

Thank you for joining us for worship tonight. We hope that this service has brought you peace and hope, even in the midst of grief and struggle. Please know that our pastors and staffs are praying for you, and are available to meet and talk with you if the need arises.

If you and your families are looking for a place to worship on Christmas Eve, or in the coming New Year, you are invited to join either of our churches.

- **Christmas Eve** worship at CCUPC will be held at 6:00p, 8:00pm, and 10:00pm.
- **Christmas Eve** worship at Hope will be held at 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, and 11:00pm
- Worship will be held at Hope on **Saturday December 23rd** and **Saturday December 30th** at 5:00pm.
- Both churches will celebrate worship at 10:00am on **Sunday December 24th** and **Sunday December 31st**.
- As the New Year arrives, both churches will return to their normal worship schedules on January 7th. Hope celebrates worship at 5:00pm on Saturdays, and 9:00am and 11:00am on Sundays. CCUPC worships at 10:00am, with Sunday school for all ages at 9:00am.



**Cranberry Community  
United Presbyterian and  
Hope Lutheran Churches**



## **Blue Christmas Service December 17, 2017**

*"The true light that gives light to every one was coming into the world. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* from John 1:9-14

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Because of the darkness of sanctuary during this service, please refer to the screens as a worship aid. Bolded text indicates that the congregation should join in responsively.*

The Prelude

**"Sonata for Doreen"**  
Jon Horvath

The Gathering

Opening Dialogue

*Please join responsively.*

\*A Gathering Hymn

**"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

\*A Litany of Confession and Forgiveness

*The pastor will begin with a prayer and a time of silent reflection, and then the congregation will offer a prayer of confession in unison.*

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

The First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Silence for Reflection

The Psalm Reading

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-17

*The Psalm is to be read responsively.*

The Second Scripture Reading

Romans 8:22-27

Silence for Reflection

\*The Gospel Reading

Luke 1:67-79

A Video

“Hallelujah” performed by Pentatonix

The Reflection

Special Music

**“Cry out to Jesus”**

Tara Schmidt

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The candles will be lit, a time of silence will be kept, and then the congregation will respond in word and in in song.*

The Candle of Hope

O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1

The Candle of Peace

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear v. 3

The Candle of Hope

Silent Night v. 3

The Candle of Love

\*A Hymn for the Passing of the Light

**“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1, 5, 7”**

Prayers of Intercession

*As the prayer is lead, the congregation is invited to respond  
”Hear our Prayer.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

Sending

Sending Hymn

**“Christ, Be Our Light”**

Blessing

Dismissal

*The congregation is invited to join in the responsive dismissal.*

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The Prelude is offered to the glory of God and in loving memory Jon Horvath’s cousin, Doreen, who inspired him to pursue his musical talent.. With it he offers this thought: “I miss you, I love you, thank you for the inspiration, thank you for everything.”

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