



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 | February 5, 2023

### REFLECTION

*“When we think of Christ dying on the cross we are shown the lengths to which God’s love goes in order to win us back to himself. We would almost think that God loved us more than he loves his Son! We cannot measure such love by any other standard. He is saying to us: I love you this much. The cross is the heart of the gospel. It makes the gospel good news: Christ died for us. He has stood in our place before God’s judgment seat. He has borne our sins. God has done something on the cross we could never do for ourselves. But God does something to us as well as for us through the cross. He persuades us that he loves us.”*

*~ Sinclair Ferguson*

### WELCOME

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 136 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of gods,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to Him who rescued us from our foes,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

*\* Please stand*

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

*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 sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

**\*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.

**GOSPEL LESSON** | *Luke 15:11-32* | *We hear God's word*

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'

<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

#### **CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

**Our Gracious God and Father, we bow our hearts before you and humbly confess our sins to you. Before the foundation of the world you loved us. You loved us so much that you sent your only begotten son, the Lord Jesus, to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. You loved us so much that you not only saved us from our sins but you have made us your sons and coheirs with Christ. But Father, we confess to you that our love for you has grown cold. We have gone after other lovers and forgotten you. We have become lovers of ourselves and our obedience rather than lovers of you and your grace. Father, have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake. Strengthen us with the power of the the Holy Spirit in our inner being so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is for us. Enable us by your Spirit to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

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

from Romans 8

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. 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. 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!"

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

#### *O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus*

Words: S. Trevor Francis. Music: Thomas John Williams.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast unmeasured, boundless free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me  
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward to my glorious rest above

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread His praise from shore to shore  
How he loveth, ever loveth changeth never, never more  
How He watches o'er His loved ones died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth watcheth o'er them from the throne

O the deep, deep love of Jesus; love of every love the best  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me  
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to Thee

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

from the New City Catechism

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

**Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.**

**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.*

**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*

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Words: William R. Featherston. Music: Adoniram J. Gordon.

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*\* Children dismissed to Children's Church (ages 4- 2nd grade)*

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

**SCRIPTURE** | Revelation 2:1-7

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

<sup>2</sup> “‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. <sup>6</sup> Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

**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*

*There is a Fountain Filled With Blood*

Words: William Cowper Music: Folk Melody

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed ones of God be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed ones of God, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

**\*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**

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**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.

***Launching Church Center***

We would love to connect you to our new 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.

***Community Groups*** | Beginning February 5, 2023; 1st & 3rd Sundays, 5:00-6:15pm

Community groups begin tonight. It's not too late to sign up.

***Super Bowl Party*** | Sunday, February 12; 6:00-9:00PM - Statham House



Come enjoy the big game with a tailgate at the Statham's! Invite a friend and come to enjoy smores, a fire-pit, and the game on the big screen. RSVP & sign up to bring a snack through our calendar on Church Center or scan the code!

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