

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

January 31st, 2021

### *Indoor Worship Service*

“She who dies with the most checked boxes wins, right? Wrong.... [Accomplishment and ambition] are simply not the drivers of our happiness. By the time many people figure this out on their own, they have spent a lifetime checking things off lists, yet are unhappy and don’t know why.”

Arthur Brooks

“We delude ourselves into thinking that our own salvation can be achieved by keeping books on others .... as if putting ourselves at the head of a whole column marching in the wrong direction somehow made us less lost than the rest of the troops. It would be funny if it were not fatal; but fatal it is, because grace works only in those who accept their lostness. Jesus came to call sinners, not the pseudo-righteous; he came to raise the dead, not to buy drinks for the marginally alive.”

Robert Capon

“At times I feel Christ’s presence flooding my meager heart. At other times I cling on for dear life, not knowing the end of the story. But I must stake my life in this claim: that Jesus is the resurrection and the life.”

Rebecca McLaughlin

## **GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

### **Call to Worship**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

### **Come Ye Sinners**

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power  
He is able He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall

If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all  
Not the righteous not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

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### **Rock Of Ages**

Rock of Ages cleft for me / Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood / From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure / Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands / Can fulfill thy law's demands  
Could my zeal no respite know / Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone / Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring / Simply to thy cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress / Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly / Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath / When mine eyelids close in death  
When I soar to worlds unknown / See thee on thy judgment throne  
Rock of Ages cleft for me / Let me hide myself in thee

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### **Call to Confession**

**Davis Mooney**

#### **Confession of Sin**

O Lord, our Redeemer, salvation is found in you alone. Yet too easily we turn to our own way, kneeling before idols who cannot save. We confess our misplaced devotion and our disordered affections. Merciful Savior, forgive us our sins. Grant that all of who you are would shape us daily, body and soul, into the new creations you have ordained.

Word Made Flesh, manifest grace in our lives.

Suffering Servant, teach us to walk in your ways.

Lamb Who Was Slain, may our lips praise you alone.

Resurrection and Life, make us living sacrifices, fragrant and sweet.

To you alone, perfect Savior, be all glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him... <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

John 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17

### Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us / How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven / And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness / Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written / Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy / What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory / To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven / The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever / Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free / Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain / There's salvation in Your name / Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise / Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion / Declared the grave has no claim on me (repeat)  
Jesus Yours is the victory

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### Passing of the Peace of Christ

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

### Welcome and Prayers of the People

Larry McGee

### Offering

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts / Praise father, son, and holy ghost

### Life Together

Ethan Smith

## ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

### “The Cross, the Resurrection, and the Death of Scorekeeping”

Ethan Smith

<sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Romans 4:18-25

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

*All: Thanks be to God*

### The Lord's Supper

#### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was 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.

#### Lord's Supper Instructions

- We invite those seated furthest away from the pulpit to come to the table first. An usher will tell you when to come.
- Households may approach together. We ask that each household practice physical distancing when awaiting their turn.
- Communicants will cup their hands, ready to receive the bread.

- Another server will make a cup available for each communicant to pick up. Wine is the darker liquid and grape juice is the lighter liquid.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

## ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

### **Beneath The Cross Of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus / I fain would take my stand  
 The shadow of a mighty rock / Within a weary land  
 A home within the wilderness / A rest upon the way  
 From the burning of the noontide heat / and the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus / mine eye at times can see  
 The very dying form of One / Who suffered there for me  
 And from my stricken heart with tears / Two wonders I confess  
 The wonders of redeeming love / and my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow / for my abiding place  
 I ask no other sunshine than / The sunshine of His face  
 Content to let the world go by / To know no gain nor loss  
 My sinful self my only shame / my glory, all the cross

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### **Benediction**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Romans 15:13

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth**

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 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.

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## **LIFE TOGETHER**

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us for our indoor Ash Wednesday worship service on February 17th at 7:00pm. In-person and livestream options are available.

**Elder and Deacon Nominations:** We are officially opening up a season for the Session to receive the congregation's nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon from January 15th to February 15th. [hopechurchws.org/nomination](https://hopechurchws.org/nomination)

**Childcare During the Indoor Worship Service:** Two nursery rooms (previous Infant & Ones rooms) will be open for individual family use. The rooms are equipped with TV's displaying the morning worship livestream and surfaces are cleaned prior to the service. We ask that those who use the space, please sign in on the door prior to entering the space and place toys used in the "Used Toy" container upon leaving.

**Children's Sunday School:** Weekly videos are now available. They can be found on the Hope Kids YouTube Channel: [hopechurchws.org/children](https://hopechurchws.org/children)

**Life Groups:** Life Groups are smaller communities (typically 12-15 adults) made up of members, regular attenders, and friends of Hope Church that meet anywhere from once a week to twice a month. [hopechurchws.org/lifegroups](https://hopechurchws.org/lifegroups)

**Hope Youth Weekly Devotion Videos:** Davis Mooney has launched a new project to share a short, 5-minute devotion every Monday on YouTube (Hope Youth WS) and Instagram (@hopeyouthws). While these videos are aimed at students, anyone is welcome to watch, enjoy, and share them!

You can watch the intro video at: <https://youtu.be/XqINuD-ZngM>

**Virtual Missions Conference (free!):** Hear stories from around the world that will have you rejoicing in the Lord's work and workshops that will challenge your views on missions. Dates are February 19-20. Register Here: <https://hopin.com/events/mtwvmc2020>

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Vaccine Distribution:** There is an opportunity to partner with the Forsyth County Health Department and volunteer to assist with COVID-19 vaccination delivery in our community. There is a need for all health care workers to assist. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Mitchell at [msmitche@wakehealth.edu](mailto:msmitche@wakehealth.edu) to receive more information. An online volunteer form can be found at [hopechurchws.org/vaccine](https://hopechurchws.org/vaccine).