

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

May 15th, 2022

“Christians feed on Scripture. Holy Scripture nurtures the holy community as food nurtures the human body. Christians don’t simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus’ name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son.”

Eugene Peterson, *Eat This Book*, 18.

“When a minister reads out of the Bible, I am sure that at least nine times out of ten the people who happen to be listening at all hear not what is really being read but only what they expect to be read. And I think that what most people expect to hear read from the Bible is an edifying story, an uplifting thought, a moral lesson—something elevating, obvious, and boring. So that is exactly what very often they do hear. Only that is too bad because if you really listen—and maybe you have to forget that it is the Bible being read and a minister who is reading it—there is no telling what you might hear.”

Frederick Buechner

“The most precious part of each day for me is the 30-40 minutes I spend each morning before breakfast with the Bible. All the rest of the day I am bombarded with the stories the world is telling about itself. As I take time to immerse myself in the story the Bible tells, my vision is cleared, and I see things in another way. I see the day that lies ahead in its place in God’s story.”

Leslie Newbigin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Be Thou My Vision

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.

Ephesians 1:7-8a

The Steadfast Love

Covenant of Baptism (9am)

Elsie and Annie Whitener

Jesus Loves You

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

***3-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

“Renewing Discipleship: The Working Word”

David Speakman

⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same

things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind¹⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

1 Thessalonians 2:9-16

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.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

BENEDICTION

²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Romans 16:20

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.

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

LIFE TOGETHER

Worship Schedule Through May 22:

- 9:00am-10:15am - Worship
- 10:15-10:45am - Kids' Sunday School (No Adult Sunday School; Adults welcome to mingle at Hope Cafe)
- 11:00-12:15pm - Worship

Worship Schedule Beginning May 29:

- 9:00am-10:15am - Worship
- 10:15-10:45am - Hope Cafe
- 10:45-12:00pm - Worship

Toddler Sensory Playtime: Our next playtime will be on May 17th 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.

All Youth & Families BBQ: High school and middle school students, bring your families and come join us as we finish the school year and look forward to the summer! We'll enjoy some time to hang out and play lawn games at the church (cornhole, four square, gaga ball, etc) at 5:30pm on Sunday, May 22nd. Then we'll enjoy a catered, picnic-style barbecue dinner together, and Davis will take some time to highlight God's faithfulness this year. We hope you can join us and please feel free to invite your friends!

Summer Bible Study Training: The course will meet June 15, 29, July 13, 27 and August 10 from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Adult Sunday School classroom. You do not have to attend every session, but we do ask that you come as much as you can. There is a \$19 registration fee that can be reimbursed. The deadline to register is June 8th. Visit hopechurchws.org/BST for more information and to register.

Discovering Hope: This is our course on what it means to follow Jesus and participate as a member of a local church, and it is the next step for those who wish to become a member of Hope Church. Our next class offering will be on June 17th-18th, a weekend version where we will cover everything in a Friday evening (7:30-9pm) and Saturday morning (9-11:30am). Register at hopechurchws.org/DH.

Marked Men Retreat: Marked Men for Christ is hosting a transformational weekend for men to find healing and restoration for their lives, May 17-19 in Hickory, NC. It helps men rediscover their first love and the power of inexpressible joy. It is being offered as a midweek event for those who work on weekends. The cost is \$295, and financial assistance is available. Please contact Clyde Godwin at cgodwin@priorityone.org or at 336.575.4489 with your questions or requests. Go to www.markedmenforchrist.org to register.

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jose and Anna Portillo live and serve in Charlotte, North Carolina, through Vive Charlotte Church. This has been an exciting time for their family both personally and in ministry. Nine weeks ago Jose, Anna, and their two kids welcomed twin boys into their family - this is a big and exciting change as it means they now have four kids aged four and under! On May 1st they celebrated launching their public worship services in the East Charlotte Community - this

is particularly special because after lots of praying and searching, God provided them with a location in the heart of this community.

Prayer Requests: Jose and Anna have been reaching out to local residents, personally inviting them to join them for worship and fellowship - pray that their new church plant in East Charlotte would be successful and be a blessing to the community. Additionally, pray that the community comes to know this as a house of peace and a safe place. Pray that many people would come to know Christ and what it is to follow Him through this new church plant. The second week of June they will be holding a VBS - pray that the planning goes smoothly, there is a great turnout, and that Jesus moves in the hearts of many.

Contact: jose@vivecharlotte.com

FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF MAY 9, 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Tithes & Offerings	\$308,365	\$324,704	\$ (16,339)	-5.03%
Expenses	\$311,110	\$345,808	\$ (34,698)	-10.03%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,745)	\$ (21,104)	\$ 18,359	
Annual Ministry Budget: \$978,000				