



**XTRA SPECIAL EVENTS at HOPE DURING ADVENT**

December 24, 4th Sunday in Advent, 10 am

December 24, **CHRISTMAS EVE**, 5pm



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Lessons and Carols

**LESSONS AND CAROLS BRUNCH**

December 31st New Year's Eve @ 10 am

Hope's worship service on December 31st will feature "Lessons and Carols" with food in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will soon appear on the counter in the Narthex/Lobby for your carry-in food item to share. Come lift your voice in for praise and join in the fellowship to celebrate the approach of 2024.

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**MEIJER GIVES SON MINISTRIES**



the opportunity in their Simply Give Program to get store credit for food for our pantry, which helps us greatly in buying food for our Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday food boxes. **Now thru December 31 – donate \$10 at Meijer Stonecreek, and SON gets \$20 credit.** This program is available at the Meijer Stonecreek store only. Donations are tax deductible.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**for these special events in 2024**

Blessing of the PJ's during worship

Sunday Jan. 21

Griefshare Support Group

Mondays 4-6 p.m. Jan. 29 - April 22



**HOPE**

Lutheran Church

Pastor Christie Beckmann

[www.HopeOnBlueRock.org](http://www.HopeOnBlueRock.org)

**December 17, 2023**  
Inspiring Worship

4695 Blue Rock Rd.

Cincinnati, OH 45247

(513.923.3370)

Third Sunday of Advent

**WELCOME HOME**

*There's a place for you here.*



Building hope and serving God, we are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ. All are welcome to enter a new season of Hope with us. Wherever you find yourself in life, know that there is a place for you here at HOPE.

**Welcome all guests & visitors!**



We are glad you are here and would like to continue to connect with you! Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket or return it to an usher.

**Audio Aid** for hearing impaired is available; ask an usher or sound board operator. Words to songs and scripture are on the screens and available in the red pew hymnals and Bibles.

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**Nursery care** for children ages 5 and under is available throughout the service. **Children's church** for ages 2+ will take place after the Children's Message.

Hope's **WiFi**

Network **Hope Lutheran**

Password **bluerock**

★ ★ *Welcome to Worship* ★ ★  
**HOPE LUTHERAN**

**Inspiring Worship Service**

**In-Person and Livestreamed  
 December 17, 2023, 10:00 am**

**Third Sunday of Advent**



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**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Christie Beckmann**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**GATHERING SONG** Praise Band & Congregation  
*Open Up the Heavens*

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS** Pastor Christie

**PRAYER of the DAY** Pastor Christie

**LIGHTING the ADVENT WREATH** The Sheppard Family

**HYMN** Kim Arany, *solo*, Karen Schweinfest & Jake Byrne  
*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (ELW 257)

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Erica Leppert & Children

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Elaine Tingle

**SECOND READING** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Elaine Tingle

**GOSPEL READING** John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pastor Christie

**SERMON** Pastor Christie

**SONG of the DAY** Praise Band & Congregation  
*Even So Come*

**PRAYERS of INTERCESSION** Karen Schneider

**PEACE** Pastor Christie

**OFFERING SONG** Dale Renner & Congregation  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (ELW 885)

**OFFERING PRAYER** Pastor Christie

**GATHERING of COMMUNION ELEMENTS** Pastor Christie

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** Pastor Christie

**DIALOGUE** Pastor Christie

**PREFACE** Pastor Christie

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** Dale Renner & Congregation

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** Pastor Christie

**LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor Christie

**INVITATION to COMMUNION** Pastor Christie

**COMMUNION** Pastor Christie

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Praise Band, Dale & Martha Renner  
*Filled with Hope and Gratitude*

**PRAYER after COMMUNION** Pastor Christie

**SENDING SONG** Praise Band & Congregation  
*Prepare the Royal Highway* (ELW 264)

**BLESSING** Pastor Christie  
 The God of peace bless you,  
 the love of Christ sustain you in hope,  
 and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you  
 now and forever.  
 Amen.

**DISMISSAL** Pastor Christie  
 Go in peace. Jesus is near.  
 Thanks be to God.



**Blue Christmas Worship**  
**Wednesday Dec. 20, 7 p.m.**  
**Saint Paul Old Blue Rock Church**  
 Blue Christmas is a worship service geared toward comforting all who may be struggling to find joy and hope during the holiday season. Pastor Christie will be assisting in leading the worship service, and all Hope members and friends are invited to this special evening of worship at St. Paul on Old Blue Rock (5312 Old Blue Rock Rd).