

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

March 13th, 2022

“Prayer is an expression of who we are . . . We are a living incompleteness. We are a gap, an emptiness that calls for fulfillment.”

Thomas Merton

“If you are not praying, then you are quietly confident that time, money, and talent are all you need in life . . . Learned desperation is at the heart of a praying life.”

Paul Miller

“Believers do not pray with the view of informing God about things unknown to him, or of exciting him to do his duty, or of urging him as though he were reluctant. On the contrary, they pray in order that they may arouse themselves to seek him, that they may exercise their faith in meditating on his promises, that they may relieve themselves from their anxieties by pouring them into his bosom; in a word, that they may declare that from him alone they can hope and expect, both for themselves and for others, all good things.”

John Calvin

“God, of your goodness give me yourself, for you are enough for me. And only in you do I have everything. Amen.”

Lady Julian of Norwich

CALL TO WORSHIP

“I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know.
I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.
I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.”

Psalm 40:9-10

This is My Father's World

Let Me Find Thee

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. In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness that you may be feared . . . There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ”

Psalm 130:3-4 and Romans 8:1-2

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

***Three-year-old children are dismissed for their worship class. (9am only)**

Welcome and Prayers of the People

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

“Dare to Call Him Father”

David Speakman

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:1-13

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.*

All Must Be Well

BENEDICTION

¹³ 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

Free Lenten Resources: Several books and study guides are available in the back of the worship hall. Please feel free to take one to help you seek God's grace over the next 40 days.

Toddler Sensory Playtime: Our next playtime will be on March 22nd from 10-11:00am. We will play in individual sensory boxes and explore the colors of God's beautiful creation. All of our activities will remain in groups of families,

keeping social distancing in mind. Please bring a towel or washable blanket to use as your family station. Register in the Church Center App or at hopechurchws.org/play.

Loving Our Immigrant Neighbors: On Thursday, March 24th, from 12-1:30pm, World Relief Triad is holding an event at Awake Church for the purpose of educating and inspiring the Church in our efforts to love our immigrant neighbors well. The event is free and lunch is included. For more information and to register, go to worldrelief.org/triad/events.

5 Love Languages Marriage Conference: On Saturday, April 2nd, at Calvary Baptist Church, author/pastor Gary Chapman is leading a one-day conference "on breaking unhealthy patterns and choosing to develop a more intimate, happy marriage." Cost is \$59 per couple, and Hope Church is happy to supplement the cost if finances are an issue. For more information and to register, go to <https://is.gd/jBAfk3>.

Women's Dinner: All women are invited to join us for an evening of food and fellowship. We will meet inside the Worship Hall on April 2nd from 7-9pm. This event is free of charge but please register by March 27th so we can order food. Friends, co-workers, and neighbors are invited too. A link to register can be found at hopechurchws.org/womensdinner.

Easter Celebration: Join us on Palm Sunday, April 10th, between the services for an Easter celebration! We will have an Easter egg hunt for kids and brunch for everyone! Festivities will take place from 10:15-10:50am.

Sunday School: We will not have Sunday school on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday, April 10th and 17th.

Men's Retreat: Join us for a Men's Retreat at Montreat Conference Center (Montreat, NC) from April 29 - May 1. Accommodations are hotel style (single rooms available upon request). Our speaker will be Rev. Tim Melton, pastor and counselor. The weekend will include worship, small groups, free time activities, and good food and drink. Friends and co-workers are welcome to join us! Cost is \$100 and includes accommodations and meals. Register at hopechurchws.org/mensretreat.

The Edge Conference - June 20-24: Middle schoolers, join us at The Edge Conference from June 20-24 on Lookout Mountain, GA this summer! It's a gospel-centered week of fun activities and worship! Registration is now open and the cost is \$450 per person, but scholarships are available! We only have 8 spots available for students and they are first come first serve. More information and a link to register can be found at hopechurchws.org/edge.

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

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sara Beth Tejada has spent the past several years serving in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, through young Life Ministries. She has recently taken on the role of Young Life Area Director and though the work is never done, she has been feeling more confident in her role since receiving more training in January. Last month the Young Life staff took 40 middle schoolers from Jarabacoa to WyldLife Camp where they had the opportunity to shower the students with love and build stronger relationships with them. Sara Beth's husband, Arturo, has continued to work for a therapeutic boarding for at-risk youth - they currently have 18 teenagers whom they have the chance to love and invite to Young Life events on Wednesday nights.

Prayer Requests: Join Sara Beth and the Young Life staff in praying for God to provide three new adult leaders to join the WyldLife team. Pray that God would continue to raise up a thriving junior leader program for high school students

who are ready to share their faith and serve others. Additionally, pray for the development of a local Young Life committee of adults who can act as a support group for staff. Sara Beth and Arturo ask that you pray for deep friendships for them - these have been hard to come by in such a transient community. Finally, they ask you to join them in praying for definitive answers and healing/treatment for Sara Beth's health issues.

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FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF March 7, 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Tithes & Offerings	\$143,505	\$165,586	\$ (22,081)	-13.34%
Expenses	\$157,782	\$181,019	\$ (23,237)	-12.84%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (14,277)	\$ (15,433)	\$ 1,156	
Annual Ministry Budget: \$978,000				