



Hixson Presbyterian Church  
December 3, 2017

**Prelude**

**Greetings**

Greg Baney

**Call to Worship** Luke 1:46-53

**Advent Candle Lighting** *Prophets, Isbell Family*

**Prayer of Preparation & Confession**

**†O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by  
Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things,  
Far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

O come, Desire of nations,  
Bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, fill all the world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)

**†Lift Up Your Head And Raise Your Voice**

Lift up your head and raise your voice  
Look to our Savior and rejoice  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Let us sing praise this Sabbath morn  
Our Lord and Savior has been born  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord help us worship on this day  
And with the angels join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Come, sing your praises at His birth  
The word made flesh  
Has come to earth  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The lowly shepherds stand in fear  
Kings of the earth in homage kneel  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
The angels voice the Father's plan  
A gift of love, the Son of Man

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory to God in highest heav'n  
Peace, hope, and life have come to men  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
So, with one voice we raise this theme  
And worship Christ our Savior King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**Responsive Reading** From Isaiah 9

**†Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor. (Chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross.  
I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross. (Chorus)

**New Members** Bill & Julie Adams and Marshall Harris

**God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*\*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the pew\**  
Children Pre-K through 1st grade are  
invited to Children's Church

**Offertory** *Show Us Christ*

**Sermon**

"Whom Do You Love?"  
Luke 16:13-14

Robert Johnson

**†Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art,  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
Of Thy birth we long to hear.

O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life he brings us gladness,  
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### **Why Do We Do That?**

#### **Advent**

Advent is the season which anticipates the birth of Christ. The tradition of this remembrance goes back hundreds of years, before the reformation, and is a part of the larger observance of the church calendar. Easter, Good Friday, Christmas, Lent, and Advent have been special times of remembrance and worship for the church at large throughout the centuries. When we celebrate Advent we remember that the coming of Christ is the event to which all history points. For each Sunday leading up to Christmas, as well as Christmas Eve, we will read passages which point us towards the work God did surrounding the birth of Christ. We also light candles to point to Christ as the light of the world, the light which shines into the darkness and overcomes it (John 1:5).

**Sermon Notes - Robert Johnson**  
"Whom Do You Love?"  
Luke 16:13-14

**First, God Or Money**

**Second, Mastered**

**Finally, Lovers of God**

## Announcements for the week December 3, 2017

• **Trail Life Bake Sale:** HPC is sponsoring a bake sale today to benefit the trail life troop. This will help fund the next years programming. It will be held after the service at 12:00.

• **Children's Christmas Program:** Come join us this evening at 6pm as our Hixson Pres Kids present "The Power of the King"! The setting is a radio station with a pretty cynical DJ who doesn't get the joy of Christmas. Just like this DJ needs hope in a dark world, so did the people of Israel as they cried out "O come O come, Emmanuel!" We will journey with her and hear about the birth of a King! Let's celebrate the joy of the season and hear our kids sing about that Silent Night in Bethlehem!

• **Ornaments for Orphans:** Hope for Little Feet wants to help support and raise awareness for orphans by selling Ornaments 4 Orphans. We had a great response to this last year, and this year we have new selections for you to choose from. Please stop by our table, in the foyer, now through December 10th to see what we have to offer.

• **Christmas Past Concert:** Sunday, December 10 at 6pm. We'll be having a special time remembering many of our favorite carols and learning a few of the stories behind these cherished songs. The whole family is welcome to come and worship with us as we look back, and look forward, to Christmas.

• **Primetimer's Christmas Lunch:** Tuesday, December 12 at 12:00 pm. Primetiimers (HPC Senior Adult Group) is having a scrumptious Christmas Dinner with ham and many sides. (free of charge) We're having former ministers of music, Kelley Stultz and Sigrid Luther entertain us. Greg Baney will give a Christmas devotional. Please bring hats, gloves, and scarves to donate to Hope for Inner City. If you haven't had a call, please come anyway. Hope to see you for a great time!

• **Women's Ministry Christmas Event:** Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This year our gift theme is things that start with "C" so be creative and have fun. Your gift should cost \$7 or less. We will also have an opportunity to help serve our community by collecting new socks, hats, scarves, and gloves to be donated to a local hospital that provides clothes to homeless patients when they are discharged. We will have child care available upon request. **The deadline to request childcare is December 10.** If you have any questions, please contact Christine Parker.

• **Christmas Eve Service:** We are not able to offer any childcare for this service. The service will be family friendly so please bring your whole family for this special evening.

## Upcoming Events

- Dec 3 Children's Christmas Program - 6:00pm
- Dec 8 Youth - HS Christmas Party - 7:30-10:00pm
- Dec 10 Christmas Concert - 6-7:30pm
- Dec 12 Primetimer's Lunch 12:00pm
- Dec 13 Women's Ministry Christmas Event 6:30pm
- Dec 15 Youth - MS Christmas Party - 6:30-9:30pm
- Dec 17 No Evening Ministries
- Dec 24 No SS, Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm
- Dec 25-26 Office Closed - Merry Christmas
- Dec 31 No SS, No Evening Ministries
- Jan 1 & 2 New Year's Day, Office is closed
- Jan 7 Evening Ministries Resume

## Weekly Calendar

### **Sunday, December 3**

9:30 am Sunday School  
10:45 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Children's Christmas Program

### **Monday, December 4**

### **Tuesday, December 5**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
3:30 pm TASK  
6:00 pm Trail Life  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 6**

6:30 pm Choir  
Dig for Youth  
Music & Missions HPC Kids

### **Thursday, December 7**

3:30 pm TASK

### **Friday, December 8**

## Contributions Report

<b>General:</b>		<b>Nov 26, 2017</b>		<b>Missions:</b>		<b>Nov 26, 2017</b>	
Contributions		16,181.00		Contributions		970.00	
Budget		13,515.00		Budget		1,828.00	
<b>Month to Date</b>				<b>Month to Date</b>			
Contributions		63,749.00		Contributions		6,795.00	
Budget		54,060.00		Budget		7,312.00	
<b>Building Fund Weekly</b>		5,527		<b>Month to Date</b>		26,033	
<b>Weekly Goal</b>		5,303		<b>Monthly Goal</b>		21,212	

## **Adult Sunday School Classes**

### **Current Classes:**

#### **Women's Sunday School Class: Teaching Ladies for Christ (TLC)**

Room M2 Aug 20 – Dec 31st (Taught by Leigh Anne Grant)

#### **The End of the Ages: The Book of Revelation**

Room M1 Aug 20 – Dec 17th (Taught by Floyd Richardson).

#### **Using Your Gifts: Church and Your Unique Personality!**

Conference Room M4 Oct 15th – Dec 17th (Taught by Greg Baney)