



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**  
Easter Sunday | March 31, 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*

*"We could cope—the world could cope—with a Jesus who ultimately remains a wonderful idea inside his disciples' minds and hearts. The world cannot cope with a Jesus who comes out of the tomb, who inaugurates God's new creation right in the middle of the old one."*

*~ N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope*

*"He has forced open a door that has been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death. Everything is different because He has done so. This is the beginning of the New Creation: a new chapter in cosmic history has opened."*

*~ C. S. Lewis*

**RESURRECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

This is the good news—  
The grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**Hallelujah!**

This is the good news—  
Once we were not a people; now we are God's people.

**Hallelujah!**

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**Hallelujah!**

*\* Please stand*

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

Christ the Lord is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed!**

He has broken the bands of death.

**He has set His people free!**

The Lord is lifted up.

**The Lord is lifted up over all!**

The Lord reigns.

**The Lord reigns in heaven and on earth!**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me.

**And let us exalt His name together!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!"**

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

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Words: Charles Wesley (trans.). Music: Lyra Davidson.

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your voice and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

**\*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 come before you today with troubled hearts and minds. We are fearful about our relationships, our health, our finances, our families, our futures, and many other things. We have a hard time believing in you in a way that would bring comfort to our hearts. Instead we greatly doubt your love and concern for us, and sometimes even your very existence. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to save ourselves. When this doesn't work, we try to suppress, numb, and escape reality. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have sought salvation through our own efforts. This has left some of us proud but left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*from Matthew 11:28-30, John 11:25-26*

[Jesus said,] 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. I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

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

*The Sands Of Time Are Sinking*

Words: Anne Ross Cundell Cousin. Music: Phillip Palmertree.

The sands of time are sinking, the dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for the fair, sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark had been the midnight but dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The king there in His beauty, without a veil is seen:  
It were a well-spent journey, though seven deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with His fair army, doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land

O Christ, He is the fountain, the deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted more deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth in Emmanuel's land.

The bride eyes not her garment, but her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory but on my King of grace.  
Not at the crown He giveth but on His pierced hand;  
The Lamb is all the glory of Emmanuel's land.

**\*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*

*Matthew 6:19-20, 24*

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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

Risen and reigning Lord, truly you are a high priest who has passed through the heavens. Truly you were tested as we are, and yet were without sin. With boldness we approach your throne, deeply assured of your mercy and grace in our time of need.

And so we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning give hope to your people. May all who live without hope today taste and see that you are good.

So we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call us, your people, to testify to your goodness. Equip each of us today to be bold witnesses of Easter news.

So we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call all the nations of the world to stop their scheming and seek your peace. May your Spirit convict all people to submit to your rule and to pursue true peace.

So we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning call each of us to turn from the path of death to the path of obedience and life. Send your Spirit to strengthen our resolve, and help us to live as people of life and light.

So we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning bring life and light and healing. May all who suffer in the valley of the shadow of death and disease know your healing presence.

So we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

Your rising and your reigning are firstfruits of all that is to come: justice, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit. May your kingdom come quickly.

So we pray, **O Lord of glory.**

May we, your Easter people, never fail to bless and thank you for your immeasurable love and sure promises. All praise to you, risen Christ, Equip each of us today to be bold witnesses of Easter news.

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**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*

*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

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

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**SCRIPTURE** | Matthew 27:62-28:17

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ <sup>64</sup> Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.” The Report of the Guard

<sup>11</sup> While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. <sup>12</sup> And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers <sup>13</sup> and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ <sup>14</sup> And if this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” <sup>15</sup> So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day. <sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

## 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*

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

Words: Samuel Stennett. Music: Christopher Miner.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day  
There God, the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

*I am bound, (I am bound) I am bound, (I am bound)*

*I am bound for the Promise Land*

*I am bound, (I am bound) I am bound, (I am bound)*

*I am bound for the Promise Land*

No chilling wind nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore  
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more (*refrain*)

When shall I see that happy place and be forever blessed  
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest (*refrain*)

**\*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 to Point Hope**



We are so thankful that you joined us this Easter morning! We would love the opportunity to connect with you about our church and our ministry on Daniel Island and Cainhoy. 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. If you would like one of our staff to reach out and connect with you, please add your email or phone number or scan the code.

Point Hope Presbyterian Church is deeply committed to seeing our local neighborhood and community transformed by the power of God. We would love to be a place that you might call home.

### ***Giving to Point Hope Presbyterian Church***



You may use this QR Code if you would like to support the ministry of Point Hope Presbyterian Church. Your generous support allows us to continue our mission of pointing the hearts of Charleston to the hope of the Gospel. Thank you for your partnership as we reach the communities of Daniel Island and Cainhoy.

## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

*Cainhoy Children's Academy* | Shannon Brooks

*Clergy Advisory Council for the Mayor*

*Daniel Island Recreation Center* | Jen Nelson

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