

## **WELCOME TO HOPE**

As we worship the Lord our God in spirit and truth, may His presence and the communion of the saints bring you joy and peace. After the morning service we have a fellowship meal, so please join us. Infants and children are welcome in our services; but if your child is unsettled; you may take him/her to the room behind the curtain.

Sermons are uploaded to our website: [www.hopekingston.com/sermons](http://www.hopekingston.com/sermons).

**Tithes & Offerings:** our morning offering is received for the general operations of the church; our afternoon offering is designated for missions & mercy work unless otherwise noted. E-transfers can be made [hopepresb@gmail.com](mailto:hopepresb@gmail.com)

### **Service providers:**

-Refreshments for December 22 will be provided by Michelle Carter

-Tellers for today are Michelle and Joelle

### **Announcements**

**-Dec.16 Monday:** all are invited to Kevin & Joanne's home for an evening of Christmas music, singing and perhaps other talents, as well as a devotional time. Come anytime around 7:00pm and we will get under way at 7:30pm. Bring along a favourite snack to share so we can enjoy a refreshment time afterward.

-You are invited to attend the **ordination and installation service for Mr. Sam Verdonk at Trinity ARP Mission in Woodstock, NB.** This special service will be held on **Friday, January 10, 2025.** There will be a supper at 5 p.m., and the service will be at 7 p.m. The service will be live streamed on Trinity's Facebook page for those unable to attend. Please pray for the Trinity congregation and for Sam, Amy and their family as they settle in New Brunswick and begin their ministry in Woodstock.

### **MEETING AT:**

Portuguese Cultural Center  
959 Division Str, Kingston

### **SERVICE TIMES:**

Morning – 10:30AM  
Afternoon – 4:00PM

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# ***HOPE Presbyterian Church***

## **LORD'S DAY – December 15, 2024**

### **MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM**

*Greetings and Announcements*

**\*Call to Worship & Invocation:** Isaiah 59:16-17,20

**\*Praise of Adoration:** TH 194 O Come, Emmanuel

**Covenant Renewal:** The Ten Commandments

**Assurance of God's mercy:** 2Corinthians 8:9

**Prayer for grace**

**Hymn of Grace:** TH 246 Man of Sorrows

*Receiving tithes & offerings while singing*

**Children's Focus**

**\*Praise:** TH 219 All Praise to Thee

*Worship in God's Word*

**Sermon Reading:** Luke 1:57-80

**Message:** Zacharias' Song – God Has Visited Us

Prayer of Application

**\*Praise:** TH 217 All MY Heart {Stanzas 2,3,4,7}

**\*Benediction**

**Closing Doxology:** TH 731 Doxology

### **AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE 4:00PM**

*Greetings & Announcements*

**\*Call to Worship & Invocation:** Psalm 96:1-6

**\*Praise:** Psalm 95A v.1-7 Come to the Lord

**Confession of Faith:** Shorter Catechism 17-19 [p.870]

Intercessory prayer for one another

**Praise:** Psalm 8B Lord Our Lord

*Receiving offerings for Mission and Mercy*

**\*Praise:** Psalm 40A v.1-9 I Waited for the Lord

*Worship in God's Word*

**Scripture Reading:** 1Corinthians 4:6-13

**Message:** Fools for Christ

Prayer of Application of God's Word

**\*Praise:** Psalm 40B v.10-17 I Hid Not in My Heart

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Doxology:** Psalm 150 Doxology

**\*congregation stands if able**

### **TH 731 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.

### **Psalm 150 Doxology**

<sup>1</sup>Praise God within His  
holy place, there in His  
mighty heav'nly space!  
Alleluia; Alleluia  
<sup>2</sup>O Praise Him for His  
mighty deeds; Praise  
Him for greatness He  
exceeds!

O praise Him; O praise  
Him! Alleluia; alleluia;  
allelu-ia!

**HOPE Prayers for this week**

**Church Family focus:** -Tim Balcarras

**Mission focus:** Tom & Sandra VanMaanen,  
Randy & Allison Lieuwen, Bill & Janet McKay

**Monday Dec 16**

Pray for HOPE's need of leadership. It takes at least two men in the office of ruling elder in order to form a Session; pray for the godly character of our men to be noticed by HOPE congregation; pray the Lord will bring others into our midst who may serve.

**Tuesday Dec 17**

Pray that the Lord would clearly open for us, a place wherein we can grow and where we may minister from and be more visibly present in Kingston. Pray that HOPE Church is salt and light to Kingston.

**Wednesday Dec 18**

Pray for our widows & widower: Elizabeth, Marjorie, Marion, Yvonne, Alison, Yukie, Debbie, and Bruce. Pray for the Lord's presence to bring them joy and peace each day. Pray for us to consider ways we may encourage them.

**Thursday Dec 19**

Remember our students: Naomi, Fiona, Esther, Joelle, Noah & Megan Tsegaw, Lynn, Jill, and others. Pray for the Lord's provisions and guidance in their lives as they prepare for their careers.

**Friday Dec 20**

Pray for Pastor Carter's labour in prayer and ministry of the word. Pray the Lord will bring prosperity to His Word preached and to the gospel labours.

**Reflections on the Incarnation:** I do not think of Christ as God alone, or as man alone; but as both together. For I know that He was hungry, and I know that with 5 loaves He fed 5000. I know that He was thirsty, and I know that He turned water into wine. I know that He was carried in a ship, and I know that He walked on water. I know that He died, and I know that He raised the dead. I know that He was set before Pilate, and I know that He sits with the Father on His throne. I know that He was worshiped by angels, and I know that He was crucified. And truly some of these I ascribe to the human and other to the divine nature; but by reason of this He is to be both God and man.

**John Chrysostom [c.347 – 407<sub>AD</sub>] Bishop of Antioch**

**Sermon Points:**

Morning: God Has Visited Us

1. The Dayspring of Visitation

2. The Work of Redemption

Afternoon: Fools for Christ

1. The Peril of Pride

2. The Paradox of Ministry

**Prayers & Intercessions:** This week's Presbytery focus is Riverside ARP Church Cambridge, ON. They have been three years without a minister, so please keep this matter in your prayers.

**Prayers from Grand Valley Institution Inmates:**

November 24 Bible Study

-Please pray for my uncle that he has peace and no pain on his journey.

-I would like prayer for my friend that is going through a rough time with family tragedies and for good health for us.

-Please pray for me, to grow my relationship with God and to overcome these difficult times and for my daughter, being without her mommy for the 2nd and last Xmas in jail. Also for my mother who is struggling with her daughter being incarcerated.

-Please pray for the women in max who are struggling mentally and also for my family.

December 8 Bible Study

-A. Would like prayer for her dad who has a blood clot and both parents are struggling without her.

-J. for her parole and striving to follow Jesus.

-C. for her son who has a heavy addiction. She and her husband are addicts and both in jail. He needs God more than ever.

-Pls pray for my mom to find a place close to my daughter that is safe for us and the pets. Pray for my family during the holiday season.

-J. pls pray for myself, my family, for strength, patience and discernment.

**NOTES and/or Additional Prayer Matters**