

How Great Our Joy!

Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



Hayes Barton
Baptist Church
Faith, Hope, Love. And You.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

All creation holds its breath.

The time is almost here.

The heavenly choir of angels waits for its cue to sing.

Excitement is all around us.

Prepare your hearts—The grace of God takes on human form.

Good news! Emmanuel, God-with-Us, comes to us.

We gather to make ready our hearts...

...for the coming of Christ, our joy.

PRELUDE

A Christmas Festival of Carolsarr. Dan Goeller
HBBC Orchestra

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Kristen Muse

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Anna Boyette and Dayne Shover

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the Shepherd's Candle. The shepherds were the first in a long line of people who joyfully shared the good news of the Savior's birth. May our souls rejoice with the shepherds and all the Communion of Saints as we worship today! Hear these words from the Prophet Isaiah:

*The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly
and rejoice with joy and shouting.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Isaiah 35:1, 10, NRSV

We come this day to sing God's praise and cel - e - brate Christ's birth.

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We light the can - dle of joy to share with all the earth.

The shep - herds went to see him; a man - ger held the babe.

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They shared with all who list - ened the joy they saw that day.

Congregational Prayer: **God of salvation, may we, like the shepherds, be in awe of the message of the angels who brought good news of great joy. In this season of Advent, as we await your coming, fill our hearts with a renewed desire to be living witnesses of joy to those around us, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. Amen.**

THE JOY OF PROPHECY

*HYMN OF HOPE NO. 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....arr. Dan Forrest

Stanza 1: All

Bonus Stanza: Choir Only

*Come, O Sovereign Prince of Heaven; come, O wondrous Love Divine.
Earth and heaven bow before Thee, Everlasting Peace sublime.
O Thou Source of joy and wonder, bless us as we seek Thy face.
At Thy manger grant us mercy, In Thine Advent grant us grace.*

Stanza 2: All

REFLECTION: THE JOY OF HOPE

CHORAL MEDITATION

Come, Emmanuel.....arr. Mary McDonald

Mallory Young, soloist

Maylon E. Little, Choral Scholar

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and sorrow cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

Unto Us a Son Is Born.....Trevor Manor

Ethan Weaver, soloist

2025-2026 Graduate Choral Scholar

*Unto us a Son is born; "Welcome, holy Stranger!" Let us go this happy morn and see Him in the manger.
How can He be born on earth yet Lord of all creation? Still the oxen know His worth and kneel in adoration.
'Round the stable angels sing, and shepherds thrill to hear it! Mary treasures all these things within a humble spirit.
When this Child becomes a man He'll teach and heal the nation, Then fulfill His Father's plan to die for our salvation.
Though He bears our sin and strife, Now hear the gospel story; Christ shall rise again to life, and lead us up to glory.
Alpha and Omega He! All heaven and earth rejoices! Let us sing out merrily and join the angel voices! Unto us a Son is born!*

THE JOY OF GOOD NEWS

REFLECTION: THE JOY OF GOD'S PRESENCE

CHORAL PROCLAMATION

Glory to God in the Highest Heaven!.....Lloyd Larson

*Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace on earth! Glory to God in the highest heaven, celebrate the birth of
Emmanuel who comes to dwell with His people from on high. Rejoice and sing, the newborn King is born this holy night!*

*There were shepherds in the field on a cold, dark night keeping watch o'er their flock by the stars' dim light.
Then suddenly the night sky shown as the dark turned into light.
And then the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring good news tonight!"*

"Go to Bethlehem," so the angel said, "And there you'll find the babe in a manger bed."

*Then suddenly the heavens blazed as God's glory pierced the night. "All praise to God!" The angels sang as their music filled the skies.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Rejoice and sing, the newborn King is born this holy night!*

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow..... arr. Jack Schrader

*There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow; Follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

*If you take good heed to the angel's word, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flock, you'll forget your herd. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

***HYMN OF GLORY NO. 125 (STANZAS 1 & 2)**

Angels We Have Heard on High..... GLORIA

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

John Cashwell

OFFERTORY

Silent Night..... arr. David Winkler
HBBC Orchestra

THE JOY OF A SAVIOR

CHORAL CELEBRATION

He Is Born..... arr. Mary McDonald

*He is born, the Holy Child; Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born the Holy Child; Sing we all the Savior mild.*

*Through long ages of the past, Prophets have foretold His coming;
Through long ages of the past, Now the time has come at last!*

*Jesus, Lord over all the world, Coming as a Child among us;
Jesus, Lord over all the world, Grant to us Thy heav'nly peace.*

REFLECTION: THE JOY OF SHALOM

CHORAL ADORATION

How Great Our Joy!..... arr. Craig Courtney

While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy.

There shall be born, so did he say, In Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy.

There shall a Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall redeem us all.

This gift of God we'll cherish well, That ever joy our hearts shall fill. Praise we the Lord heav'n on high!

***HYMN OF JOY NO. 102**

Joy to the World..... arr. Mack Wilberg

(Those desiring to make a decision to join the church should come forward during this hymn.)

Stanza 1: ALL

Stanza 2: Women

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 4: ALL

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

***BENEDICTION**

***CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

***POSTLUDE**

He Is Born!..... arr. Mary McDonald

Jackson Glover

*Those who are able may stand with the ministers.

HAYES BARTON BAPTIST CHURCH ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN ONE

Sarah Griffin

**GRIMES-NAPIER*

PRINCIPAL VIOLIN CHAIR

Scott Laird

RUTH HAWKINS WILSON &

MURPHY SUE O'NEAL

VIOLIN ONE CHAIR

VIOLIN TWO

Angela Scalise

**CHANCEL CHOIR 2021*

PRINCIPAL VIOLIN TWO CHAIR

Christina Morton

**WILLIAM F. MASSEY*

VIOLIN TWO CHAIR

VIOLA

Warren Ferguson

**KATHY HARTENSTINE*

PRINCIPAL VIOLA CHAIR

Kevin Yen

**ELIZABETH U. TOTE*

VIOLA TWO CHAIR

(Vacant)

**TOM BODKIN*

VIOLA CHAIR

CELLO

Sonny Enslin

**ROBERT L. CROTTS JR.*

PRINCIPAL CELLO CHAIR

Deborah Pitman

SHINN-TURNER

CELLO TWO CHAIR

DOUBLE BASS

Zac Denning

**JOHN W. TOTE III*

DOUBLE BASS CHAIR

PERCUSSION

Andrew Munger

**DYESS FAMILY*

PERCUSSION ONE CHAIR

Casey D'Sola

**DENNY FAMILY*

PERCUSSION TWO CHAIR

HARP

(Vacant)

**DAVID AND SUSAN HAILEY*

HARP CHAIR

PIANO

Lisa Moxley

**MABEL JAMES WOODS &*

HAZEL JAMES O'BRIEN

PIANO CHAIR

ORGAN

Jackson Glover

**DOUG AND KATHY BEST*

ORGAN CHAIR

FLUTE

Erin Munnely Denning

MICHAEL HESTER

PRINCIPAL FLUTE CHAIR

Amy Bradshaw

**ELEANOR C. CROMARTIE*

FLUTE TWO CHAIR

OBOE

Taiki Azuma

**LARITA KELLISON*

OBOE ONE CHAIR

CLARINET

Marianne Breneman

KITTY NEWMAN PARKER

CLARINET ONE CHAIR

BASSOON

Wenmin Zhang

**LARRY AND GAIL DICKENS*

BASSOON CHAIR

HORN

Caresse Virnig

TYLER INGRAM

HORN ONE CHAIR

Rachel Niketopoulos

TRUMPET

Michael Mole

**WILLIAM F. MASSEY*

TRUMPET ONE CHAIR

Lucy Austin

**PAUL B. CONWAY*

TRUMPET TWO CHAIR

Alex Smingler

**JOY COGSWELL*

TRUMPET THREE CHAIR

TROMBONE

Christina Thompson

**A.A. JAMES FAMILY*

TROMBONE ONE CHAIR

Mark Mabe

DEWEY WELLS

TROMBONE TWO CHAIR

TUBA

Richard Austin

**MACDOUGAL FAMILY*

TUBA CHAIR

CHORAL SCHOLAR

Mallory Young

**MAYLON E. LITTLE*

CHORAL SCHOLAR

Ethan Weaver

2025-2026

GRADUATE CHORAL SCHOLAR

**Denotes Fully Endowed Chair*

Orchestra Substitutes and Additions
Cello - Attila Szasz & Audrey Atherton

Percussion - Krista Siachames

Harp - Brigitte Stephens

Flute - Amy Holt

Oboe - Courtney Miller

Clarinet - Nathan Olawsky

Horn - Matt Taylor

Trumpet - Brian Breneman

ABOUT TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, a season of four Sundays in preparation for Christmas Day. Our theme for this year is The Wonder of It All. One of the focal points of this season is the Advent Wreath, which is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity and God’s everlasting love. Set on the branches are four candles: three purple and one pink representing hope, peace, joy, and love. In the center of the wreath is the white Christ Candle. As a whole, these candles represent the coming of the “light of Christ.”

FRIENDSHIP PAD

We are honored by your presence this morning. At the end of each pew in the center aisle, you will find our Friendship Pad. Please take a moment to record your attendance. If you are visiting with us, we would love for you to record additional information so that we can contact you further.

ENTER TO WORSHIP

This is a holy hour. We invite you to enter this Sanctuary with joy and reverence. When you have taken your seat, spend a few moments in quiet reflection as you prepare your heart for worship. Please remember to silence your cell phone.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

We invite you to participate in worship by utilizing the Bibles and hymnals that can be found directly below the pew in front of you. Hearing assistance devices can be picked up from the Narthex or the Christian Resource Center if needed. Please ask an usher if you need assistance locating a device.

BECOME A MEMBER OF HBBC

Those who desire to join our church may come forward to where the pastor is standing during the Hymn of Response. If you would like to meet with a minister before making this decision, any of our ministers would be happy to answer your questions.

FOR CHILDREN DURING WORSHIP

Childcare will be provided for children kindergarten and under during the worship service. Children’s Church is offered for grade school children (1st-5th graders) on 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in Room 11 during the school year. Worship bags, including craft supplies and other activities, are located in the Narthex for children to use during worship. Please return the bags at the end of the service.

ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM, we provide classes for all ages to enjoy Bible study and fellowship. Find a class that’s right for you at hbhc.org/worship or contact the church office (919) 833-4617.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Today is the third Sunday of Advent, a season of four Sundays in preparation for Christmas Day. Our Advent theme for this year is “How Great Our Joy!”

The Advent Wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches which represents eternity and God’s everlasting love. Set on the branches are four candles: three purple and one pink representing hope (Prophecy), peace (Bethlehem), joy (Shepherd’s), and love (Angel’s). In the center of the wreath is the white Christ Candle. All of these candles represent the coming of the “light of Christ.”

The rose celebrates the birth of Reese and Haley Abee’s daughter on December 9. Scott and Marie Abee are the proud grandparents.

Also today, we are celebrating the birthdays and anniversaries of the following:

- December 10 Miriam Falkner 100, TV Viewer
- December 15 Tom & Priscilla Finch, 62nd Wedding Anniversary, TV Viewers
- December 17 Marian Rhyne 98, HBBC Member
- December 19 Margaret Dalrymple 94, TV Viewer

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - FESTIVAL DAY

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 PM Family Christmas Party (Rm. 11)
- 12:30 PM Grace Church for All Nations (Chapel)
- 1:00 PM School of Music Recital #1 (Hailey Hall)
- 3:00 PM School of Music Recital #2 (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party (FLC-201)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers (Rm. 200)
- 12:00 PM AA-By the Book (Rm. 206)
- 2:30 PM Fit Over Fifty (FLC-Gym)
- 5:30 PM HBBC Freshmen Basketball Practice (FLC-Gym)
- 6:00 PM Personnel Committee (Rm. 24)
- 6:30 PM Danielson Class Virtual Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 PM Virtual Prayer Meeting
- 8:00 PM Monday Night Basketball Fellowship (FLC-Gym)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

- 7:00 AM Yost Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 AM Senior Games (FLC-205)
- 10:00 AM Coffee, Talk, and Paint (Rm. 30)
- 10:00 AM Ministers' Meeting (Rm. 106)
- 12:00 PM AA: 12&12@12 (Rm. 207)
- 5:30 PM HBBC Junior and Senior Basketball Practice (FLC-Gym)
- 6:00 PM Continuing Care (Rm. 200)
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Basketball Fellowship (FLC-Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- 9:00 AM Fit Over Fifty (FLC-Gym)
- 10:30 AM AI Anon Meeting (Rm. 204)
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers Meeting (Rm. 200)
- 6:00 PM Service of Remembrance (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Adult Handbells (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM Wednesday Night Basketball Fellowship (FLC-Gym)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 9:00 AM Bridge (FLC-201)
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers (Rm. 200)
- 6:30 PM Pickleball (FLC-Gym)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 9:00 AM Bridge (FLC-201)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

- 8:30 AM Women's Strength Class (FLC-Gym)
- 8:30 AM AA Meditation Group (FLC-201)
- 9:00 AM Bridge (FLC-201)
- 10:30 AM Free Spirit AI Anon (Rm. 30)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:15 AM Children's Church (Rm. 11)
- 12:00 PM Adult Ministries Christmas Luncheon (Hailey Hall)
- 12:30 PM Grace Church for All Nations (Chapel)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers (Rm. 200)
- 12:00 PM AA-By the Book (Rm. 206)
- 2:30 PM Fit Over Fifty (FLC-Gym)
- 7:00 PM Virtual Prayer Meeting
- 7:00 PM Living Nativity (until 9:00 PM)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 7:00 AM Yost Men's Bible Study
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers (Rm. 200)
- 10:00 AM Coffee, Talk, and Paint (Rm. 30)
- 10:00 AM Ministers' Meeting (Rm. 106)
- 12:00 PM AA: 12&12@12 (Rm. 207)
- 6:00 PM Continuing Care (Rm. 200)
- 7:00 PM Compassionate Friends (Rm. 206)
- 7:00 PM Living Nativity (until 9:00 PM)
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Basketball Fellowship (FLC-Gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

- 10:30 AM AI Anon Meeting (Rm. 204)
- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers Meeting (Rm. 200)
- 4:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 PM Living Nativity (until 9:00 PM)
- 7:00 PM Private Communion Service (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:30 AM AA Early Risers Meeting (Rm. 200)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 - OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 8:30 AM AA Meditation Group (FLC-201)
- 10:30 AM Free Spirit AI Anon (Rm. 30)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

The Christmas Missions Offering is an opportunity to bless the world through giving. Did you know that at our church's first worship service, an offering for missions was collected, and we want to celebrate this during our centennial year. Missions are at the heart of who we are, and what better way to celebrate than to share our great joy in the coming of the Christ child with those around us in need.

There are three areas where you can designate your gifts this year: CBF Global Missions Offering, Special Centennial Missions Focus - World Hunger, and HBBC Missions. You can give using one of the Christmas Missions Offering envelopes or online at hbhc.org/give and choose the fund to which you would like to apply your gift. Our goal this year is \$45,000. Prayerfully consider how you might help us achieve it. So far, \$17,990 has been given.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC WINTER RECITALS

IN-PERSON | Today at 1:00 PM in Hailey Hall and at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

The School of Music will present two Winter Recitals again this year. Students will share performances of voice, piano, violin, and guitar in recitals. In addition, our 3:00 PM recital will include three organists for the very first time! Please come and support these students who are looking forward to sharing their music with friends and family.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC SPRING REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2026 spring semester opens December 15. Private instruction is available in voice, guitar, piano, organ, violin, flute, and ukulele. The semester will run from January 5-April 23. Scholarships are available. See our webpage for more information <https://hbhc.org/school-of-music/> or contact Lisa Moxley at lmoxley@hbhc.org. Registration and scholarship application deadlines are December 30.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

IN-PERSON | Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

The Service of Remembrance is a time to worship God and reflect on past events, especially the losses we have experienced. The service will be a time of reflection for anyone who has experienced life-changing events, whether through death, loss of a relationship, loss of employment, separation and divorce, loss of health, or other significant events.

Everyone is invited to place an offering of memories on a table in the Chapel before the service begins; these symbols of remembrance may be photos or other items related to your loss. You can take your memory item with you after the service.

Certainly, the holidays can be a difficult time when one is experiencing the pain of loss. This time of reflection and worship will offer a meaningful way of remembering your loss and honoring your personal grief process. Please invite coworkers, friends, and family members who may find this service meaningful as they grieve during the Christmas season.

A time of gathering, conversation, and refreshments will be held in Hailey Hall following the service. Childcare will be provided during the service.

ADULTS 55+ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

IN-PERSON | Sunday, December 21 at 12:00 PM in Hailey Hall

We will enjoy a Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per person and is open to those ages 55 and up. We will enjoy fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, broccoli, rolls, and banana pudding. Register online at hbhc.org/registration or contact Cathy Eller (celler@hbhc.org or 919-833-4617) by Friday, December 19, to sign up.

LIVING NATIVITY - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

December 22-24 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Hayes Barton Baptist Church is hosting its annual Christmas tradition - the Living Nativity! The Living Nativity is a highly anticipated yearly production that serves both our church and community.

Volunteers Needed - Please prayerfully consider a time when you, your family, and your friends can sign up to serve in this special role to share the Christmas message with the community. Sign up at hbhc.org/advent. The Living Nativity Committee looks forward to celebrating the Christmas season in such a meaningful way with you. Contact Kate Brown (katetbrown@hotmail.com) with any questions.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

This year, our Advent theme is How Great Our Joy. Using a weekly resource created by our ministers, we encourage you to explore the many ways we can seek and experience joy in our daily lives. The resource includes Scripture, songs, prayers, and responses to guide you as you prepare for the coming Christ child. Booklets are available at the Welcome Center desk and around the church. Please pick one up to use with your family during this sacred season!



TO GIVE ONLINE

If you are interested in giving online, you may scan the QR code to the left or go to www.hbhc.org/give.

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