



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.

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.

Children ages 4 through 6th grade are invited to attend Point Hope Kids Club at 9:15. This is our Sunday school time which includes breakfast treats, an engaging and age appropriate Bible lesson, Scripture memory and group activities and games. Children will be dismissed by 10:00 to join their families for worship.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day | November 12, 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*

*Idolatry makes us “servants” of money”. Just as we serve earthly kings and magistrates, so we “sell our souls” to our idols. Because we look to them for our significance (love) and security (trust) we have to have them, and therefore we are driven to serve and, essentially, obey them. When Jesus says that we “serve” money, he uses a word that means solemn, covenantal service rendered to a king. If you live for money you are a slave. If, however, God becomes the center of your life, that dethrones and demotes money. If your identity and security is in God, it can't control you through worry and desire. It is one or the other. You either serve God, or you become open to slavery to Mammon (money).*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 104 | *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,

**You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.**

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

**These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

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

*\* Please stand*

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

*Come Thou Fount*

Words: Robert Robinson. Music: Folk Tune

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that Grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**\*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*

Almighty Lord, we find great delight in your creation and the good things you have given us to enjoy, but we rarely spend time delighting in you. Instead of bowing down in reverence, full of awe and wonder that you, the Almighty Creator King of the Universe should stoop so low to love and care for us, we often treat you as a servant who should do our bidding and meet all our desires.

**We love food, our jobs, sports, our bodies, possessions, family, and friends more than we love you. We crave approval, power, respect, and comfort, and are willing to sin frequently to get them. By being devoted to our idols, we despise you. Our enslavement to your creation rather than you the Creator leaves us feeling empty, alone, and full of shame. Father, forgive us for our idolatry. Wash us in the finished work of your son, our savior, Jesus. Holy Spirit, tempted, tried, and often failing, we look now to you for clarity and strength. Gracious Lord, free us from all that rules our hearts besides you. Deliver us from slavery to our besetting sins, that we may love you with all of our hearts, and live for you all of our days. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

from Hosea 2

For she said, 'I will go after my lovers, who give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drink.' Therefore I [the Lord] will hedge up her way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, so that she cannot find her paths. She shall pursue her lovers but not overtake them, and she shall seek them but shall not find them. Then she shall say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.' And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, and who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. Therefore I will take back my grain in its time, and my wine in its season, and I will take away my wool and my flax, which were to cover her nakedness. Now I will uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of my hand. And I will put an end to all her mirth, her feasts, her new moons, her Sabbaths, and all her appointed feasts. And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, of which she said, 'These are my wages, which my lovers have given me.' I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall devour them. And I will punish her for the feast days of the Baals when she burned offerings to them and adorned herself with her ring and jewelry, and went after her lovers and forgot me, declares the LORD.

Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt. And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more ... And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

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

*Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart*

Words: John Newton. 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*

***Heidelberg Catechism: Question 1***

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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

*from 1 Timothy 6*

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.**

It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

**But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith.**

Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus.

**As for the rich in this 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, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

## 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**

## \*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*

*Thou Lovely Source of True Delight*

Words: Anne Steele & Kevin Twit. Music: Kevin Twit.

Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore  
Unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love thee more,  
Oh that I might love thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines but in thy sacred Word  
I read in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise  
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
My fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene is clouded o'er with pain  
My gloomy fears rise dark between and I again complain,  
Oh and I again complain

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,  
Won't you chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace the wonders of thy love  
But the full glories of thy face are only known above,  
They are only known above

**SCRIPTURE** | James 4:13-5:6

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”—<sup>14</sup> yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.<sup>15</sup> Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.”<sup>16</sup> As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.<sup>17</sup> So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

<sup>1</sup> Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

**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*

*Satisfied*

Words: Samuel Stennett. Music: Christopher Miner.

All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring  
that I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me the One my soul so long has craved  
Jesus satisfies all my longings through his blood I now am saved*

Feeding on the filth around me 'till my strength was almost gone.  
Longed my soul for something better only still to hunger on. (Chorus)

Poor I was and sought for riches something that would satisfy.  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry (Chorus)

Well of water ever springing Bread of Life so rich and free.  
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to 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**

## 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 Kids Club*** | Sunday Mornings at 9:15

Join us for our weekly Sunday school ministry for children ages 4-6th grade. Each week they will come together to enjoy breakfast treats, a fun engaging Bible lesson, Scripture memory, group games and other activities. Kids will be dismissed by 10:00 to join their families for worship.

### ***Women's Ministry: Serving at Wellmore*** | 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:30AM

The Women of Point Hope are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 22 at 10:30 AM, as we come together to care for the residents of Wellmore on Daniel Island. Wellmore is an assisted living and memory care facility, and an important ministry partner of Point Hope. Together, we'll have a devotional service and share in meaningful conversations with Wellmore residents. Your kindness and presence will mean a lot as we develop and foster new friendships. We can't wait to see you there!

### ***A Seat at the Thanksgiving Table***

If you can host one or more additional guests at your Thanksgiving table or if you would like to join others as a guest in their home, please email Kim Card.

### ***Celebrating the Christmas Season at Point Hope***



Mark your calendar for our upcoming Christmas season!

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

December 10 - A Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols - 5:00PM

December 24 - Christmas Eve Sunday Worship - 10:00AM

Free tickets are available for our Lessons and Carols event and can be reserved by following the QR code.

### ***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.

## **MINISTRY PARTNERS**

*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*

*Philip Simmons Football | Eric Bendig & Kendra Christmas*

*Priority One | Bud Carpenter*

*RUF at College of Charleston | Jacob Lee & Ella Cait Downs*

*RUF at Furman University | Tom Hart*

*RUF at South Carolina State | Joel Brown*

*Wellmore of Daniel Island | Greg Johnson & Liz Hubbard*

*Young Life | Tracey Thomas*

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