

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

September 25th, 2022

“A church can become crowded with legitimate causes, concerns, and needs. And it can be hard to find Jesus.”

Ray Ortlund

“There have been men before now who got so interested in proving the existence of God that they came to care nothing for God Himself ... as if the good Lord had nothing to do but exist! There have been some who were so occupied in spreading Christianity that they never gave a thought to Christ. Man! Ye see it in smaller matters. Did ye never know a lover of books that with all his first editions and signed copies had lost the power to read them? Or an organizer of charities that had lost all love for the poor? It is the subtlest of all the snares.”

C.S. Lewis

“We love because he first loved us.”

1 John 4:19

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁵ God thunders wondrously with His voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend.

⁶ For to the snow He says, “Fall on the earth,” likewise to the downpour, His mighty downpour.

⁷ He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom He made may know it.

¹⁴ Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

From Job 37

Our Great God

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession of Sin

We confess to You, gracious God, that too often we look on Your law as a burden, not a gift; an inconvenience, not a blessing. Speak to us, and reveal through Your word the wrongness of our sin and the good news of Your love through the Gospel. Turn us around, Redeemer, and do not let our sins and fears have dominion over us. Forgive us and dwell within us, that we might know You and love You, even as we are loved and known. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in [the] hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-2

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

***Children are dismissed for worship class. (8:30am)**

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

“Love to the Loveless Shown”

David Speakman

¹ “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: “The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

² “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

Revelation 2:1-7

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.*

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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.

Prayer Requests: Fill out the online prayer card at <https://bit.ly/3BkKMis>.

LIFE TOGETHER

October Clemmons Food Pantry Drive: Throughout the month of October Hope Church will be holding a food drive for the Clemmons Food Pantry. Children, students, and adults of all ages are invited to bring their items to be dropped off in donation bins, located near the Children's snack tables upstairs and downstairs near the church office, before Sunday School. The donations will be stored at Hope, and our children will help sort them at their service project during the first service's Worship Class time on October 30th. Each week will have a "theme" and families are encouraged to bring one item per family:

- October 2 - Peanut Butter and/or Jelly
- October 9 - Rice and/or pasta
- October 16 - Snack bars
- October 23 - Cake or muffin mix

Heart to Heart: A Marriage Enrichment Weekend: October 14th (7:00-9:30pm) - October 15th (9:00am-4:00pm) at Hope Church. [Register here](#) for Heart to Heart, a course led by The Barnabas Center counselors, Ben Jones and Kristin Leathers. It is structured to teach Biblical truths that can be inserted in practical ways into relationships and is presented in story-filled lectures designed to set up guided conversations between husband and wife afterwards. Cost is \$140.00 per couple, but financial assistance is available upon request. Childcare is also available during the Saturday sessions.

Hope Kids Connection

Playground and Pizza Party: Come join us at Hope's playground for a Playground Pizza party on September 30th at 5:30pm. Bring the tikes with their bikes and scooters. We'll provide pizza and have a safe place for the kids to ride around. Please RSVP by Sept 28th. hopechurchws.org/pizza

Hope Kids Worship - October 9th: Children ages 3-4th grade are welcome to join us for our first Hope Kids Worship. We will gather in the lobby, after the passing of the peace, during the first service. Then we will go upstairs for a special time filled with singing worship songs, getting to know one another, and learning Biblical truths.

Preschool Sunday School Assistant Substitute Openings: Please let me know if you are available to help as an assistant in our Preschool Sunday School classes. You would truly just be assisting the teacher. I'd love our teachers to have one or two more names on the substitute list, for when unexpected conflicts arise.

Sunday School: We had a wonderful kick off to our Sunday School last week. If you have any questions concerning class locations, please reach out to Lisa at: children@hopechurchws.org.

Memory Verse: This month's memory verse is: "Rejoice in the Lord Always." Philippians 4:4 [Rejoice Song](#)

Worship Classes: Worship Classes for ages 3-Kindergarten will occur every week in the first service.

FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Tithes & Offerings	\$647,486	\$644,141	\$ 3,345	0.52%
Expenses	\$646,068	\$726,188	\$ (80,120)	-11.03%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,418	\$ (82,047)	\$ 83,465	
Annual Ministry Budget: \$978,000				