



Third Sunday of Advent ~ Share Hope

December 12, 2021 @10:30 am

Liturgist: Melissa Dalburg

Special Music: The Handbell Choir

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Advent Hymns

Organ Prelude *“Sleepers Awake! A Voice is Calling”* J.S. Bach

Welcome

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Children are welcome to use our new “Prayground” space in the Sanctuary (right front section) during the worship service.

An adult will be present to assist the children.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to sit close by.

Advent Candle Lighting ~ Donna, Walker, and Cooper Smith

Reader 1: How can we share hope?

**People: When others are weary and broken,
we strengthen them.**

Reader 2: The candle that takes its light from another has light
to share.

Reader 1: How can we share hope?

**People: When we are weary and tired, we lean on the
hope others provide.**

Reader 2: Jesus says, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy
laden, and I will give you rest."

Reader 1: On this third Sunday or Advent, let us light a candle to
share hope. (*Light the Third Advent Candle*)

Congregational Response Live into Hope TRURO
Glory to God Hymnal #772, v. 3

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak,
the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread,
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

***Opening Prayer**

Hymn People, Look East BESANCON
Glory to God Hymnal #105 vs. 1, 4, & 5

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

First Reading Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 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 powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Music Meditation *“Out Under the Skies”* Douglas Wagner

Children’s Moment

Worship bag supplies, including sermon notes for the kids,
are available on the worship cart in the narthex.

Gospel Reading Mark 2:1-12

2 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. **2** So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. **3** Then some people^[a] came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. **4** And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. **5** When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” **6** Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, **7** “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” **8** At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? **9** Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? **10** But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— **11** “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” **12** And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Prayers of the People

**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.**

“Pray for One Another”

To encourage all of us to pray for each other, we list here some members and families each week.

Greg & Sandy Hardy, Nick; Joel & Ginger Hardy; John & Susan Harper, Wes, Georgia; Jim & Jo Hasler; Stephen & Mandi Hasler; Ann Henley; Ann Herring, Paden; Bobbie Heslep; Doug & Allison Hollowell, Megan, Emma; Ryan & Tonya Holody, Marisa, Josie.

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***Closing Hymn** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Glory to God Hymnal #93

TRURO

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

Benediction

Doxology

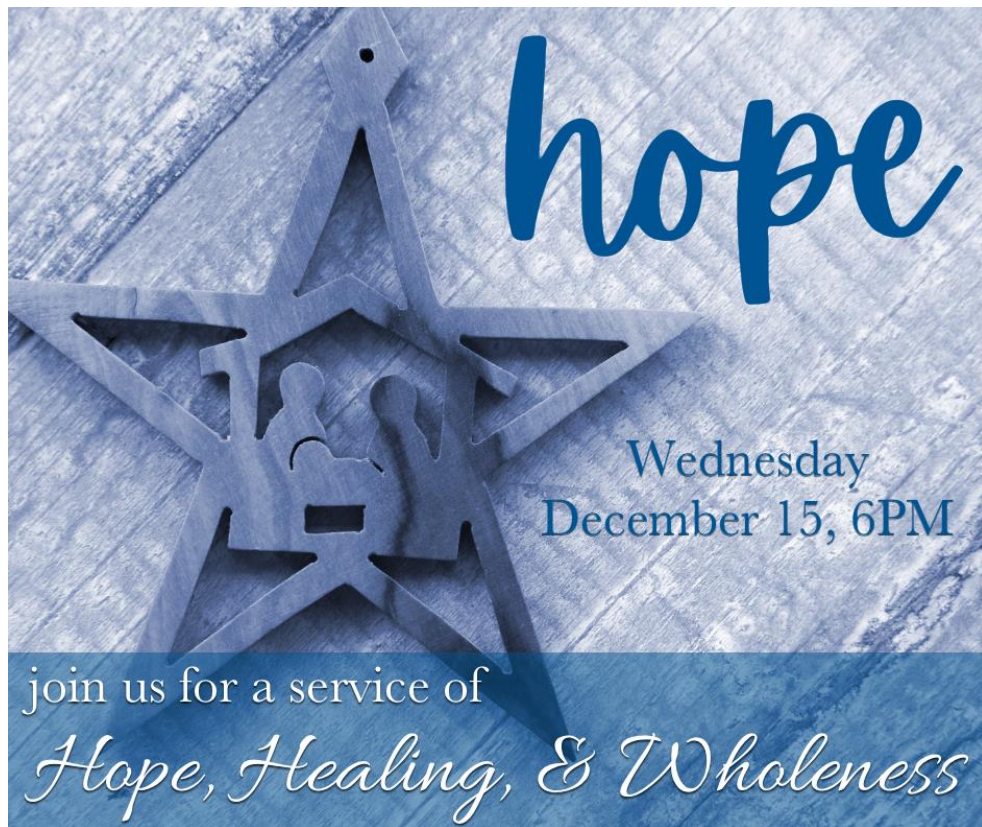
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response “We Gather Together” Eduard Kremser (1877)

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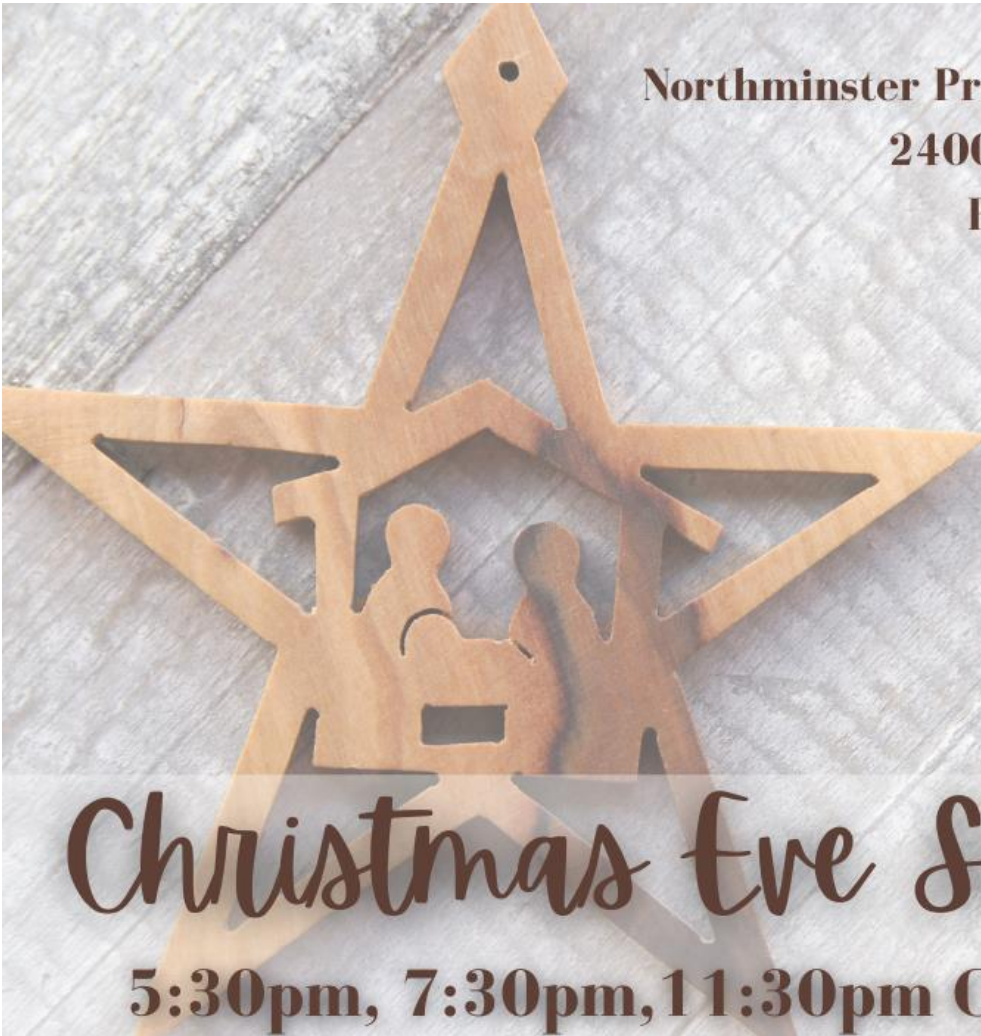


Walk-Thru Live Nativity



Sunday, December 19th, 5:30-7pm

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Christmas Eve Service

5:30pm, 7:30pm, 11:30pm Communion

Nursery Care Available at 5:30 pm