

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

March 7th, 2021

### *Indoor Worship Service*

“To be in Christ, is, by definition, to be part of something much bigger, more comprehensive, and more wonderful than you.”

Rankin Wilbourne

“Membership in a local church means joining your imperfect self to many other imperfect selves to form an imperfect community that, through Jesus, embarks on a journey toward a better future . . . together.”

Scott Sauls

“He can no longer have God for his father, who has not the church for his mother.”

Cyprian of Carthage

## GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** I will exalt you, my God the King;

**Congregation:** *I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

**Leader:** Every day I will praise you

**Congregation:** *and extol your name for ever and ever.*

**Leader:** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**Congregation:** *his greatness no one can fathom.*

**Leader:** One generation commends your works to another;

**Congregation:** *they tell of your mighty acts.*

Psalm 145:1-4

### Anchor Of Hope

Marvelous wonderful infinite God / Author of all that is good

Faithful provider and giver of life / Source of all power and love

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise / Refuge of strength to the end*

*Righteous redeemer and mighty to save / He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men*

Gracious compassionate merciful God / Radiant holy delight

Beautiful Father victorious Son / Source of unchangeable light

You are light in the dark / You are healing for the broken heart  
You are hope You are Lord / You are life You are love that endures

Powerful constant unwavering God / Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation remarkable love / Savior who died on the cross

*Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise / Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save / He's the anchor of hope for the souls oh  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls oh / He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men*

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### **Holy Holy Holy**

Holy holy holy / Lord God Almighty / Early in the morning / Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy / Merciful and mighty / God in three persons / Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy / All the saints adore Thee / Casting down their golden crowns / Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim / Falling down before Thee / Who wert and art and / Evermore shalt be

Holy holy holy / Though the darkness hide Thee / Though the eye of sinful man / Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy / There is none beside Thee / Perfect in power, in / Love and purity

Holy holy holy / Lord God Almighty / All Thy works shall praise Thy name / In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy / Merciful and mighty / God in three persons / Blessed Trinity

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### **Call to Confession**

**Ethan Smith**

#### **Confession of Sin**

Lord, giver of life and breath, we confess that we have cherished the gifts more than the Giver. We have sought after what cannot satisfy, and held onto things that are not our own. Forgive us for the good we have withheld, and for the wrongs we have dispensed; for where your glory was ignored, and vain shadows kept our gaze. Renew us by your Spirit, that we may love and serve you with singleness of heart, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

<sup>4</sup> ...when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

### **Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder**

Let us love and sing and wonder / Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder / He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with His blood / He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood / He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us / Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by His grace and taught us / Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood / He has washed us with His blood  
He has washed us with His blood / He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation / Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord our strong salvation / Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He who washed us with His blood / He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood / Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice / Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is / Justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with His blood / He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood / Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus / Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us / Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood / Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood / Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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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**

**Ned Erickson**

### **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 Disappointing, Disenchanted, and Dearly-loved Bride of Christ”

David Speakman

<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
Matthew 16:18

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.  
Ephesians 5:25-27

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.  
1 Peter 2:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 5:9-10

**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**

#### **The Church's One Foundation**

The church's one foundation / Is Jesus Christ her Lord  
She is His new creation / By water and the Word  
From heaven He came and sought her / To be His holy bride  
With His own blood He bought her / And for her life He died

Elect from every nation / Yet one o'er all the earth  
Her charter of salvation / One Lord, one faith, one birth  
One holy Name she blesses / Partakes one holy food  
And to one hope she presses / With every grace endued

Though with a scornful wonder / Men see her sore oppressed  
By schisms rent asunder / By heresies distressed  
Yet saints their watch are keeping / Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping / Shall be the morn of song

The church shall never perish / Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish / Is with her to the end  
Though there be those that hate her / And false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor / She ever shall prevail

Mid toil and tribulation / And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation / Of peace forevermore

'Til, with the vision glorious / Her longing eyes are blessed  
And the great church victorious / Shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union / With God the Three in One  
And mystic sweet communion / With those whose rest is won  
O happy ones and holy! / Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly / On high may dwell with Thee

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### **Benediction**

<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Number 6:24-26

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## **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**

**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.

**Gaga Ball and Playground Fun:** Join us for an hour of Gaga Ball, playground, and field fun Tuesday, March 9th from 3:00-4:00pm. We ask that children 3+ and adults wear masks. Please register at [hopechurchws.org/play](https://hopechurchws.org/play).

**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.

**Men’s Cohorts:** There is still time to join a spring cohort! These are small groups that meet for connection and study the Bible together. Various days and times are available. Register at [hopechurchws.org/men](https://hopechurchws.org/men).

**Winston-Salem State / RUF Prayer Walk:** On March 13th, RUF at WSSU is partnering with Southside Community Church (PCA) to host a Prayer Walk around campus. They are gathering at 10:00am at the clock tower for some specific prayer needs, followed by a time of walking around campus to pray and ask questions. If you are interested, please let Ethan Smith know. ([esmith@hopechurchws.org](mailto:esmith@hopechurchws.org))

**Marked Men for Christ Weekend** - March 17-19th, Camp Caraway Conference Center - Asheboro, NC. This a transformational retreat for men who are ready to go deeper with Jesus Christ and become stronger, more fruitful for him. We will be following all Covid-19 protocols to keep everyone safe. Because of Covid, every man will get his own room in the conference center. Go to [www.markedmenforchrist.org](http://www.markedmenforchrist.org) to register. The cost is \$275. Financial assistance is available. Contact Clyde Godwin at [cgodwin@priorityone.org](mailto:cgodwin@priorityone.org) with your questions.

**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](https://hopechurchws.org/aDaytoBe).

**Easter Celebration:** All are welcome to join us on March 27th from 3:30-5:00pm for a church-wide Easter Celebration. Children will have a short egg hunt and play on the playground and in the field. We will also sing Easter songs together outside. Register in the Church Center App or online at [hopechurchws.org/EasterCelebration](https://hopechurchws.org/EasterCelebration).

**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)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Mask Donations:** Speas Elementary needs child-size disposable face masks for their students. If you’d like to help with this need, you can follow the link to an Amazon wishlist to make a purchase and have it delivered to the school. <https://a.co/8gxw1N0>

If you'd prefer to deliver child-size face masks to the school yourself, the address is: Speas Elementary School, 2000 Polo Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106

## **MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK**

**Mark Nicholson**  
**PassionLife**

PassionLife works as a prolife global missions partner to missionaries and indigenous Christian leaders where abortion, infanticide and gendercide is especially concentrated. In such places they disciple people in a biblical worldview of human value, teach them how to make the case for life in a secular culture, see abortion guilt and grief as an entry point for the Gospel's offer of forgiveness and freedom, and provide models of pregnancy crisis intervention services that they can adapt to their culture and neighborhood.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Praise for a doubling of staff and an updated website!
- Prayers for the staff as new opportunities are arising for PassionLife to train leaders and pastors.
- Prayers for Mark as he goes to California to present PassionLife's work to the Barnabas Group, that networking to build overseas contacts and domestic partners would occur.

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