



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.

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.

Children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend Point Hope Kids Club at 9:15. This is our Sunday school time which includes breakfast treats, an engaging and age appropriate Bible lesson, Scripture memory and group activities and games. Children will be dismissed by 10:00 to join their families for worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day | November 26, 2023

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*

In our natural state we pray to God to get things. We may believe in God, but our deepest hopes and happiness reside in things as in how successful we are or in our social relationships. We therefore pray mainly when our career or finances are in trouble, or when some relationship or social status is in jeopardy. When life is going smoothly, and our truest heart treasures seem safe, it does not occur to us to pray. Also, ordinarily our prayers are not varied—they consist usually of petitions, occasionally some confession (if we have just done something wrong). Seldom or never do we spend sustained time adoring and praising God. In short, we have no positive, inner desire to pray. We do it only when circumstances force us. Why? We know God is there, but we tend to see him as a means through which we get things to make us happy. For most of us, he has not become our happiness. We therefore pray to procure things, not to know him better.

~ Tim Keller

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 34 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

** Please stand*

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint. Music: Conrad Kocher

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thyself, best Gift Divine, to our race so freely given,
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in Heaven.
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

***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, when we pray, whether in public or in private, at church or at home, our hearts and minds often wander carelessly from thought to thought, and our anxieties rule over us. Truthfully Father, we seldom want to pray, and when we do our petitions are centered upon ourselves and not upon your purposes. We confess our ignorance, for we do not know how to pray, and we confess our willful rebellion for prayers uttered from cold and selfish lips. Father forgive us. Teach us how to pray and help us to trust in you. Holy Spirit, ignite our hearts with joy before you, quicken our deadness with thanksgiving, and strengthen us to cling to you, love you, and obey you. May we grow to be persistent in prayer, until Christ is the pulse of our hearts, the spokesman of our lips, and the center of all our hopes and longings. In his great name we pray, amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Greg Thompson.

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

***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.

Luke 12:22-34

And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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*

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!

SCRIPTURE | James 5:13-20

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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*

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: William Williams. Music: Jeremy Casella.

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but Thou art mighty hold me with Thy powerful hands
Bread of Heaven, feed me now and evermore
Bread of Heaven, feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing waters flow
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer be thou still my Strength and Shield
Strong Deliverer be thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee
Songs of praises I will ever give to 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.

Serving at Wellmore | 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:30AM

The Women of Point Hope are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 13 at 10:30 AM, as we come together to care for the residents of Wellmore on Daniel Island. Wellmore is an assisted living and memory care facility, and an important ministry partner of Point Hope. Together, we'll have a devotional service and share in meaningful conversations with Wellmore residents. Your kindness and presence will mean a lot as we develop and foster new friendships. We can't wait to see you there!

Celebrating the Christmas Season at Point Hope



Mark your calendar for our upcoming Christmas season!

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

December 10 - A Christmas Concert of Lessons and Carols - 5:00PM

December 24 - Christmas Eve Sunday Worship - 10:00AM

Free tickets are available for our Lessons and Carols event and can be reserved by following the QR code.

Connecting with Nick & Caroline McDonald

As the McDonalds prepare for 100 days of treatment at the hospital, we would love to continue to find ways to support and care for them. Josie Adkins will coordinate all care, gifts, letters and updates. You can connect with Josie via email or cell phone. Josie Adkins: josiemaszk@gmail.com ; (843) 727-5161

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