

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 | May 28, 2023

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

WELCOME

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

While the stars, the trees, and the animals do not speak or sing of the glory of God in the same way that humans do, in their own way they too lift up their praises to God, and for all we know, they do this with a spontaneity and consistency far greater than our own.

~ Daniel Migliore

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

Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty,

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF ADORATION | We sing praises to God

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Words: Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*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 God of our salvation, the one who by your strength established the mountains, made the storms be still, and hushed the waves of the sea, we come before you as people who have forgotten your mighty deeds and your pursuing love. We are a people driven by our fear of uncertainties in life. We seek to manage the chaos and brokenness in our lives apart from you. We convince ourselves that you do not care, that you are asleep, indifferent to our needs and desires. Merciful Father, forgive us of our proud hearts that do not find rest in you, hearts forgetful of Christ who enters into and shares in our suffering. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for Christ's sake. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Luke 12:22-28, 32

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

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

Pensive, Doubting Fearful Heart Words & Music: Wendell Kimbrough

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart, hear what Christ the Savior says; Every word should joy impart, change thy mourning into praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, may He help thee to believe; Then thou presently will see thou has little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed; all thy sorrows soon shall end, I, who heaven and earth have framed, am thy Husband and thy Friend; I the High and Holy One, Israel's God, by all adored, As thy Savior will be known, thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew, and thy heart was filled with pain; But my mercies I'll renew; thou shall soon rejoice again; Though I seem to hide my face, very soon my wrath shall cease; 'Tis but for a moment's space, ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed, comfortless awhile thou art, Do not think thou can be lost, thou art graven on my heart; All thy wastes I will repair; thou shalt be rebuilt anew; And in thee it shall appear what the God of love can do.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH | We confess what we believe

from Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

GREETINGS OF PEACE | Welcome and announcements

TITHES AND OFFERING | We offer our gifts to God

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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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Words: Joachim Neander. Music: German Tune.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation All ye who hear now to His temple draw near Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord o let all that is in me adore Him All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him Let the Amen sound from His people again Gladly for aye we adore Him

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 89:5-16

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! ⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, 7 a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?⁸ O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? ⁹ You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. ¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm.¹¹ The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them. ¹² The north and the south, you have created them; Tabor and Hermon joyously praise your name. ¹³ You have a mighty arm; strong is your hand, high your right hand.¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you. ¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, ¹⁶ who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted. ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted. ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | The family meal of Christians

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. Allelulia!** 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." I 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

O Living Bread From Heaven Words: Johann von Rist. Music: Brian Moss.

O Living Bread from heaven, how well You feed Your guest! The gifts that You have given have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me, to this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me, the treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given, what earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy. And You have freely granted, the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit, the favor You have shown, And all my soul and spirit, bow down before Your throne.

*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.

Daniel Island Sports Camp | June 14-15, 8:30AM-12:30PM Freedom Park



Children ages 6-12 are invited to join Point Hope for a fun sports camp. Kids will be able to choose a variety of sports skills to practice as well as have fun with friends playing large group games. There are three sessions throughout the month of June. You can find more information and registration through Church Center or by following the QR code.

Part-Time Staffing Opportunity - Point Hope Ministry Coordinator

Point Hope Presbyterian Church is seeking a Ministry Coordinator to join our team. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this position, please contact Matt Statham for more information about the job and application process.

Giving to Point Hope Presbyterian Church



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