



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Welcome & Preparation: Tom Ayres

Song of Worship: **O Come All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:

All: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

All: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

All: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.
Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

All: Christ the Lord!

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5; 9-14

Hannah Faye Huizing

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Prayer of Adoration:

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving:

Songs of Worship:

Who Would Have Dreamed

On a starlit hillside, shepherds watched their sheep
Slowly, David's city drifted off to sleep
But to this little town of no great renown
The Lord had a promise to keep

Prophets had foretold it, a mighty King would come
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One
But the Sovereign of all looked helpless and small
As God gave the world His own Son

And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen
That we could hold God in our hands?
The Giver of Life is born in the night
Revealing God's glorious plan
To save the world

Wondrous gift of heaven: the Father sends the Son
Planned from time eternal, moved by holy love
He will carry our curse and death he'll reverse
So we can be daughters and sons

And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen
That we could hold God in our hands?
The Giver of Life is born in the night
Revealing God's glorious plan (*Repeat*)

To save the world
To save the world

Hope Has Come

Let us join with the angel voices Let us join their happy song
All of heaven and earth rejoices For the Lamb of God has come
He has come to rescue sinners Come to meet our desperate need
He was born to bring forgiveness Born for Calvary

Alleluia, Hope has come
Alleluia, Christ has come
We once were slaves in misery
Till You appeared and set us free
Alleluia, Hope has come

Let us lay our gifts before Him Let us magnify His Name
With our thankful hearts adore Him For the Lord has come to save
He has come to break sin's power He has come to set us free
Hope was born that glorious hour Christ the mighty King

Alleluia, Hope has come
Alleluia, Christ has come
We once were slaves in misery
Till You appeared and set us free
Alleluia, Hope has come

(Interlude)

Alleluia, Hope has come
Alleluia, Christ has come
We once were slaves in misery
Till You appeared and set us free
Alleluia, Hope has come *(Repeat)*

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Advent Candle Lighting:

Tom Hashagen & Lisa Shaw

Children's Dismissal & Announcements: Fill out our [Connection Card](http://www.gracehamptons.org/connect). www.gracehamptons.org/connect

- **No Ladies Bible Study, GraceYouth Group, or GraceGroups this week.**
- **Christmas Eve Service.** Wednesday, December 24th, 5PM. Join us for a special service of joy and singing!
- **Christmas Eve Special Offertory.** Our Christmas Eve Special Offertory will support Family Well Medical Center in Kurdistan, which serves Yazidi refugees displaced since the 2014 ISIS genocide. Located within the refugee camp in Khanke, the clinic provides whole-person care through medical services, health education, and counseling. To give, visit gracehamptons.org/giving and select "Family Well," or give by check or cash with "Family Well" noted on the memo or envelope.
- **Combined Guys & Ladies Night Out: PICKLEBALL!** Saturday, January 3rd, 2026, 4PM-6PM. Come enjoy a night out of Pickleball! We will teach those who have never played before, so all are welcome. We have rented five courts at SYS (1370A Majors Path, Southampton). If you have a pickle ball paddle to lend, let Adriana know. Invite your friends and come ready to have a blast! Contact adriana@gracehamptons.org with questions or to let her know you're coming.
- **Congregational Prayer Gathering.** January 4th, 2026, after the worship service. Come start the new year off right and set aside time to pray with your church family and trust God with what's ahead. This is a meaningful time to pause, seek God together, and align our hearts with His purposes for the year ahead. Join us and let's begin the year together in prayer.
- **The Great Escape.** February 26th-March 1st, 2026 at Lake Champion. The GraceYouth Group will be venturing off to a YoungLife Retreat Center for an amazing weekend! For more information and registration, visit gracehamptons.org/greatescape or email Lesley Middlekauff (lesley@gracehamptons.org)
- **Little Free Pantry.** Our LFP has become essential to our community and gets regular, consistent use and so our supplies are once again severely depleted. Please consider donating items to help us regularly re-stock the pantry. Visit gracehamptons.org/LFP to find our [Amazon link](#) to order supplies and have them shipped straight to Grace Church!
- **Prayer Requests!** To submit a praise or prayer request or to join the Grace Presbyterian Church Prayer Chain Email, go to the Grace Church app or email prayer@gracehamptons.org.

Offertory: *To give via text, text the word "GIVE" to 833-892-6212. First time givers will have to fill out a short form with billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message.*

Prayer of Confession:

All: God of love,
 all year long we pursue power and money,
 yet you come in weakness.
 All season long we covet great material gifts,
 when you alone offer what is lasting.
 Through the work of this Lord Jesus,
 who comes among us full of grace and truth,
 forgive us, heal us, correct us.
 Then open our lips,
 that we may sing your praise with the angels,
 and remake our lives,
 that we may witness to your transforming love.
 Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement: Jeremiah 31:34b

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Prayer of the People: Maxine Friedman

Sermon Text: John 18:36-38

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³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him.

Sermon: *For This Purpose Jesus was Born*

Rev. Mark Middlekauff

The Lord's Supper: *Special Song: All is Well*

All is well all is well
Angels and men rejoice
For tonight darkness fell
Into the dawn of love's light
Sing alle- sing alleluia

All is well all is well
Let there be peace on earth
Christ is come go and tell
That He is in the manger
Sing alle- sing alleluia
All is well all is well
Lift up your voice and sing
Born is now Emmanuel
Born is our Lord and Savior
Sing alleluia sing alleluia
All is well

Hymn of Response: *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found!

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Benediction: Romans 16:20

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Dismissal:

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Hallelujah, amen!