all!
Christ, the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story,
Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ, the babe was born for you!
Christ, the babe was born for you!

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all!
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Based on a traditional Polish carol;. Translated by Edith M. G. Reed, 1920

God's Covenant Sign of Infant Baptism

Sybil Raye Fullbright

Child of the Covenant given to Bradley and Jordan Fullbright

We Bless Our Children

HopeKids

Honoring & Blessing our Children

Leader Jesus points to children, and says to all of us, “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

All Jesus says, “Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

Leader I, your elder...

Parents We, your parents ...

All We, your church family ...

All We pray God's continued blessing upon you. May you grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Children ages 4 - 2nd grade are now dismissed to Children's Sunday School!

Parents, please escort your children to their classroom at this time. They are also of course welcome to remain in the service if preferred as well!

Christ as Prophet – The Word to Us

Scripture Reading (Standing)

Luke 1:26-56

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. **28** And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" **29** But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. **30** And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. **32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." **34** And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" **35** And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. **36** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** For nothing will be impossible with God." **38** And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. **39** In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, **40** and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. **41** And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, **42** and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! **43** And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **44** For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. **45** And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." **46** And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, **47** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, **48** for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; **49** for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. **50** And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. **51** He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; **52** he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; **53** he has filled the hungry with good

things, and the rich he has sent away empty. **54** He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, **55** as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” **56** And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon (Be Seated)

Bob Clark

Advent Series: Messengers for the Messiah

Title: "Mary - Mother of the Messiah"

Topic: Our Call to Serve Christ

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Message to Mary has Bold Biblical Meaning

II. The Message to Mary has Deep Doctrinal Meaning

III. The Message to Mary has Profound Personal Meaning

CONCLUSION:

Christ as Priest – The Sacrament for Us

Profession of Faith (Standing)

Philippians 2:5b-11

All *I Believe in Christ Jesus,*

*Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,*

*But emptied Himself,
by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.*

*And being found in human form, He humbled Himself
by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,*

To the glory of God the Father.

Sharing Christ's Welcome

Prayer at the Table

Words of Institution

Approaching the Table

Instructions

Gluten free bread is available.

Tinted cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice.

Take the bread and drink when you come forward, and return to your seat with both.

We'll commune together.

Should you join the meal?

This is a "means of grace"—a method of encouragement from God, a sign and symbol for those who entrust themselves to Jesus Christ. It's not for perfect people, it's for broken people. It's for you if you affirm that because of your sins, you are worse and more messed up than you even realize; and yet you are more loved and accepted than you had ever dared hope—by God's mercy given through faith alone in the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for you.

Children

Should talk with a pastor about personal faith in Christ before taking the Lord's Supper. If your child has not been baptized or professed personal faith before a church community, they're still encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

If you're not joining the Supper

We don't want this to be an awkward time. You can come forward for prayer or a blessing. You can also remain seated and reflect on or pray about the service, including the guided prayers below. We're glad you're with us.

Guided Prayers

If you're searching for the Truth

"God, if you are there, I want to ask good questions and be teachable to receive reasonable answers. I want to feel permission to wrestle, doubt, and question, yet not be satisfied with remaining perpetually here. I need humility to be an honest appraiser of my own longings and struggles, and how sin might be active in these. If you're real, please meet me."

If you're struggling

"Jesus, please show me any misplaced longings in my heart. Enable me to look to you alone for contentment and for the rest my soul craves. Please give me faith to see you as one who has encountered the burden of my struggle, yet overcome temptation and restlessness as my champion."

If you're at a place of belief

"Lord, I admit the extent of my weakness and sinfulness, and the expanse of your lavish love and forgiveness. I believe you have accepted me because of the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thank you for this gift of grace. Thank you for paying my debt for sin and cleansing my heart through the gospel. By faith, I want to turn from my sin and receive Jesus as my Rescuer and Ruler."

Song of Celebration

"What Child is This?"

All What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

 Why lies He in such mean estate,
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear, for sinners here,
 The silent Word is pleading.
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
 The cross be borne for me, for you.
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

 So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
 Come peasant, king to own Him;
 The King of kings salvation brings,
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
 Raise, raise the song on high,
 The virgin sings her lullaby.
 Joy, joy for Christ is born,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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 The virgin sings her lullaby.
 Joy, joy for Christ is born,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1865, Music: Unknown

Christ as King – The Lord Over Us

Coronation Anthem (Standing)

The Doxology

All **Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Words: Thomas Ken, c. 1674; Music attr. To Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Offering Our Prayers

- *For Hope Presbyterian Church... for its ministries and for its people.*
- *For continued generosity of HPC giving*
- *For the conclusion of the formal SJC trial and the deliberations that follow*
- *For Expectant Mothers: Arika Held (Dec); Kelie Baysinger (Mar)*
- *For our RUF Ministry*
- *For our Women's Ministry*
- *For our Children's Ministry*

The Lord's Prayer

All **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.**

Offering our Gifts

(If you'd like to make your offering online you can head to Hope's homepage: www.hopebtown.org Head to the "Connect" heading, click on "Donate," and follow the prompts. We're grateful for your generous and sacrificial giving!)

1 John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Vision Ahead

God Sends — We Enter our Mission

Song of Sending

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

All O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see Thee lie!
 Above Thy deep and dreamless sleep,
 the silent stars go by.
 Yet in Thy dark streets shineth,
 the everlasting Light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in Thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary
and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together,
proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem
descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sins and enter in,
be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Words: Phillips Brooks, 1867, Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

Benediction

Based on Luke 2:29-32

Leader “Lord, now You are letting your servants depart in peace,
according to Your word; for our eyes have seen Your salvation that
You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel.”

About Hope

Weekly Wednesday Prayer

Hope's Weekly Wednesday Prayer Meetings occur every Wednesday at the church at 7pm. We would love for you to join us!

Women's Bible Study

We will be taking a break until the new year, but mark your calendars for a Christmas gathering on **Monday, December 5th** at 7:30pm at the Fullbright's Home! We will be doing a Christmas cookie exchange, so please bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookie to share!

Special Blessings

Wondering how you might bless the Held and the Baysinger families as they anticipate their new little ones? Have we got an idea for you!

Sometimes it doesn't always work to participate in the traditional meal train after the little ones are born, so we thought we'd use every Sunday in December as an opportunity for you to bring a frozen meal for the Helds and the Baysingers to put in their freezers for the future! Doesn't have to be elaborate (but it sure can be!) just make sure it's frozen... soup, a favorite casserole, a lasagna, any meal that freezes well would be a blessing. Please include baking / warming directions and the recipe card, if you'd like.

Consider blessing these two Hope families by making an extra meal or two for Frozen Feast December!

Hope Ministries

Women's Ministry

Hope Women's Bible Study meets every other Monday. There are two time options offered:

- 9:30am at The Peach Home
- 7:00pm alternating between the Fullbright and Hamill Homes

We will be studying through an At His Feet study titled "The Servant King: A Study of the Gospel of Luke".

We'd love to have you join us this year! Please reach out to Kelie Baysinger if you have any questions!

***We will be breaking until the new year!**

Men's Wednesday Morning Fellowship

You are invited to join Seth and others guys from Hope every other Wednesday morning starting at 6:00am at Cloverleaf Westside (4023 W 3rd St.) for food and fellowship! Please text Seth if you plan to join.

Reformed University Fellowship

Please contact Eric Whitley for additional details/info! www.rufindiana.org
| FB Group: RUF Indiana | Instagram: [@rufindiana](https://www.instagram.com/rufindiana)

Serving Spotlight

We encourage everyone at Hope to find ways to serve in the body. Here are a few:

Sunday morning Set-up/Sound/Hospitality: Unload the trailer, set up/tear down, then reload the trailer; help on the sound team! Questions? Reach out to Vivian at vivianfurnish@gmail.com

Nursery/Roots Teachers: Help care for the children of Hope on Sunday mornings! Questions? Reach out to children@hopebtown.org

Finance Spotlight

2022 Year To-Date Giving:

Budget Year-To-Date:

Attendance Spotlight

Last Sunday: 42

Connecting with Hope

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1. Communicate regular church announcements through email.
2. Communicate emergency or last-minute info via email or text.
3. Communicate easily to different groups of people.

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