



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 19, 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 other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy.

~ Tim Keller

There will indeed be a judgment in which the creator God will set the world right once and for all. The word judgment carries negative overtones for a good many people in our liberal and postliberal world. We need to remind ourselves that throughout the Bible, not least in the Psalms, God's coming judgment is a good thing, something to be celebrated, longed for, yearned over. It causes people to shout for joy and the trees of the field to clap their hands. In a world of systematic injustice, bullying, violence, arrogance, and oppression, the thought that there might come a day when the wicked are firmly put in their place and the poor and weak are given their due is the best news there can be. Faced with a world in rebellion, a world full of exploitation and wickedness, a good God must be a God of judgment.

~ NT Wright

***CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 69 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God. I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high!

I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. This will please the LORD more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.

For the LORD hears the needy and does not despise his own people who are prisoners.

Let heaven and earth praise him, the seas and everything that moves in them.

For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah, and people shall dwell there and possess it.

** Please stand*

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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas Chisholm. Music: William Runyan.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. (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*

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*

Psalm 130:5-8

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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

For All The Saints

Words: William How. Music: Christopher Miner.

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way, Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***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*

Mark 12:41-44

And [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.

And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.

And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.

For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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*

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Thomas Benson Pollock and Christopher Miner

Jesus, with Thy church abide; be her savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried: we beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in Thy promise sure: we beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee: we beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind: we beseech Thee, hear us,
We beseech Thee, hear us.

SCRIPTURE | James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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*

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken

*We will feast in the house of Zion. We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

***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.

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 Concert 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

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