



First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 27, 2009



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GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at any time during worship that we might all share in the Light.
During Communion find members of our prayer team are available to pray with you.
Our prayer team will pray through the week the prayers that you offer via the prayer request form.
We hope you will let us know that you have been with us by completing the form in the bulletin.*

Living Hope

Welcome

Opening Song

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight over all the earth
Ye, who sang creations story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching over your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the Infant light
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Invocation

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Your name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, Your name is called Emmanuel.

Assurance of Forgiveness and God's Presence

Passing of the Peace One: The peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

Sung Celebration:

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Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

Call To Prayer

Hope Church Singers

Prayers of the People

In addition to our open prayer time, you are encouraged to use the prayer circles that are available during Holy Communion and the Prayer Request in this bulletin which will bring your prayers to the attention of the pastor and the prayer ministry team.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture



Psalm 148

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

One: The Word of Truth **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

THE RESOLUTION TO END ALL RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Wendy

Hymn

"I am the Light of the World"

I am the Light of the World
You people come and follow me.
If you follow and love, You'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

When the song of the angels is stilled.
When the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home.
The work of Christmas is begun!

To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal that broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below the sky above!

COMMUNION

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Sung Response (*Amen*), Procession of Gifts and Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Feast: *This is an open table; everyone is welcome. You are invited forward to receive the bread and dip it into the bowls of grape juice or the chalice of wine. Gluten Free "bread" is available. Should you need assistance; a server will bring you the communion elements.*

Communion Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of our Savior (sins; sins against us)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light
Go, tell it on the mountain....

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth
Go, tell it on the mountain...

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn
Go, tell it on the mountain...

Benediction



CHILD CARE

Child Care and is available in the parlor,
(through right hand door at the front of the sanctuary).

LIVING HOPE

WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND:

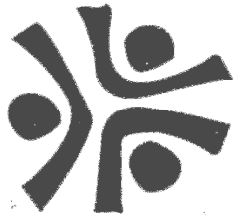
Invite a friend to come along and join us for worship.

Today, December 27, First Sunday after Christmas, 5:30pm Worship: The story of 12 year old Jesus' family going to Jerusalem for the Passover festival begs that question: How are we doing God's business. Rev. Wendy preaches about the New Year's "Resolution to End all Resolutions."

Next Sunday, January 3, 5:30 pm Epiphany Sunday. The three wise ones arrive and we sing of God's glory. "Arise, your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you." Join us for worship as we continue to be surprised by the miracle of Emmanuel

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Worship Participation: Please consider signing up for one of the Sunday worship roles in advance at the online Worship Participation site. Go to http://hopeboston.org/worship_spirituality/worship_participation and then click on the words "Worship Participation".



Save the Date
Hope Church Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2010
6:30pm

Budget Decisions
Leadership Elections
Reports from UCC and DOC Conference

Pledge and Contribution Information: 2009 and 2010

Pledge Year 2009: There is still time to contribute to or complete a pledge to Hope Church for the current year - 2009. If you have any question regarding the amount of your outstanding pledge or would like to make an additional contribution for this year please contact Fred Hayes at the Hope Church office at 617-522-0600 or at office@hopeboston.org. Statements of financial contributions for 2009 for tax purposes will be mailed shortly after the new year begins.

Pledge Year 2010: If you contribute by automatic deduction from a bank or credit card account using the Vanco Services system hope has in place you must complete an authorization form for the new year ***even if*** you have one in place for the year 2009. Contact Fred Hayes at the Hope Church office at 617-522-0600 or at office@hopeboston.org if you require assistance regarding this form.

Thank for your outstanding generosity in support of our church,

A Proposal to Unite Hope Church and Central Congregational Church

A proposal concerning the ongoing plans for the unification of Hope Church and Central Congregational Church is available on the "Partners" section of the website at www.hopeboston.org. This proposal represents a major step forward in our plans and it is very important for all Hope Church covenant partners to review this document.



HOPE CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Ministers: All of us!

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Kathie Mainzer, Stacey Schamber,
Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker , Judy Wagoner

HOPE CHURCH MINISTRIES

Hope Church is a vibrant and growing community with lots of ways to get involved. Please contact these leaders and let us know where you feel called to serve and we'll plug you in!

Casserole Care:	Kathy Bermingham
Children's Church:	Fred Hayes
Finance:	Frank Stevens
Hospitality:	All of us....
In Care Committee	Polly Hamlen
Nominating Committee:	Laura Everett
Prayer Ministry:	Beverly Pacheco
Search Committee:	Beth Chandler
Seminarian Support:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade Rev. Steven Vandergrift
Social Justice:	Neeka Stanley
Stewardship:	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Welcome Baby:	Barbara McQueen
Welcome Wagon:	Jean Vandergrift
Worship, Arts and Music:	Nanette Savides/Sarah Goplin

Welcome to Hope Church...

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and to old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, and single people.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

Welcome to everyone!

Tonight we are all invited to live into God's love, peace, and justice

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