

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 | January 21, 2024

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

"There is a difference between believing that God is holy and gracious, and having a new sense on the heart of the loveliness and beauty of that holiness and grace. The difference between believing that God is gracious and tasting that God is gracious is as different as having a rational belief that honey is sweet and having the actual sense of its sweetness."

~ Jonathan Edwards, as quoted by Tim Keller in "Prodigal God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP | from Psalm 147 | God invites us into His presence to worship Him

Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. Praise the LORD!

^{*} Please stand

*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 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 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, widely as His mercy goes.

*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

Heavenly Father, we thank you that we can call you our Father because of the finished work of Jesus on our behalf. Forgive us that we often do not come to you as our Father, but regularly view you as our employer or master. Forgive us for turning to other things this week to give us what we think we need, rather than turning to you. Our pride keeps us from admitting our need, and our stubborn independence causes us to be an anxious people. We thank you that your mercies are new every morning, and that you find great pleasure in loving your children. Increase our faith, and teach us how to run to you, even in our moments of deepest guilt and shame. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Psalm 103:8-14

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassions to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

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

Amazing Grace

Words: John Newton. Music: Edwin Othello Excell

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH | We confess what we believe

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 26. What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

TITHES AND OFFERING | We offer our gifts to God

Matthew 7:7-11

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

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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

Rock Of Ages

Words: Augustus Toplady. Music: James Ward.

Rock of ages cleft for me let me hide myself in thee Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed Be of sin the double cure cleanse me from it's guilt and power

Not the labor of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone, thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring simply to thy cross I cling Naked, come to thee for dress helpless, look to thee for grace Foul, I to the fountain fly wash me savior, or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath when my eyes have closed in death When I soar to worlds unknown see thee on thy judgement throne Rock of Ages, cleft for me let me hide myself in thee

SERMON | The Tale of Two Sons | Bob Baldwin

SCRIPTURE | Luke 15:1-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

- ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- ⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
- ¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.
- ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

SERMON NOTES

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | The family meal of Christians

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." I 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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us Words & Music: Stuart Townend.

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

*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! If you have not already been placed in a community group this spring, please scan the QR to note your interest!

Women's Ministry Gathering | Thursday, February 8 | 6:00PM at Susan Jackson's

The women of Point Hope are invited to join together on Thursday, February 8 for a night of fun, food and fellowship. This winter social will be taking place at Susan Jackson's house (2214 Daniel Island Drive). This event is open to all and will be a great night to bring a friend or neighbor! For more information, contact Kim Card.

Men's Ministry Gathering | Saturday, February 10 | 10:00AM at 2263 Folly Rd.



The men of Point Hope are invited to join for a fun outdoor day at Truluck Island on February 10th. There will be a shrimp boil, chili and other snacks and drinks. Activities for the day include a skeet shoot, a firepit, outdoor games and more. Cost is \$30/person. To register and learn more about items to bring, please scan the QR Code or talk with Bart Jackson.

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