



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**  
Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024

**PRELUDE** | *Welcome to Point Hope. Please find a seat and silence your electronic devices*

**WELCOME**

*Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, begins what Christians call “Holy Week.” When Jesus entered Jerusalem that Sunday, people laid palm branches on the path before Him. We consider the week following to be ‘Holy’ because this week was filled with the most significant events humanity would ever know—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

**REFLECTION** | *As we prepare for Worship, we invite you to a time of quiet reflection*

*Christ is to us just what his cross is. All that Christ was in heaven or on earth was put into what he did there..Christ, I repeat, is to us just what his cross is. You do not understand Christ till you understand his cross.*

*~ P. T. Forsyth*

*“There is no Christianity without the cross. If the cross is not central to our religion, ours is not the religion of Jesus.”*

*~ John R. W. Stott*

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

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**Righteous and having salvation is he,**

Humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**“Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!”**

*\* Please stand*

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

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

Words: Christian 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*

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's; that our faith is often more show than substance; that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.**

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you. **Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities. **Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation: **Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints: **Save us, Lord.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

*from Isaiah 53*

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

*Let Us Love and Sing & 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

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

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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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, enlarge our hearts, warm our affections, open our lips, supply words that proclaim 'Love shines brightest at Calvary.' There grace removes our burdens and heaps them on your Son, made a transgressor, a curse, and sin for us; There the sword of divine justice smote the man, your fellow; There your infinite attributes were magnified, and infinite atonement was made; There infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment was endured. Christ was all anguish that we might be all joy, cast off that we might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that we might be welcomed as friends, surrendered to hell's worst that we might attain heaven's best, stripped that we might be clothed, wounded that we might be healed, thirsty that we might drink, tormented that we might be comforted, made a shame that we might inherit glory, entered darkness that we might have eternal light. Our Savior wept that all tears might be wiped from our eyes, groaned that we might have endless song, endured all pain that we might have unfading health, bore a thorny crown that we might have a glory-diadem, bowed his head that we might uplift ours, experienced reproach that we might receive welcome, closed his eyes in death that we might gaze on unclouded brightness, expired that we might forever live. O Father, who spared not your only Son that you might spare us, all this transfer your love designed and accomplished; Help us to adore you with our lips and life. O that our every breath might be ecstatic praise, our every step filled with delight, as we see our enemies crushed, Satan baffled, defeated, destroyed, sin buried in the ocean of reconciling blood, hell's gates closed, heaven's portal open. Go forth, O conquering God, and show us the cross, mighty to subdue, comfort and save.

**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*

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Words: Unknown Author. Music: William Walker.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great "I Am";  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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

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**SCRIPTURE** | Matthew 27:11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”<sup>12</sup> But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer.<sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”<sup>14</sup> But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted.<sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.<sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?”<sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up.<sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.”<sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.<sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.”<sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>23</sup> And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”<sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!”<sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him.<sup>28</sup> And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,<sup>29</sup> and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”<sup>30</sup> And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head.<sup>31</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. <sup>36</sup> Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. <sup>37</sup> And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." <sup>38</sup> Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, <sup>42</sup> "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" <sup>44</sup> And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

## 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*

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane. Music: Christopher Miner.

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by to know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory, all the cross.

**\*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.

### ***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*** | Today | 1:00-3:00 Smythe

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

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

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

### ***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* | Shannon Brooks

*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

*FCA* | Will Kendrick & Clint Echols

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