



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 | February 18, 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*

"The church, like ancient Israel, is constantly tempted to be concerned exclusively with itself and ignore the world outside. Internal affairs are the principal concern... and insofar as this attitude prevails, the Jonah syndrome continues. God sees Nineveh, but his people do not. And because they do not, they really do not understand Him."

~ Roger S. Greenway, Apostles to the City

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always me first, Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.

~ Eugene Peterson, The Message

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 67 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that his way may be known on earth, his saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let all the ends of the earth fear you!

** Please stand*

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

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Carl G. Glaser.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor be-lieve.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

***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*

Loving God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing we have from the work of Christ. And we confess that too often Christ in us is hidden by our actions that wound rather than heal, that tear down rather than build up. You call us to be the salt of the earth, but too often we consider your way to be bland, and we miss the delight of life filled with flavor that spreads from us to those around us.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. You call us to be the light of the world, but too often our actions do not bring praise to you. We make choices that help us blend into our culture rather than stand out as your people. Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. You call us to settle matters quickly, but too often we nurse grudges and look for ways to settle scores on our own terms. Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. You call us to go the second mile, but too often we consider our own convenience first, passing up opportunities to show love to our neighbor. Forgive us, Lord, and help us be more like Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

from Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put inside you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Words & Music: Robert Lowry.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. (*Refrain*)

***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.

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

1 Timothy 6:17-18

As for the rich in the present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

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PASTORAL AND LORD'S PRAYER | *We lift up our requests to God*

adapted from Book of Common Prayer, 833

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we enter eternal life.

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*

Come Ye Sinners

Words: Joseph Hart. Music: Matthew S. Smith.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

SCRIPTURE | 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

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*

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Words: Henry Francis 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

Let the world despise and leave me they have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me God of wisdom, love and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me twill but drive me to thy Breast
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee

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.

***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

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Get this little slave girl off the felt board and out of make-believe-land and spend some time discussing together the experience of her life - her past, present, & future. How does that inform your understanding of this account?
2. Discuss this little slave girl's faith. What stands out to you about her faith? How and where was her faith formed & nurtured and why is that important for us? (Hint: Deuteronomy 6)
3. What is biblical hope and how does it differ from "American hope"?
4. Discuss this quote from Tim Keller: Hope is the engine that drives your life: we underestimate tremendously its power and importance in our lives. human beings are irreducibly hope-based beings and creatures. We are ultimately and unavoidably shaped now by our believed-in future, what we believe about our future completely determines how we process and how we experience and how we handle circumstances.
5. Why (what motivates) this little slave girl to say: "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."? Why don't or won't we do the same for the people in our spheres of influence? What if we did?
6. How does this little slave girl's love for Naaman shape your commitment to "pointing the hearts of Charleston to the hope of the gospel"? How does it increase your hope?

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.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday | Sunday, February 25

On Sunday, February 25, we want to show our thanks and appreciation for everyone who has made it possible to worship at Point Hope at the Daniel Island Recreation Center. Following the worship service, all are invited to join us for lunch to express our appreciation for our volunteers.

Point Hope Easter Calendar

Please mark your calendar for the various Easter events planned this March! We are looking forward to the ways in which our Point Hope family can both serve and enjoy these programs.

Daniel Island Easter Egg Hunt and Community Day | March 24 | 1:30-3:30PM

Easter Song & Story | March 29 | 10:00-12:00 at the DI Rec Center

Easter Sunrise Service | March 31 | 6:30am at Waterfront Park amphitheater

Easter Sunday | March 31 | 10:00am at DI Rec Center

Community Groups | 1st & 3rd Sunday's, 5:00-6:15PM



Community groups meet tonight! If you have not already been placed in a community group this spring, please scan the QR to note your interest and we will get you involved. You can find details about your group, location and other information from your leader by checking Church Center. Please see page 13 of your bulletin for discussion questions.

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