



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 | October 22, 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*

*"Words are powerful, important, significant. God has given our words significance. He has ordained for them to be important. Words were significant at Creation and at the Fall. They are significant to redemption. God has given words value."*

*~ Paul Tripp*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 33 and 119 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

**Blessed are you, O Lord! Great is your mercy.**

Let our cry come before you, O Lord, give us understanding according to your word!

**For your word, O Lord, is upright, and all your work is done in faithfulness.**

Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things out of your law.

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise.**

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

*\* Please stand*

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

*O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Carl G. Glaser.

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

**\*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*

**Lord God Almighty, as we gaze upon your holiness, we are left devastated by our sinfulness. We are lost in the uncleanness of our lips. Unimaginably selfish, utterly prideful, and crushingly unloving words have been spoken freely from these lips. At the same time, we often use our lips to say good things only so that we will be praised by others or so that you will accept us based on our righteousness. Your holiness exposes our sinfulness. We cry out with the prophet Isaiah: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.” Have mercy upon us, O Lord. We look to you for grace, Lord Jesus, for you are the Word of God who took on flesh and your words are full of grace and truth. Gracious Lord, wash and cleanse us from our sin. Speak words of pardon, words of grace, again to our troubled hearts. Tell us again that our sins are forgiven that our tongues might sing your praise and tell others of your grace. In Jesus name, Amen.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

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

from John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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

*How Firm a Foundation*

Words: R. Keene. Music: Folk Tune.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health;  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be.

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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**\*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*

***1 Timothy 6:17-19***

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*

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Words: Kate B Wilkinson. Music: A Cyril Barham-Gould.

May the mind of Christ my Savior, live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling, all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly, in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph, only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father, rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort, sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me, as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.



**SCRIPTURE** | James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**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*

*There Is A Fountain*

Words: William Cowper. Music: Folk Tune.

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains;  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away:  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away;  
And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed Church of God be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed Church of God, be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

**\*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 point is James seeking to communicate by comparing the tongue to a bit in a horse's mouth and a rudder on a ship?
2. Discuss the old saying: "Stick and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." Is this true in your experience? What is your experience regarding hurtful words?
3. How widespread is the problem of the tongue? What do you think about that?
4. How big of a problem are our tongues and how do problems of the tongue manifest themselves in our lives?
5. What is the relationship between our hearts and our words (tongue)? (Luke 6:45)
6. What is the antidote to our problems with our tongues? How can we "tame" our tongues (i.e. what resources can we avail ourselves of) and use them to build up rather than tear down?

## 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.

### *Community Groups* | Tonight; 5:00-6:15

Community Groups meet tonight for dinner and discussion. You can find the discussion questions on the previous page. Each group should plan to discuss 2-3 questions together. If you are not yet in a group and would like to attend, please connect with Matt or Rob.

### *Daniel Island School FCA* | Wednesday, October 25; 7:00AM School Gym

Students at Daniel Island school, plan to join Matt and the FCA group this coming Wednesday. Matt will be leading the talk this month and will be using a pumpkin carving to tell the story of the Gospel!

### *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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