

*Welcome to Hope Ridge United Methodist Church
where our mission is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022, 8:45 AM

WELCOME: “We welcome others into a relationship...”

PRELUDE Christian Brooks
GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Jim Szakacs
Please login to the connection card online at hoperidge.com each Sunday to let us know you're here and connect with ways to serve!

WORSHIP: so that they can worship God, ...

CALL TO WORSHIP Harry Fishleigh
One: A voice calls out; Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert,
a highway for our God.
**All: We come this day knowing that call, that Christ has come.
Our hearts pound with anticipation.**
One: Every Valley has been lifted up.
Every mountain has been made low and all rough places plain.
**All: And the Glory of the Lord was revealed.
We have seen it, we come to remember, we come to live in that glory.**

+ **OPENING HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN *People, Look East* UMH 202, v 1

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Jim Szakacs
PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
We are the work of God's hands, God continues to shape us each day. We bring gifts this morning to join with God to be part of creating a more beautiful world through the ministry of this church and the witness of our lives. Let us generously gather our gifts present them to God.

+ **OFFERING** Harry Fishleigh
*We offer many convenient ways to support the ministries of Hope Ridge UMC:
An offering basket will be passed among those in the Chapel today. For credit or debit card donations, the Giving Kiosk cart is set up near the Worship (WFLC) Center. For other electronic giving options, please see our website page hoperidge.com/donate.*

+ **DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
As we offer our treasure and hearts to You, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of Your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

NURTURE: be nurtured by the Holy Spirit and one another...

SCRIPTURE Luke 3:4-6

MESSAGE *Practicing Advent* Pastor Jim Szakacs

HOLY COMMUNION
A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH 14
THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

+ **GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**
The United Methodist Church practices an open table, which means: “Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another.” *Today, we will offer bread and juice by intinction. Receive the bread and carefully dip in the juice cup. Individual, pre-filled, wafer and juice sealed cups are also available, if preferred.*

SEND: and be sent out to serve others in Christ's name.”

+ **CLOSING HYMN** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211, v 1,2
+ **BENEDICTION**
+ please stand as you are physically able, or spiritually led.

PRAYER REQUESTS- *If you would like a prayer to be lifted by our prayer team during the week, please submit it at any time to prayerrequests@hoperidge.com.*

COFFEE AND DONUTS *are available every Sunday in the Café from 9:45AM– 10:30AM. All are welcome. If you would like to help in the Café, sign up online at hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown.*

ADVENT WREATH— *Advent is a special time when we continue the tradition of lighting candles each week leading up to Christmas. If you and a friend or family member would like to light the advent wreath and read a short reading at either service Dec 4, 11, 18 or 24, please email Lori at hopeoffice@hoperidge.com.*



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Welcome! We're glad you're here!
Look for more info at
hoperidge.com/weekly-rundown



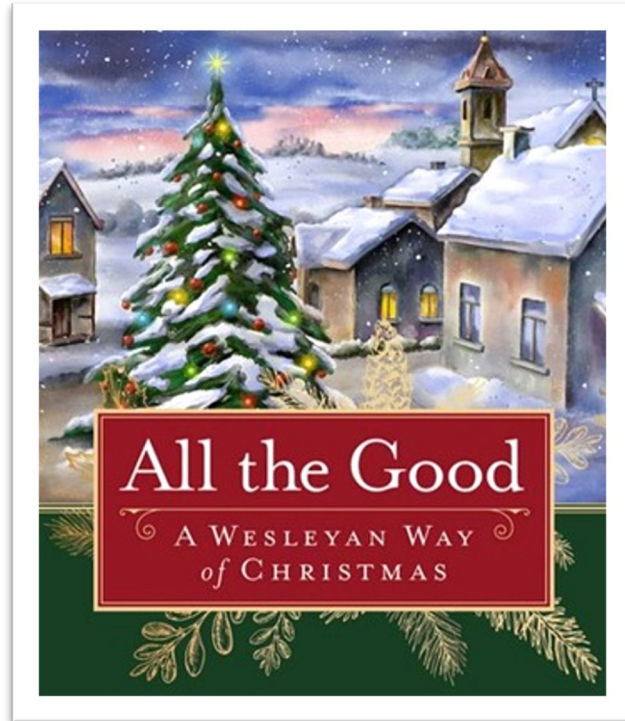
TODAY...PLEASE fill out an online Connection Card each week at hoperidge.com whether worshipping in-person or online. And when in-person, please also sign-in at the Welcome Table clipboard to let us know you're here. Thank you!

2023 PARTICIPATION & GIVING COMMITMENT CARDS
are requested to be completed and turned into the church office this month.
If you need a "flourish" card packet, they are available at the Welcome Tables.

THERE IS STAFFED NURSERY CARE at both 8:45 and 10:30 worship services each week for little ones under 4. Children are also welcome in worship. #Ridge Kidz is at 10:30 for ages PreK to grade 5, on the 2nd thru 4th Sundays in the Music Room, led by Gretchen Baptie.

2023 WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR of ENGLAND. Flyers with details available at the entrance Welcome tables. **Note: Trip dates are now May 9-19**, (due to King Charles' coronation May 6). If you have questions about the trip, please contact Pastor Jim at jim@hoperidge.com.

WE ARE IN NEED OF RIDGE KIDZ LEADERS for January during 10:30 service. Curriculum is provided. If you have a heart for kids and would like to know more, contact Yvonne@hoperidge.com.




CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES— Saturday, December 24
4:30PM Family Service with Praise Team
8:00PM Traditional Service with Choir
11:00PM Candlelight & Communion in Chapel

CHRISTMAS DAY— Sunday, December 25—
ONE SERVICE AT 10:30AM



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.** ~ *The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version, UMH 881*

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