



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 | March 5, 2023

REFLECTION

When human beings give their heartfelt allegiance to and worship that which is not God, they progressively cease to reflect the image of God. One of the primary laws of human life is that you become like what you worship; what's more, you reflect what you worship not only to the object itself but also outward to the world around.

~ N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope

God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.

~C.S. Lewis

WELCOME

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 96:1-9 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

** Please stand*

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

Come Thou Fount

Words: Robert Robinson. Music: Folk Tune.

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that Grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

***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.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Jesus Cast A Look On Me

Words: John Berridge. Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

Jesus cast a look on me, give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low, seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride, cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit, lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light, walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast, where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God, flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live, and hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die, and hosannas ever cry!

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

From Romans 8:10-17

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 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. So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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

Be Thou My Vision

Words: Folk Hymn. Music: Folk Tune.

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word. I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my vict'ry won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

NEW MEMBERS

Levi, Josie & Hezekiah Adkins
Jeff & Joan Caldwell
Bart, Susan, Caroline & Elizabeth Jackson
Druid Joyner
Barbara Lansche
Nicholas & Caroline McDonald
Gary & Mary Skinner

Robert & Jean Baldwin
Caroline Flake
Greg & Mary Johnson
Dave & Gretchen Ladley
Al Lowrey & Kim Card
Stephen Shelton

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.

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

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

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.

Children are now dismissed for Children's Church

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

SCRIPTURE | Revelation 3:1-6

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: ‘The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

“‘I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. ² Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. ³ Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

SERMON NOTES

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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 Church's One Foundation

Words: Samuel John Stone. Music: Brian Moss.

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

The church shall never perish, her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish, is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor, she ever shall prevail

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

***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.

Point Hope Weekly Update

Each week, we send out a weekly update sharing the latest in the life of our church. From sermon previews, to important announcements, this a great way to follow along. A new segment of our weekly update includes needs and requests from our congregation. If you have a localized need or request that you would like to publish in an upcoming edition, please contact Matt Statham.

Needs & Requests: Photographer for Point Hope

We are seeking the help of a photographer to take photos during the service for the church website as well as other special events. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Matt Statham.

Grief Share Support Group

There is a new Daniel Island Grief Share support group gathering each Tuesday from 6:30-8:30pm at the Daniel Pointe Retirement Theater (514 Robert Daniel Dr.) If you or someone you know is looking for a support group following the death of a loved one, please reach out to Ed Dyckman (griefshare@holycross.net)

***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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