

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

November 21st, 2021

Indoor Worship Service

“No room remains empty for long. If God is driven out, the gods come trooping in.”

Lesslie Newbigin

“Idols are non-gods and as such are much more congenial to us than God, for we not only have the pleasure of making them, using our wonderful imaginations and skills in creative ways, but also of controlling them. They are gods with all the God taken out so that we can continue to be our own gods.”

Eugene Peterson

“Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love . . . Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

Jonah 2:8-9

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.

Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Amen and Amen.

Psalm 72:18-19

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, / the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns / all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing / of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King / through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; / behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, / in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky / can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye / at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; / whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, / absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; / and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend / their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, / the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, / ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! / for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail / throughout eternity.

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How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds / In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, / And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, / And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, / And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, / My shield and hiding place,
My never failing treasury, filled / With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, / My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, / Accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart / And cold my warmest thought,
But when I see Thee as Thou art / I'll praise Thee as I ought.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession of Sin

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. But with you there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore to us the joy of our salvation so that we may love you and magnify your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“Sing, Daughter Zion;
shout aloud, Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away your punishment,
he has turned back your enemy.
The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you;
never again will you fear any harm.
The Lord your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:14-15, 17

King Of Love

The King of Love my Shepherd is / Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His / And He is mine forever / And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow / My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow / With food celestial feedeth

*Never failing Ruler of my heart / Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is / The King of Love my Shepherd is*

Lost and foolish oft I strayed / But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid / And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill / With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still / Thy cross before to guide me

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah / Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

And so through all the length of days / Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise / Within Your house forever / Within Your house forever

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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

Emily Anderson

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

“The King Who is Worthy and the People Whom He Serves”

David Speakman

¹ Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan, and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac. ⁴ And to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵ And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in the midst of it, and afterward I brought you out.

⁶ “Then I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea. And the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. ⁷ And when they cried to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸ Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan. They fought with you, and I gave them into your hand, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. ⁹ Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel. And he sent and invited Balaam the son of Beor to curse you, ¹⁰ but I would not listen to Balaam. Indeed, he blessed you. So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹ And you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, and the leaders of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And I gave

them into your hand. ¹² And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out before you, the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwell in them. You eat the fruit of vineyards and olive orchards that you did not plant.’

¹⁴ “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, but we will serve the Lord.” ²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your heart to the Lord, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ And the people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and his voice we will obey.” ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and put in place statutes and rules for them at Shechem.

Joshua 24:1-25

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.

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting / Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running / There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets / To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory / To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father / Praise the Son / Praise the Spirit three in one God of Glory / Majesty / Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming / And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation / You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering / You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation / Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose / All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good / For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs / And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come / To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born / Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old / Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name / In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ / Who has resurrected me

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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.

Advent Kits for Children: Simple Advent kits will be available for families of toddlers and elementary children at church November 21st through December 5th. For questions or to arrange an alternate pickup, please reach out to Sarah Beam at children@hopechurchws.org.

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!

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

Caroline Peterson is in her fifth year serving on staff for Young Life in Wilmington, North Carolina and this year started a new role as Direct Ministry Administrator. She also has the opportunity to lead the five student staff members who are a part of her team - this is another great opportunity for her to mentor those who are younger than she.

Prayer Requests: Join the Young Life staff in praying for the Fall Camp that is November 19th-21st. Caroline asks that we pray for her team: Jack, Holly, Erin and Kara - pray that her team gets to see the fruit of their ministry (they've stuck with her through some tough years). Additionally, pray for Caroline as she continues to develop her own leadership skills as she leads the student staff (she currently has five student staff members she is leading). Finally, Caroline asks that we pray that she learns a healthy rhythm of life this fall, as the pace of both work and life have been picking up.

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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