



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.

During the sermon, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. There they will participate in an engaging, age-appropriate Bible lesson, songs and activities. Children will return after the sermon to join for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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 | February 12, 2023

REFLECTION

As I took up life as a minister, I tried to understand why so many people resisted and rejected God, I soon realized that perhaps the main reason was affliction and suffering.... But at the same time, I learned that just as many people find God through affliction and suffering. They find that adversity moves them toward God rather than away.... When pain and suffering come upon us, we finally see not only that we are not in control of our lives, but that we never were.
~ Tim Keller

WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | from selected Psalms | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.
To you they cried and were rescued;

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,**

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob,
glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he has not despised our affliction and he has not hidden
his face from us but he has heard our cry.**

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

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Christopher Miner.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me His praise should sing?
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress.
Praise Him still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summers flower we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the high eternal One.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He Knows.
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace.

***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.

GOSPEL LESSON | *Luke 14:25-33* | *We hear God's word*

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SILENT CONFESSION

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

By Thy Mercy

Words: James John Cummins. Music: Greg Thompson.

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within.

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour,

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace. (Refrain)

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain,

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay (Refrain)

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

From Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

Come To Me

Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough

You are weighed down; you are worried. Child, I see you; child, I know you. Bring your burdens; bring your labor. Come to me.

*Come to me, come to me, come to me if you are weary.
I will give you, I will give you my rest.*

I am gentle; I am humble. Let me teach you; let me show you. Trade your burden; mine is easy. Come to me. (Refrain)

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

from the Westminster Shorter Catechism

What offices does Christ carry out as our redeemer and how does he execute each office?

Christ, as our redeemer, carries the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his state of humiliation and his state of exaltation.

Christ carries out the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Christ carries out the office of a priest in offering up himself as a sacrifice one time, to satisfy divine justice and to reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

Christ carries out the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

GREETINGS OF PEACE | *Welcome and announcements*

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

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You may also place your gift in the offering box on the table in the back.*

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.

Children are now dismissed for Children's Church
Children's Church (4 years old - 2nd Grade)

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SERMON | *Jesus's Message to the Church at Smyrna* | Rev. Rob Hamby

SCRIPTURE | Revelation 2:8-11

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

⁹ “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

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 Christian's Hope Can Never Fail

Words & Music: Red Mountain Music

We travel through a barren land, with dangers thick on every hand;
But Jesus guides us through the vale; o, the Christian's hope can never fail.

Huge sorrows meet us as we go, and devils aim to overthrow;
But vile infernals can't prevail; o, the Christian's hope shall never fail.

Sometimes we're tempted to despair, but Jesus makes us then His care;
Though numerous foes our souls assail; o, the Christian's hope can never fail.

We trust upon the sacred word, the oath and promise of the Lord;
And safely through each tempest sail; o, the Christian's hope can never fail.

***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.

Launching Church Center

We would love to connect you to our new digital tool, Church Center. The app can be found on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. You'll find helpful resources and information about all that's happening at Point Hope.

Super Bowl Party | Tonight; 6:00-9:00PM - 220 Carriage Hill Pl.



Come enjoy the big game with a tailgate at the Statham's! Invite a friend and come to enjoy smores, a fire-pit, and the game on the big screen. RSVP through our church calendar or scan the code!

New Member Sunday | March 5, 2023

We are thrilled to receive new members to Point Hope to be a part of our growing church. For those who have completed the Foundation's Class and would like to be included on this special Sunday, you can find a digital membership form through Church Center. Paper forms are also available in the back and can be dropped off in the offering box. Once you have submitted your membership form, Rob will be in touch to schedule a time to meet with you.

Community Groups | 1st & 3rd Sundays, 5:00-6:15pm

Community groups provide an opportunity for friendship, mutual support, practical love and service, learning about the Christian faith, prayer, and sharing of how God is at work. If you are not yet in a group and want to try one out this spring, you can find more information on our website or email Matt Statham.

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