



POINT HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

POINTING THE HEARTS OF CHARLESTON
TO THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

Welcome to Point Hope Presbyterian Church

*To all who are weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are delighted that you are here and we hope to be a blessing to you. Point Hope is a new church seeking to point the hearts of Charleston to the hope of the gospel. We desire to be a church where people can experience what it means to belong and live in a true community where Jesus Christ is experienced in His presence and power.

Our Worship

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, called our liturgy. The order of our worship reflects the progress of the gospel in our hearts. In worship, we come together to tell the story of the gospel by the structure of our worship, the content of our worship, and the way that we worship. Parts of our worship service may be new to you. We would encourage you to participate through observation and reflection and welcome the chance to discuss our service with you.

Parents of Young Children

We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, young and old, and we want Point Hope to be a church where children are seen, heard, and loved. We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand and participate. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say and sing parts of our worship service every week in order to help our nonreading children to participate.

If you need to step out during the service, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." A nursery is provided for infants and children up to 3 years old. Your child's safety and security are our highest priorities! Our children's ministry is staffed by friendly, well-trained, well-screened workers.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day | December 31, 2023

PRELUDE | *Welcome to Point Hope. Please find a seat and silence your electronic devices*

WELCOME

REFLECTION | *As we prepare for Worship, we invite you to a time of quiet reflection*

The fact that God became human [informs our understanding of evangelism.] God didn't send a telegram or shower evangelistic books from heaven or drop a million bumper stickers from the sky saying, "Smile, Jesus loves you." He sent a man, his Son, to communicate the message. His strategy hasn't changed. He still sends men and women—before he sends tracts and techniques—to change the world. You may think his strategy is risky, but that is God's problem, not yours.

~ Rebecca Manley Pippert, Out of the Saltshaker and Into the World

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Isaiah 52 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,

Who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

O come let us adore him.

** Please stand*

***HYMN OF ADORATION** | *We sing praises to God*

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Words: John Wesley Work Jr. Music: Folk Spiritual

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly stable the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

***INVOCATION** | *We pray for God's presence, power and blessing in worship*

***DOXOLOGY** | *(Glory Words) We praise the Triune God*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE | *God forgives our sin and gives us grace*

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

***HYMN OF GRACE** | *We celebrate God's gift of grace*

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Carl G. Glaser.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *We confess what we believe*

The Apostles' Creed

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; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERING | *We offer our gifts to God*

Haggai 1:2-11

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?”

Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes.

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the LORD. You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away.

Why? declares the LORD of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the ground brings forth, on man and beast, and on all their labors.”

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INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER | *We lift up our requests to God*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

***GREETINGS OF PEACE** | *We greet those around us with the peace of Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you

HYMN OF PREPARATION | *We prepare our hearts to hear God's Word*

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Bill Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken all to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition all I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me they have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me show Thy face and all is bright

Soul, then know thy full salvation rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee child of heaven canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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SERMON | *Living as the Light* | Rev. Rob Hamby

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

SERMON NOTES

THE INVITATION

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O most merciful Father, we do not presume to come to your Table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. We humbly beseech you to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us a means of grace in your dearly-beloved son Jesus Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit and nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, that we may grow into his likeness and become a living temple to your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Note About Partaking: The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."
1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Note About Communion Wine: *The trays marked "Juice" contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. The other unmarked trays and the common cup contain wine.*

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling Against Sin

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN | *We celebrate the family meal of Christians*

The Gospel Is Good News Indeed

Words & Music: Red Mountain Music.

The gospel is good news indeed, to sinners deep in debt;
The man who has no works to plead, will thankful be for it.
To know that when he's nought to pay, his debts are all discharged,
Will make him blooming look as May, and set his soul at large.

No news can be compared with this, to men oppressed with sin;
Who know what legal bondage is, and labor but in vain.
Freedom from sin and Satan's chains, and legal toil as well,
The gospel sweetly now proclaims; which tidings suit them well.

How gladly does the prisoner hear, what gospel has to tell!
'Tis perfect love that casts out fear, and brings him from his cell.
The man that feels his guilt abound, and knows himself unclean,
Will find the gospel's joyful sound, is welcome news to him.

*THANKSGIVING

Mighty God We Thank And Praise You

Words: Wendell Kimbrough. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life;
Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ.
In these mysteries you assure us we are members of your Son;
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, One.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong,
That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on!
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Pow'r and glory to your name! Amen

***BENEDICTION** | *God pronounces his blessing upon us*

Benediction means "good word." A benediction is not a prayer. God pronounces His blessing upon His people and sends them out into the world to serve Him. We lift up our heads and our hearts to receive his blessing.

***DISMISSAL** | *God sends us out into the world*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome

Welcome! At some point during our service, a pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and get to know the person next to you.

Spring Foundations Class | Saturday, February 3 at 9:00AM - 12:00PM



The Foundations Class is the best way to get an overview of what our church is all about- our vision, values, beliefs, and mission as well as what membership at Point Hope involves. Attending the class does not obligate you to anything, but it is required for anyone interested in becoming a member of Point Hope this Spring. To RSVP, please scan the QR code (Note: childcare is not offered for this class).

Spring Community Groups | Beginning February 4 | 1st & 3rd Sunday's, 5:00-6:15PM



Spring is coming and we will be kicking off our community groups on February 4th! Point Hope Presbyterian Church is a place where people live life together with God and one another. Community Groups are small group gatherings that meet in homes around Charleston. In Community Groups, people come to know God and to experience His presence by knowing others and being known by them through intentional relationships. If you are a new to Point Hope, this is a wonderful way to begin developing a deeper sense of community in your new home. Please scan the code to share with us your desire to be in a community group this Spring.

End of Year Giving to Point Hope Presbyterian Church



As we approach year-end, please consider giving a special offering to the ministry of Point Hope. Your generous support allows us to continue our mission of pointing the hearts of Charleston to the hope of the Gospel. All 2023 gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31st.

Thank you for your partnership as we reach the communities of Daniel Island and Cainhoy.

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