

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

February 7th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“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.”

Joseph Hart

“The greatest impediment to the mission of the church is not the evils outside of the church (in our culture and our city), but the cynicism and apathy inside the church.”

Rev. Sandy Willson

“Christ’s intercession reflects how profoundly personal our rescue is. If we knew about Christ’s death and resurrection but not his intercession, we would be tempted to view our salvation in overly formulaic terms. It would feel more mechanical than is true to who Christ truly is. His interceding for us reflects his heart . . . The intercession of Christ is his heart connecting our heart to the Father’s heart . . . What’s the point of saying Christ saves ‘to the uttermost’? We who know our hearts understand. We are to-the-uttermost sinners. We need a to-the-uttermost Savior.”

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:25

Arise My Soul Arise

Arise my soul arise / Shake off your guilty fears / The bleeding sacrifice / On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands / Before the throne my surety stands / My name is written on His hands

Arise (arise) arise (arise) / Arise arise my soul arise

Arise (arise) arise (arise) / Arise arise my soul arise / Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above / For me to intercede / His all-redeeming love / His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race / His blood atoned for every race / And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears / Received on Calvary / They pour effectual prayers / They strongly plead for me
Forgive him O forgive they cry / Forgive him O forgive they cry / Don't let that ransomed sinner die

My God is reconciled / His pard'ning voice I hear / He owns me for His child / I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh / With confidence I now draw nigh / And Father Abba Father cry

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Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain / Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on / Heaven's mercy seat

*Holy holy holy / Is the Lord God Almighty / Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing / Praise to the King of kings / You are my ev'rything / And I will adore You*

Clothed in rainbows of living color / Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory / And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder / At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water / Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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Call to Confession

Ethan Smith

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Risen Christ, lift our eyes to you, seated from your finished work, our only mediator and advocate, that we may know the certainty of our salvation. Sanctify us to walk in your will, and to await with full assurance your glorious return.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

¹¹ Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Hebrews 10:11-14

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above / I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love / Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands / My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands / No tongue can bid me thence depart / No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair / And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there / Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died / My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied / To look on Him and pardon me / To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb / My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM / The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die / My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high / With Christ, my Savior and my God / With Christ, my Savior and my God

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The Covenant of Membership

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

Jeff Trollinger

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

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“The Presence of His Absence”

David Speakman

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

Acts 1:1-12

³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:33-34

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Hebrews 10:11-14

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

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting / The all creating One / God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit / Conceiving Christ the Son / Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father / I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit / Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection / That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender / Suffered and crucified / Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness / You rose in glorious life / Forever seated high

I believe in You / I believe You rose again / I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

*I believe in life eternal / I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion / And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection / When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

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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.

LIFE TOGETHER

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.

Men's Firepit Night - Thursday, February 11th: Hope men (and friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.) are invited to join us for an informal evening around the firepit at Taylor McDaniel's home, from 7:30-9:30pm. Be sure to bring a camping chair and bundle up. There is no cost but BYOB, and come and go as you need. Contact Ethan Smith (esmith@hopechurchws.org) with questions.

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

Lent Book Study: "Word in the Wilderness" by Malcolm Guite. Lent is a season for reflection, repentance, and reorientation – three things the creative arts are uniquely gifted to help us do. The book is complimentary, the poetry is accessible, and it promises to be a well-spent journey. Meetings are led by Michael Kuehn via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting February 24th. Register online: hopechurchws.org/lentbookstudy.

Devotional Art Exhibition: Throughout the season of Lent, a devotional art exhibit entitled *The Stations of the Cross* will be installed outside on the church grounds. Visitors can come take a "pilgrimage" around the church

building, prayerfully walking through the events of Holy Week. The companion book may be picked up in the Worship Center or the church office.

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

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>

Spring Women's Event: *A Day to Be* - March 20th, 9:00am-3:30pm. Come join us for a day to be! Be with other women outdoors on the beautiful grounds of Nomad Farms in nearby Tobaccoville. Be with the Lord in times of reflection, listening, journaling and praying. Be with yourself and take time to receive care for your soul. Register online by March 7th: hopechurchws.org/aDaytoBe.

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

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 mmitche@wakehealth.edu to receive more information. An online volunteer form can be found at hopechurchws.org/vaccine.