

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day | September 3, 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

But before they left the garden, God made clothes for his children, to cover them. He gently clothed them and then he sent them away on a long, long journey — out of the garden, out of their home. Well, in another story, it would all be over and that would have been... THE END.

But not in this Story. God loved his children too much to let the story end there. Even though he knew he would suffer, God had a plan — a magnificent dream. One day, he would get his children back. One day, he would make the world their perfect home again. And one day, he would wipe away every tear from their eyes. You see, no matter what, in spite of everything, God would love his children — with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love. And though they would forget him, and run from him, deep in their hearts, God's children would miss him always, and long for him — lost children yearning for their home. Before they left the garden, God whispered a promise to Adam and Eve: "It will not always be so! I will come to rescue you! And when I do, I'm going to do battle against the snake. I'll get rid of the sin and the dark and the sadness you let in here. I'm coming back for you!" And he would. One day. God himself would come.

~ Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd-Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP | from Revelation 4-5 | God invites us into His presence to worship Him

Holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

To him who sits on the throne and to the lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Amen!

^{*} Please stand

*HYMN OF ADORATION | We sing praises to God

O Worship the King Words: Johann Michael Haydn Music: Robert Grant.

O worship the King, all glorious above, And gratefully sing His power and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space, Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

*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. Blessed Lord Jesus, before your cross I kneel and see the sinfulness of my sin—my iniquity that caused you to be 'made a curse', the evil that excites your holy wrath. Lord Jesus, your blood is the blood of incarnate God, its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought. Infinite must be the evil and guilt that demand such a price. Sin is my sickness, my monster, my foe, born in my birth, alive in my life, strong in my character, dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought—the chain that holds me captive. Yet, your compassions yearn over me, your heart hastens to rescue me, your love endured my curse, your mercy bore my justice. Let me walk in humility, bathed in your blood, tender of conscience, living in triumph, as an heir of salvation through your blessed name, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Isaiah 53

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus Words: Robert Lowry. Music: Robert Lowry.

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! Precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing, this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Refrain)

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Refrain)

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. (Refrain)

*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.

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

The Christian's Hope Can Never Fail Words & Music: Red Mountain Music

We travel through a barren land, with dangers thick on every hand; But Jesus guides us through the vale; O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

Huge sorrows meet us as we go, and devils aim to overthrow; But vile infernals can't prevail; O, The Christian's hope shall never fail.

Sometimes we're tempted to despair, but Jesus makes us then His care; Though numerous foes our souls assail; O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

We trust upon the sacred word, the oath and promise of the Lord; And safely through each tempest sail; O, The Christian's hope can never fail.

SERMON | East of Eden | Rev. Rob Hamby

SCRIPTURE | Genesis 3:8-23

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

SERMON NOTES

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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go Words: Albert Lister Peace Music: George Matheson.

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine oceans depths its flow. May richer fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee. My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day. May brighter fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee. I chase the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain. That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee. I lay in dust's life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red. Life that shall endless be.

*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



POINT HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE

CELEBRATE



COMMITMENT

09 10 23 AS A COMMUNITY WE ARE COMMITTED TO BEING A BLESSING TO DANIEL ISLAND & CAINHOY

TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

DANIEL ISLAND RECREATION CENTER 160 FAIRBANKS DRIVE, CHARLESTON

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 Celebration Service | September 10

Mark your calendar for our annual community celebration service. This special service is the launch of a new year of ministry and an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to being a blessing to Daniel Island. We will also be celebrating the work and commitment of our ministry partners and special honored guests for their work in our community.

Women's Bible Study | Weekly; September 6 at 10:30am | 269 Rowan's Creek Dr.

The women of Point Hope are inivited to come together and participate in a wonderful study through the book of Jonah. Paige Benton Brown, at Westend Community Church in Nashville, will be leading the online series. For our group, Susan Haigh and Courtney Honeycutt will faciliate at the Honeycutts home. This will be a great time for those available to connect with each other and grow in their faith.

Fall Community Groups | Beginning September 10



We are thrilled to begin our Fall community groups next Sunday. If you have already signed up, you should have received an email through planning center welcoming you into your new group. You should also be anticipating a communication from your group leader this week about your first meeting.

If you have not yet signed up for a group but would like to participate this Fall, please scan the QR code to share your interest. Community groups at Point Hope are a great way to build deeper connections with new people. Groups are intended to be a comfortable and respectful time for you to have a thoughtful and engaging conversation after enjoying a light meal together. No one will be put on the spot but our goal is to develop a relationship with each other and deepen our relationship with God.

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.

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