



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 | April 28, 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*

*"No one can have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother."*

~ Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage

*How can we abide in Christ if we don't abide in what the Bible calls "the body of Christ"? Union with Christ means being united not only to Christ but also to all others who are in him, and so abiding in him can't be separated from abiding in Christian community, as difficult as that can be at times. The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone. Even in paradise, when Adam had perfect communion with God, it was the Lord, not Adam, who said it was not good for Adam to be alone (Gen. 2:18). We were made for community.*

~ Rankin Wilbourne, Union with Christ

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | Psalm 95:1-7 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*\* Please stand*

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

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

Words: Christian H. Bateman. Music: Benjamin Carr

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**\*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*

Almighty and merciful God, we come before you, acknowledging our sinfulness and our need for your forgiveness and grace. We confess that we have too often allowed the spirit of individualism to pervade our hearts and minds, leading us to prioritize our own desires and preferences above the needs of others.

**Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have been disconnected from one another, for failing to seek genuine community and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We confess that we have often chosen to go our own way, pursuing our own interests and agendas without regard for the well-being of those around us. We confess, O God, that we have too often preferred the comfort of isolation over the inconvenience of being in true community.**

We have shied away from the messiness of relationships and the challenges of bearing one another's burdens, preferring instead the illusion of self-sufficiency.

**Forgive us, Lord, for our selfishness and our failure to love one another. Teach us to embrace the call to genuine community, to prioritize the needs of others, and to cultivate relationships marked by love, humility, and mutual care.**

Grant us the grace to live as members of your body, the church, united in love and service to one another. May we be willing to lay aside our own agendas and preferences for the sake of building up the body of Christ and advancing your kingdom in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*from Ephesians 2:13-14; 19-22*

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

*Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Words: John Newton. Music: Laura Taylor.

Let us love and sing and wonder let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood He presents our souls to God

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood Thou art worthy Lamb of God

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH** | *We confess what we believe*

*Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. 54 What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

**I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

Q. 55 What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

**First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.**

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

*From Galatians 6*

Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

**And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

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You may also place your gift in the offering box on the table in the back.*

**PASTORAL & 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*

*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.

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

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**SCRIPTURE** | Acts 2:37-47

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

<sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

## 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*

*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.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

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

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
'Til, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

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 to Point Hope



We are so thankful that you joined us this 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.

### ***Men's Weekly Prayer Gathering*** | April 30 | 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.

### ***Ministry at Wellmore on Daniel Island*** | 580 Robert Daniel Dr.

As our ministry with the residents of Wellmore continues to grow, we invite you to volunteer and serve this wonderful community.

### ***Ladies Devotional and Prayer*** | Tuesdays at 10:30am

Join the women of Point Hope each Tuesday for a time of fellowship and study at 10:30 AM. This gathering is a perfect opportunity to connect and make new friends with women from Wellmore. Please contact Mary Skinner or Mary Johnson for more information.

### ***Community Devotional*** | Thursdays at 2:00PM

Every Thursday, Point Hope leads a community devotional and discussion, occasionally enhanced with select hymns. If you're interested in joining and assisting, please get in touch with Matt Statham.

### ***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* | Tori De la Cruz

*Clergy Advisory Council for the Mayor*

*Daniel Island Recreation Center* | Jen Nelson

*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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