

December 21, 2025
Sermon Notes - Pastor Robert Johnson
"Joy To the World"
Genesis 12:1-3



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First, The Whole World Needs A Savior

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thad Davis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 2:10 & Isaiah 25:9b

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ADVENT READING

Second, Savior Would Be Abraham's Son

SONGS OF WORSHIP

*Joy Has Dawned
Angels We Have Heard On High
Go Tell It On The Mountain*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Please fill out the friendship folder found at the end of the row.
**No Children's Church. We will resume back on Sunday, January 11.*

Third, Savior Would Be For All Nations

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

Glory In The Highest

****HPC CHOIR**

A Cradle Carol

SERMON

*"Joy To the World"
Genesis 12:1-3*

Robert Johnson

SONG OF RESPONSE

Joy To The World

Finally, Is Jesus Christ the Savior of Your World?

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 worshipping with us!

**FIRST SERVICE ONLY
**SECOND SERVICE ONLY*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

LIVE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be a rich time of family worship. We invite all kids ages Pre-k 4yrs through 5th grade to take part of a LIVE NATIVITY as part of the service. If your child wants to participate, arrive at 5:30 pm to pick out and get in costume. We will direct them as they build the scene early in the service. After that song, they will come to sit with you. Return costumes after the service and have a Merry Christmas.

MISSION YEAR END GIVING: Please consider giving to the mission fund at HPC. This helps HPC support the work of the gospel in our community and around the world. When you give above, the gospel goes beyond. Please mark missions on the check, envelope, or when giving online (through the dropdown box). Thank you for your generous support.

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.

WINTER BREAK: Through the holidays, we give our wonderful volunteers a break. Midweek will resume 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS: Closed Wednesday, December 24 - Friday, December 26. Open on Monday, December 29 and then closed Tuesday, December 30 until Monday, January 5. Emails will be checked periodically.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am-4:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

HPC CHOIR: If you have ever wanted to be a part of the choir, this is the time! Please join us as we begin our Spring/Easter rehearsals on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

ADULT SPRING 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.

THESE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL START ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18:

THEOLOGY TRACK: Revelation—A Vision of War & Victory. The last book of the Bible depicts invisible and visible battles of the Lord, His holy angels, and His Church against Satan, his army, and his “church” (2:9; 3:9) across human history. The Lord will win this war for His glory (11:13, 19:1) and ours (3:12; 21:2, 10-11). That means victory: “Things to come . . . are yours” (1 Cor 3:22). (Rick Purdy and others, M-6 starting January 18. Watch for the 14-minute video “Revelation Intro” on the church’s YouTube site at <https://youtu.be/Sq00p2puG-A>

BIBLE TRACK: Ruth, 1st and 2nd Samuel Moving along in the history of God's people in the promised land, we left off with Judges 21:25, "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." From there, God reveals His covenant faithfulness through Ruth (an outsider) Boaz (a humble farmer), and then Samuel, a (gifted prophet). All of this culminates in King David, who points to the future and final King, Jesus. Join us in M-1 as Pastor Thad leads this scripture study.