



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 5th 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 | March 17, 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*

*Humility is having an accurate assessment of your own nature. It's having an accurate assessment of your own place in the cosmos. It's an awareness that you're an underdog in the struggle against your own sins. It's an awareness that individual talents are inadequate to the tasks that have been assigned to you. It's understanding yourself in the context of a greater divine order. Knowing you're not the center of the universe and you need redemptive assistance to complete your tasks.*

*~ David Brooks*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | Revelation 5 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Worthy is the lamb who was slain and by His blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

*\* Please stand*

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

*O Worship the King*

Words: Robert Grant. Music: William Croft.

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**\*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*

**Our wise and loving Father, we confess that we deeply lack wisdom. We have not feared you, but instead have feared people and circumstances, giving reverence and awe to the created order that belongs to you as our Creator. We have rejected your perfect wisdom, revealed in your Word, preferring to trust the wisdom of this world instead. We often believe that we are wiser and more loving than you are. We have sought to define for ourselves what is good and what is evil. Father forgive us. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Show us the emptiness of the world's wisdom and give us hearts that hunger and desire the true wisdom that comes only from you. Keep us near the cross, always needy and looking to you for mercy and hope. Fill us with your wisdom and be our vision, our battle shield, our dignity and delight until we see you with new eyes. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

*from James 1:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

*Nothing But The Blood*

Words and Music: Robert Lowry.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

### **PARENTAL VOWS**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

### **CONGREGATIONAL VOW**

Do you, the congregation of Point Hope Presbyterian Church, undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

### **ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM**

**Samuel Hezekiah Adkins**

### **BAPTISM PRAYER**

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

*Deuteronomy 8:17*

Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your 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*

Heavenly Father, You are our gracious God, guiding and caring for us as a loving parent. We pray for Your blessing upon the families in our church and community. Lord Jesus, You welcomed the little children, inviting them to come to You—inspire us as a church to do the same. Grant parents wisdom and strength as they nurture their children in Your ways. As a church, may we support each family, nurturing their spiritual growth and reflecting Your love. Father, we humbly ask for Your kindness in drawing new families with children into our fellowship. Open hearts to the truth of the Gospel, let them feel Your love through our actions, and empower us to reach the next generation. In Your name, we pray for guidance, protection, and transformative grace upon the families in our church and community. Through Christ, we pray, Amen.

**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*

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*  
Words: John Fawcett. Music: Lowell Mason.

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.

*Children aged 4 - 5th Grade are dismissed to Children's Church*

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**SCRIPTURE** | Acts 18:24-19:7

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup> He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup> He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. <sup>27</sup> And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, <sup>28</sup> for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

<sup>1</sup> And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup> And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.” <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

## 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*

*O Living Bread From Heaven*

Words: Johann von Rist. Music: Brian Moss.

O Living Bread from heaven, how well You feed Your guest!  
The gifts that You have given have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me, to this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me, the treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given, what earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted, the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit, the favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit, bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened, with heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit, to leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit, where joys unmingled flow.

**\*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**

## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How does this passage show you how essential the church is to the life of every Christian -- that you need the church and the church needs you more than you ever may have realized?
2. Discuss the intentionality, compassion and care that Priscilla and Aquila have for Apollos and for Christ's church? What can we learn from their character in the way they relate to Apollos? How important was good theology (orthodoxy) to Priscilla & Aquila? Do you and the church today have that same level of concern for orthodoxy?
3. Discuss the approachability, humility, vulnerability & teachability of Apollos. How is this encouraging (and convicting) for you and for the way we live together in community at Point Hope?
4. What results from Priscilla & Aquila taking Apollos aside to explain the way of God more accurately?
5. Is it your practice to think about areas of your life and doctrine where you need to understand the way of God more accurately? How important is this to you and what steps are you taking to grow?
6. What was your biggest take away from this message today?

## 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.

### *Point Hope Easter Calendar*

Please mark your calendar for the various Easter events planned this March! We are looking forward to the ways in which our Point Hope family can both serve and enjoy these programs.

***Daniel Island Easter Egg Hunt and Community Day*** | March 24 | 1:00-3:00PM

***Easter Song & Story*** | March 29 | 10:00-12:00 at the DI Rec Center

***Easter Sunrise Service*** | March 31 | 6:30am at Waterfront Park ampitheater

***Easter Sunday*** | March 31 | 10:00am at DI Rec Center

***Men's Weekly Prayer Gathering*** | March 19 | 7:15am at 1951 Clements Ferry Rd. suite 200

The men of Point Hope are invited to join Tuesday mornings at 7:15 to pray together. This will be a time to be specifically praying for our church families, our community, our neighbors and for God's work to be accomplished on Daniel Island and Cainhoy.

***Men's Steak and Poker Night*** | April 10 | 6:00-8:00PM | Pierce Park Pavillion



Join us for an evening of good food, great company, and even better competition at our upcoming Men's Steak & Poker Night! Whether you're a poker shark or just looking for a fun night out, this event is for you. The cost is \$20 for a steak dinner followed by a Texas Hold'em poker tournament. Prizes for the winner and runner-up. Up your chance against the competition: Bring a friend and you both get one extra black chip to play with. We will also have a 50/50 Raffle with proceeds going to support ECCO! Bring some extra cash to support a great cause.

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## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

*Clergy Advisory Council for the Mayor*

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*Daniel Island School | Lori Ann Grizzle & Laura Blanchard*

*Daniel Island Special Needs Pickleball | Steve & Suzanne Gilroy*

*East Cooper Community Outreach | Don Squires*

*Edgewood Ministries | Hal Farnsworth*

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*RUF at Furman University | Tom Hart*

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*Young Life | Tracey Thomas*

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