



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 | March 3, 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*

*There is a general tendency to treat Christianity as a component of life along with other components such as family, work, and finances. This compartmentalization fosters a dichotomy between the secular and the spiritual. The biblical alternative is to understand the implications of Christ's lordship over every aspect of life in such a way that even the most mundane components of life can become expressions of the life of Christ in us. . . For many believers, Christ is present in their lives, but His lordship is often resisted or rejected. For others, He is prominent in their lives, but there are still areas, such as work and finances, in which they hold onto the driver's wheel. . . But there are also believers for whom Christ is preeminent as the focus of their being and pursuits. These people acknowledge His sufficiency and supremacy by relegating all areas to His rule and authority. For them, Christ is the central hub who orders and integrates every spoke of life. If the claims of Scripture are true, this is the only realistic option for a follower of Christ to follow, since the other options are based on the illusion that we are autonomous agents of our own destiny. The faulty assumption is that we have both the wisdom and control to accomplish what is best in our lives without complete dependence on the Lord. ~ Ken Boa*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | Psalm 24 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

**The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

*\* Please stand*

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

*Only a Holy God*

Words & Music: CityALight

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God (*Refrain*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God (*Refrain*)

**\*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*

*From The Confessions of St. Augustine*

**Our soul is like a house, small for you to enter, but we pray that you will enlarge it. It is in ruins, but we ask you to remake it. It contains much that you will not be pleased to see; this we know and do not hide. But, to whom can we cry except to you? Forgive us, O Lord. Cleanse us from our sins, O Lord, and our secret sins. What wretches we are! In your mercy, Lord our God, tell us what you are to us. "Say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.' "** Come, O Lord, and stir our hearts. Call us back to yourself. Kindle your fire in us and carry us away. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love you and hasten to your side. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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

*John 3:16*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**\*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*

***Westminster Shorter Catechism***

Question 4. What is God?

**God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.**

Question 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

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

*Psalm 96:4-9*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

**Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

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

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

*adapted from Johann Habermann*

Holy God, may your glorious majesty surround us, the blessed Trinity protect us, and the eternal Godhead preserve us. May your unlimited mercy support us; your lovingkindness encompass us; your favor make us rejoice in you. May the eternal truth of God be our delight, may the saving knowledge of Christ strengthen us, and may the all-prevailing grace of God be sufficient for us. May the grace of God the Father lead us, the wisdom of God the Son be our consolation, and the power of the Holy Spirit enlighten us. Lord, our Creator, stand by us; our Redeemer, save us; and our Comforter, dwell with us.

**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**

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



**SCRIPTURE** | 1 Chronicles 13; 2 Samuel 6:12

David consulted with the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with every leader. <sup>2</sup> And David said to all the assembly of Israel, “If it seems good to you and from the Lord our God, let us send abroad to our brothers who remain in all the lands of Israel, as well as to the priests and Levites in the cities that have pasturelands, that they may be gathered to us. <sup>3</sup> Then let us bring again the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul.” <sup>4</sup> All the assembly agreed to do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

<sup>5</sup> So David assembled all Israel from the Nile of Egypt to Lebo-hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim. <sup>6</sup> And David and all Israel went up to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim that belongs to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord who sits enthroned above the cherubim. <sup>7</sup> And they carried the ark of God on a new cart, from the house of Abinadab, and Uzzah and Ahio were driving the cart. <sup>8</sup> And David and all Israel were celebrating before God with all their might, with song and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals and trumpets.

<sup>9</sup> And when they came to the threshing floor of Chidon, Uzzah put out his hand to take hold of the ark, for the oxen stumbled. <sup>10</sup> And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he put out his hand to the ark, and he died there before God. <sup>11</sup> And David was angry because the Lord had broken out against Uzzah. And that place is called Perez-uzza to this day. <sup>12</sup> And David was afraid of God that day, and he said, “How can I bring the ark of God home to me?” <sup>13</sup> So David did not take the ark home into the city of David, but took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>14</sup> And the ark of God remained with the household of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the Lord blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that he had.

<sup>12</sup> And it was told King David, “The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing.

## 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*

*Abide with Me*

Henry Francis Lyte and Justin Smith

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

**\*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. What was the process and basis for David deciding to bring the Ark of God back to Israel? How does David err with regard to both the decision making process as well as the basis for his decision? How are we guilty of doing the same thing in our lives today?
2. Why does God strike down Uzzah? How do we approach God in the same way?
3. How does (and should) this passage speak into how we understand the Holiness of God and ourselves before Him -- how we approach him, communicate with him, worship him, & understand him?
4. If you were Obed-edom or a member of his family, what would you be thinking and feeling when the Ark of God was placed in the center of your home to stay after just learning of the death of Uzzah?
5. Why do you think the Lord blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him?
6. How is the Ark of God's placement in the center of Uzzah's home symbolic of God's intended place in our lives? Who or what is to be at the center of our lives -- the hub of our life?
7. Discuss the reflection quote. How does this quote resonate with you? Do you find this quote convicting? How so? What would it look like for God to be the center -- the hub of your life?

## 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.

### *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.

### *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

### *Giving to Point Hope Presbyterian Church*



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## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

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