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December 13, 2020

WORSHIP SONGS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O Come, All Ye Faithful/ Sing to The King
You Are My King (Amazing Love)
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing/ King of Heaven
He Shall Reign Forevermore
Build Your Kingdom Here

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7:12-17
Jeremiah 31:30-33

MESSAGE

“Advent: Setting the Stage for the Kingdom ”

Pastor Jon VanderWall

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 am - Worship

11:00 am - Bible Study (People of The Book)

5:30 pm - Bible Study (meets at church)

6:00 pm - R-GEN (High School youth group)



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www.hopkinscommunitychurch.net/church-reports

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Welcome to worship! We are so glad you are here.

PLEASE NOTE: the Sunday evening Bible Study group (People of The Book) will now be meeting on Sunday morning after church from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

EXPECTANCY (Thursday evening Bible Study) meets at church from 7:00—8:30 PM. We are learning to grow, pray, and operate in the power of the Holy Spirit. You are welcome to join at any time!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: HCC will be hosting a Christmas Eve Celebration worship service on Thursday, December 24 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM. Hopkins United Methodist Church is hosting a Live Nativity in the downtown park from 5:00 - 7:00 PM that evening ending with candles and singing.

LIVE NATIVITY: On Thursday, December 24 the Hopkins United Methodist Church will be hosting a Live Nativity at the park in front of the Fire Barn from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. The whole community is invited to this event.

KEY FOBs: Those who have requested a key fob for electronic access to the church, please check your mailboxes for an envelope containing your fob. Any questions, please see Kathy in the office. Reminder to all that key access for the doors ends December 31.

2020 TITHES: All end-of-year tithes and offerings (including Tithe.ly giving) must be received by Sunday, December 27 in order to be recorded to 2020 giving. If you send your contribution by mail, please ensure that they are postmarked on or before December 31.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2021 will be distributed in late December. If you have not been using the envelopes, you won't receive any unless you request them from the church office. Any questions, please contact Kathy (hcrc@sbcglobal.net or call 269-793-7361).

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Throughout Jesus' earthly ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven is one of the topics that He addresses most. Often speaking through parables, Jesus explains what this Kingdom is like and how it expands. This, however, is not the first time this sort of language is spoken of in Scripture. From the time of King David, God puts forth the understanding that His Kingdom would be established on earth through David's line, ultimately resulting in the birth of Jesus, the Messiah.

God tells David that his throne would be established forever. This too points to Jesus not just as a relative of David, or as an exemplary teacher and moral example, but as the true King of kings and Lord of Lords. So many New Testament passages affirm this position of Jesus, seated on "David's throne" and at "God's Right Hand."

Ultimately, though, as we look forward to Christmas, we must consider what it means for us that the King of Heaven came into the world, when we declare Jesus as Lord and King of our lives as well.

Questions to take home:

1. What do you think about when you hear "Kingdom of Heaven/God"? Where would you say you have learned the most about that? How has that understanding been challenged or confirmed through today's Scripture passage?
2. Jesus fulfills three Old Testament rolls: Prophet, Priest and King. How do you understand Jesus as your King and what implications does that have for your life and walk of faith?
3. We talk often about seeing "the Kingdom expand" in the community of Hopkins. What does that mean for you? How do you envision that being accomplished? How do you see yourself as a part of that expansion?

PRAYER

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Please let us know how we can pray for you! We encourage you to contact Pastor Jon or Sandy Stearns with any prayer requests.

- **Troy Clement and family** (loss of Troy's father, James)
- **Denise Eding and family** (loss of Denise's uncle, Al Bos)
- **Esther White** (Liz Antvelink's grandmother) was recently diagnosed with Covid-19 and is in a nursing home. She had been struggling with breathing issues and receiving treatment for that. Please pray for continued improvement and recovery.
- **Trenton** (Ashley Zeinstra's friend's son) suffered a fall from a bunk bed last week and sustained a fairly severe skull fracture. He continues to recover and prayer for speech and cognition to improve is coveted. Thank you to all who have been praying!
- **Louise Allen** (Carol Boverhof's sister) was able to have shoulder surgery on Friday; a rod was placed as the bone had been shredded from the cancer. Carol will be helping her sister for a few days while she recovers from the surgery. Chemotherapy will hopefully begin in a couple weeks. Continued prayer for pain management and healing are appreciated!
- **June Krug** continues receiving a new chemotherapy treatment. Pray that side effects remain mild and that this chemo is effective. She remains in strict quarantine at home.
- **Howard Lodenstein** resides at the Medi-Lodge in Marshall while he recovers his strength. Please keep him and Joann in your prayers as Joann is unable to see him.

Medi-Lodge of Marshall
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- **Pat Modreske** (friend of Florence Balffoort)
- **Rachel (Antvelink) Schmidt**

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 13 & 20, 2020

FRONT DOOR GREETERS

DEC 13: Mike and Terri Maule

DEC 20: Roger and Mary Hunderman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

TODAY AT HCC

9:30 AM	Worship Service
11:00 AM	Bible Study (People of The Book)
6:00 PM	R-GEN (High School) youth group

MONDAY

9:00 AM	Bible Study
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THURSDAY

5:30 PM	Praise Team practice
7:00 PM	Bible Study (Expectancy)

GIVING SUMMARY

WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

General Fund receipts for week 12/6 - 12/11/2020

Tithe.ly deposits:	\$ 404.35
<u>Sunday offering 12/6:</u>	<u>\$4,110.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$4,514.35