

December 14, 2025  
Sermon Notes - Pastor Steven Edging  
*"The Weary World Rejoices"*  
*Matthew 1:1-17*



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1. Jesus is the Promised Blessing

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robert Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Isaiah 9:6 & Psalm 86:8-10*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ADVENT READING

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the row.*

*\*\*PreK4 through 1st graders dismissed to children's church.*

*If you are a first time visitor, please escort your children to the side door to ensure they are signed in appropriately.*

SONG OF PREPARATION

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

**\*\*HPC CHOIR**

*Born Where The Shadows Lie*

SERMON

*"The Weary World Rejoices"*

*Matthew 1:1-17*

Steven Edging

SONG OF RESPONSE

*Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery*

COMMUNION

BREAD IN UNISON

*The First Noel*

CUP INDIVIDUALLY

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

BENEDICTION

**WELCOME TO HPC! WE ARE EXCITED THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND!** Please fill out your information on our friendship folder to let us know you are

*\*FIRST SERVICE ONLY*

*\*\*SECOND SERVICE ONLY*

2. Jesus is the Promised King

3. Jesus is the Promised Messiah

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THERE WILL BE AN INTEREST MEETING** for our return Mission Trip to the Dayspring Camp in West Virginia, after both services, TODAY! Come hear about the service opportunities and how you could join us as we go on July 18-25. It is Youth led, but open to the whole congregation!

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, TONIGHT AT 6:00 PM** for an evening of Christmas music as our multigenerational choir helps to prepare our hearts this Advent Season to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Savior!

**JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6:00 PM** for our candlelight worship service as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR RECENT TRAIL LIFE/ AMERICAN HERITAGE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE.** We are so thankful for your generous support in baking and buying. It will greatly help both programs. We love our church family.

**WINTER BREAK:** Through the holidays, we give our wonderful volunteers a break. The last midweek is December 10 and resumes January 7. The early service will be at **9:15 am** and the second service will continue to be at **11:00 am**. Our normal worship schedule will resume on January 11 .

**2025 Year-End Giving:** Year-end contributions must be made by Wednesday, December 31. The giving options are: 1) adding your contribution to the tithing plate on Sunday mornings; 2) drop your donation off in person by noon on Monday, December 29; or 3) mailing your check to the church office [must be postmarked by December 31] or 4) pay online by midnight on December 31 at <https://www.hixsonpres.org/give>. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Suttle at 423.987.0053.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY: LADIES 9TH GRADE AND UP,** please join us for a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm at HPC. We will have a time of fellowship, enjoy an array of sweet and savory delights, and listen to Christy Gambrell speak about lamenting in this season of Advent. Christy is a 9th grade Bible teacher at Chattanooga Christian, graduate of Covenant College, and Covenant Seminary. We hope to see you there and encourage you to bring a friend. This event is no cost to you however, alongside the mission team we are collecting donations in all sizes of summer weather children's clothing to be donated to Montorie Church <https://hixsonpcamedia.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/qrcode-150x150.png> in Jerusalen (with an N), Costa Rica. ***Please let us know you are coming by using the QR code so we can plan enough food!***



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!** There is a signup sheet in the foyer to sign up if you can help set up the event. Angela is looking for five ladies willing to help set tables and three ladies willing to help stay after and tear down the event. Your help is most appreciated. **Questions?** Contact [women@hixsonpres.org](mailto:women@hixsonpres.org)

### **ADULT WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

For three Sundays, we have **no Sunday school or children's church** December 21, 28, and January 4. Will resume on Sunday, January 11 at 9:45 am for adults and youth is guest speaker Dale Hollenbeck. Dale is Mission to the World's Mid-America Regional Director. His love of God and missions is contagious.