

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

November 14th, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“By April 1970 I had grown sick to death of the church viewed as “religious cushion” and me as chief cushioner. I had been a pastor for more than a decade and instructor at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia for four years. I had given it all my best shot. But as a change agent I had bombed out. I was awash with cynicism about the prospects of the Christian church and went around with continual sorrow in my heart over the state of the churches around me. In a mood of dark despair I resigned both from the seminary faculty and from my pastorate . . . I began an intensive study of the promises of God in Scripture. I spent long hours tracing out great themes of grace predicted in Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Joel, Habakkuk, and Zechariah. Sometimes, like a man dying of thirst, I drank in the Gospel of John and the enormous promises presented in it . . . As the weeks passed, my mind also began to be captured by the vastness of God’s promises. I was awed by what the risen Lord had promised to me in my weakness, utterly silenced in my soul like an astronomer unexpectedly seeing a whole new galaxy when he was only searching for a single planet! . . . The promises are the handles we grab in our weakness in order to secure His Presence.”

Jack Miller, *Outgrowing the Ingrown Church*

“There is more in God’s promises to comfort than in this world to perplex.”

Thomas Watson

“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”

Hebrews 11:13-16

CALL TO WORSHIP

I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.

Psalm 138:2-3

The Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus’ Name.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Psalm 130 (From the Depths of Woe)

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee / The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me / And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark, / Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain, / Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain; / In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight, / All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, / And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word / Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort, / My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, / And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; / It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, / Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes / His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, / Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, / Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger. We repent, O Lord, and are sorry that we have so displeased you. Have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins through your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.”

Micah 7:18-19

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus / Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise / Just to know thus saith the Lord

O how sweet to trust in Jesus / Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me / 'Neath the healing cleansing flood

*Jesus Jesus how I trust Him / How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus / O for grace to trust Him more*

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus / Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking / Life and rest and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee / Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me / Wilt be with me to the end

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The Covenant of Baptism

Henry Williams

Jesus Loves You

Jesus loves you this I know / For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong / They are weak but He is strong

Yes, Jesus loves you / Yes, Jesus loves you / Yes, Jesus loves you
The Bible tells me so.

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

Dudley Bell

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

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Between the Promise and the Fulfillment”

David Speakman

⁴³ Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there. ⁴⁴ And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. ⁴⁵ Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Joshua 21:43-45

¹⁴ “And now I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know in your hearts and souls, all of you, that not one word has failed of all the good things that the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed.

Joshua 23:14

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

All: *Thanks be to God*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

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.

Sovereign Over Us

There is strength within the sorrow / There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning / With a love that casts out fear

You are working in our waiting / Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding / You’re teaching us to trust

*Your plans are still to prosper / You’ve not forgotten us
You’re with us in the fire and the flood
Faithful forever perfect in love / You are sovereign over us*

You are wisdom unimagined / Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens / Reaching down in endless grace

You're the lifter of the lowly / Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me / And Your promises are my delight

Even what the enemy means for evil / You turn it for our good / You turn it for our good / And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful / You're working for our good / You're working for our good / And for Your glory

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BENEDICTION

²⁴ The Lord bless you and keep you;
²⁵ the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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

Prayer Requests: text **hopeprayers** to 94000 if you would like to send us your prayer requests.

Church Directory: We want to make sure your Christmas cards get to you this season! Please log into the Church Center by Planning Center app or the website (hopechurchws.churchcenter.com) to update your address. For assistance, contact Sarah Beam at children@hopechurchws.org.

Advent Poetry Group: Using D. S. Martin's poetry anthology "Adam, Eve, & the Riders of the Apocalypse," we will take an imaginative look at the people and themes of Advent in order to enrich our faith and lean into this season. The book will be provided, and no prior poetry knowledge is required! Join on Zoom: Tuesdays at 7:30pm beginning November 30th. Email Michael Kuehn at mkuehn@hopechurchws.org to sign up or for more information.

An Unexpected Glory: A Night of Advent Worship - Friday, December 3rd, 7:00pm at Hope Church

Christ's coming into the world is far more glorious than we tend to apprehend, answering with the incarnation all manner of intertwined expectations and promises from the Old Testament. Join the Catechesia Institute for an evening of Advent song, prayer, and biblical exploration that journeys through God's story toward the manger and enriches our worship as we hope in and wait upon the Lord. This event is free and open to the community. Register at: catechesia.com/events

Men's Chili Cookoff, December 4th, 12:00-2:00pm: All are welcome to connect with other men of Hope and bring friends and co-workers. You can either enter your chili into the competition or just come and eat! We'll gather outdoors at the home of Jason Short, 3720 Derbyshire Rd.

Childcare During the Indoor Worship Service: *Please reserve your spot* for the Indoor childcare for infants-36 months. This is available by *reservation*. As the weather changes, the desire for using the indoor nursery may increase and space is limited! Room 103 is available for single family use, if the nursery capacity is reached.

Mother's Nursing Room: The indoor nursing room is available for both the indoor and outdoor services. For the safety of everyone, but especially these precious new babies, please use wise judgment concerning social distancing.

Prayer Opportunities: Prayer is available during both worship services. During the indoor service, there will be two locations at the back of the worship center. During the outdoor service, Elders will be available just outside of the worship center to the left of the worship band and women will be available in Ethan and Davis' office.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Robb and Sheila Warfield and their son Hayden have been living in Senegal, Africa. Robb and Sheila have been serving at Dakar Academy Schools through Global Outreach. They have found that if there are excellent schools available, people will send their children to that school even if they fundamentally disagree with the fact that it is a Christian school and studies show that a person is most likely to become a Christian between ages 4-14. Currently they have many atheist students coming from Europe, Muslim students from Senegal and the Middle East and it is a popular school among missionary families and the business and embassy communities - this school system that is being established, is providing the chance for the Gospel to reach families far and wide.

Prayer Requests: Pray for their continued work in Africa - for their schools to continue to thrive and grow, for students to hear the Gospel and come to know Christ and for families to be reached with the Gospel. They plan to open their third school at the beginning of this coming school year - pray that everything stays on track and goes smoothly.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Meals Needed:

Peter and Susan Mitchell would benefit from a few meals while Susan recovers from surgery. Sign up here: [TakeThemAMeal.com/FKCV7741](https://www.takethemameal.com/FKCV7741)

The Hobbs family would benefit from a few meals while Jenny recovers from surgery. Sign up here: [TakeThemAMeal.com/XMBO6271](https://www.takethemameal.com/XMBO6271)

Support Our Local Young Life!

Help send kids to Young Life summer camp by buying a Christmas wreath from the award-winning West End Wreaths. Orders are due by November 22nd. Register Here: nc22.younglife.events/2021-wreath-fundraiser