

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent- HOPE

**December 3, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

(For car radio transmission on church grounds, tune to 92.7 FM)

Prelude: *Emmanuel Medley* Carolyn Shaw  
Welcome and Announcements Duty Elder  
Advent Reading: Acts 26:15-18 & Lighting of the Hope Candle  
Mary Lee Comstock, Mary Flowers & Mary Lasater

**\*Call to Worship: Romans 5:6-9**

Rev. Ray Cobb

\*Hymn of Praise: #244 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**\*Prayer of Praise and Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14**

**New City Catechism #48 - Slides**

**Unison Prayer – Slides**

**Offertory Dedication Prayer**

Offertory Anthem: *In a Little Town* Solo, Lynn Lotter

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer**

Hymn of Preparation: #630 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**Scripture: John 15:1-17**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon: *God's Rag Dolls: Love Beyond Reason***

Rev. Ray Cobb

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\*Hymn of Dedication: #287 *A Communion Hymn for Christmas*  
(vss. 1-4)

**\*Benediction**

\*Congregational Response- #287

*A Communion Hymn for Christmas (vs. 5)*

\*Postlude

*\*Please stand, if able*

**We welcome all who have joined us to worship today.** If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us as your place to grow as a follower of Jesus. If you are interested in joining the Church, please contact Pastor Cox.

**Welcome Rev. Ray Cobb to our Pulpit today.** Rev. Cobb retired just over a year ago as Senior Pastor of Triangle Grace Church (ECO) in Durham, NC-- a position he held for 35 years. Before coming to Durham, Ray pastored the Hot Springs Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs, VA for nearly six years. Ray has been married to Diane for 45 years and they have three adult, married children who have blessed them with six grandchildren. Ray continues to serve the Presbytery of North Carolina as a member of the Ministry Partnership Team.

**Duty Elders:** Warren Bailey & Melanie Underhill

**Nursery:** Lauren Bain & Becky McArtan

**(Nursery available for children 5 years and younger)**

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Today	10:00 AM	Sunday School/ Youth Advent Crafts
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	4:00 PM	Choir Practice
Monday	6:00 PM	Property & Finance Meeting
Thursday	6:00 PM	Choir Practice
	7:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Attendance: 56

General Giving

\$ 2,223.00

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND**

\$2,223.00

Other Contributions: N/A

**TOTAL OFFERING**

\$2,223.00

**Kids Feeding Kids collected \$93.00.**

**Upcoming Events in December:**

11<sup>th</sup> – Session Meeting at 6:30 PM.

17<sup>th</sup> – Choirs Christmas Cantata during Worship.

20<sup>th</sup> – CARE at 5:45 PM

24<sup>th</sup> – Candlelight Service at 6 PM.

25<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Day!** *Merry Christmas!*

27<sup>th</sup> – Newsletter Articles due.