



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 | April 30, 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*

*Pressure for harmony among cultures and nations would seem to urge us to regard the Bible as just another volume in the world's library of interesting stories, of which perhaps none—or all—might be more or less reliable. But to do so would be to treat the Bible as something other than what it claims to be: the one true story of the world. According to the biblical narrative, the meaning of our whole world's history has been most fully shown to us in the person of Jesus. One may either embrace that story as true or reject it as arrogant and false, but one must not simply reshape the Bible to suit one's own preferences. The Bible's claim to tell the true story of our world's history and meaning is fundamental to its structure.*

*~ The Drama of Scripture: Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story,  
Craig G. Bartholomew, Michael W. Goheen*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | *from Psalm 33* | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

**Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

**By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

*\* 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 the 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*

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

***How Firm A Foundation***

Words: R. Keene. Music: American folk tune.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

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

***from Article 2 of the Belgic Confession***

How Does God Reveal Himself to Us?

**We know God by two means: first by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe; which is before our eyes as a most elegant book, in which all creatures, great and small, lead us to contemplate the invisible things of God, namely, His eternal power and divinity. All these things are sufficient to convince men, and leave them without excuse.**

**Secondly, He makes Himself more clearly and fully known to us, by His holy and divine Word, as much as we need in this life, for God's glory and our salvation.**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE** | *Welcome and announcements*

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

*Online giving is available at [pointhopepres.com/give](http://pointhopepres.com/give)  
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*

**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*

*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.

**SCRIPTURE** | Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. <sup>4</sup> Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. <sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. <sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.



## 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*

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Words & Music: Helen Howarth Lemmel.

O soul are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Saviour, and life more abundant and free

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face;  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.*

Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion for more than conquerors we are (Refrain)

His word shall not fail you, He promised believe Him and all will be well.  
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell (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*

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.

### *Connecting through Church Center*

We would love to connect you to our digital tool, Church Center. The app can be found on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. You'll find helpful resources and information about all that's happening at Point Hope, including event registrations.

### *Encountering Jesus Through The Gospel of John* | Wednesday, May 3rd, 6:30PM

Just as a garden needs tending to flourish, so do our personal relationships. Coming to know someone requires patience, commitment, respect and humility. So it is with coming to know Jesus. To come to know Jesus more intimately we will use the Gospel of John as our guide and mentor to quicken our imagination. Our goal will be John's goal, "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name". Our attempt will be done communally, not by lecture. Please consider joining us on this Wednesday meditation. Meetings will be at the Rec Center, led by Bob Baldwin.

### *Women's Gathering* | May 10th, 6:30PM at Susan Jackson's house

The women of Point Hope are invited to come together for a fun evening of fellowship with games, appetizers and desserts. You can RSVP through Church Center or by connecting with Susan Jackson or Paige 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.

---

## MINISTRY STAFF

### *Pastor*

Rev. Rob Hamby | [rob@pointhopepres.com](mailto:rob@pointhopepres.com)

### *Director of Ministry*

Matt Statham | [matt@pointhopepres.com](mailto:matt@pointhopepres.com)

Website: [pointhopepres.com](http://pointhopepres.com)

Church Center: [pointhopepres.churchcenter.com](http://pointhopepres.churchcenter.com)