

Offering our Gifts of Gratitude  
\*The Doxology

\*\*\*\*\* The Sending \*\*\*\*\*

Announcements

**\*Emmanuel**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel

**\*Blessing**

Organists:  
(E) Jeanette Sluis  
(L) Dean Knips

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 1 Allen & Becky Gengler
- 2 Gladys Buss
- 3 Ken & Vickie Leinen
- 6 Jim Heard
- 7 Keith and Doris Hoven

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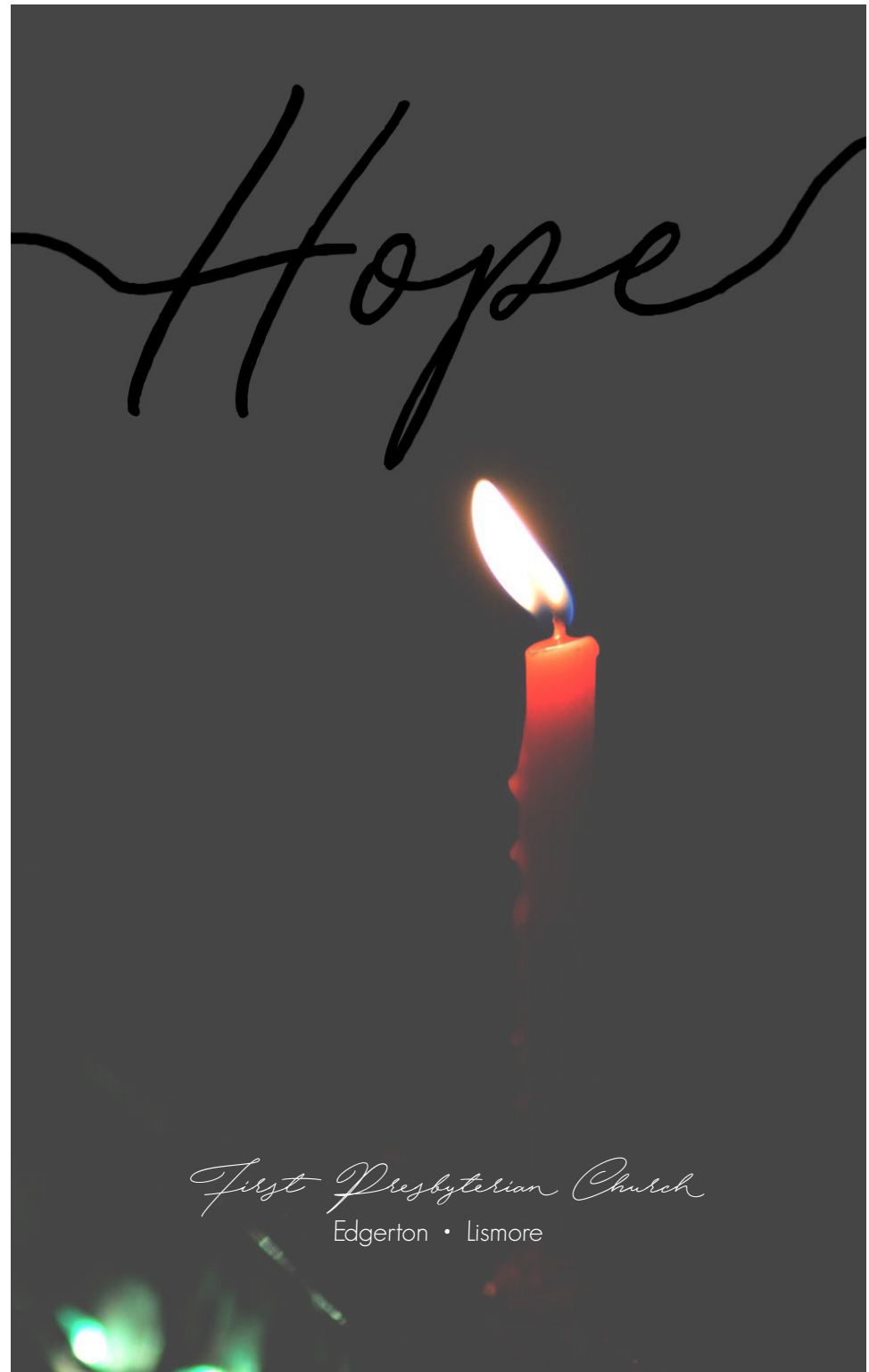
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**Edgerton Ruling Elders:** Jerry Evink, Sue Fraser, Brian Gilbertson, Dave Hulstein, Debbie Johnson, Sandy Klingenberg.

**Lismore Ruling Elders:** Karon Nagel, Dean Knips, Joyce Gengler, Candace Joens, Kathy Knips.

Please, feel free to contact any of these elders with questions or concerns.



# DECEMBER 1, 2019

## \*\*\*\*\* The Gathering \*\*\*\*\*

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
(B 2)

### Advent Prayer

*Lord Jesus,*

*Master of both the light and the darkness,*

*send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice  
each day.*

*We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming  
among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of  
your kingdom.*

*We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.*

*We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.*

**To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"**

**Amen**

### **\*God of Wonders**

Video Praise

### **\*Confession and Pardon:**

*Merciful God, have mercy on our souls, according to your unwavering love; according to your abundant mercy wipe away our sins and the guilt we have carried for so long. Instead write on our hearts your love; your boundaries for our lives and your salvation that sets us free from our sins that we might live the abundant life you have for each of us.*

***Lord we would see Jesus, we would love Jesus, we would follow Jesus, we would serve Jesus.***

*Lord, Create in us clean hearts, Renew your spirit within us. Do not turn us away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Write on our hearts, your love O God. Amen.*

***Salvation has come in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness, peace, serenity, healing and hope; these gifts, and more, are ours in this Advent season of watching and waiting. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**\*Gloria Patri: #579 Blue**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

## \*\*\*\*\* The Word \*\*\*\*\*

Offering Our Praise and Prayers

**Baptized in Water**

(B 492)

**The Holy Baptism of Baylor Grace Van't Hof**

**Special Music**

**The Reading of Scripture**

**'Open Up to Hope!'**  
An Advent Series

**Responding to the Word**

*Invitation to praise and prayer, intercession and commitment*

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