

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

March 19th, 2023

“The language of Christianity is the language of substitution. It is not primarily the language of morals. God is not presented as a mother saying ‘eat all your vegetables.’ Instead, Christianity is about a one-sided rescue—that we didn’t want and certainly didn’t deserve, and he did it anyway.”

Rod Rosenblatt

“Moved by the perfection of his holy love, God in Christ substituted himself for us sinners. That is the heart of the Cross of Christ.”

John Stott

“Self-help is the American gospel, which translates into self-congratulation and self-protection. ... Jesus looks at us and he knows that we cannot help ourselves. He looks at us this very day in the same way he looked at every human being that he encountered during his earthly life: with infinite sadness for our predicament, yet with unquenchable love and with unflinching resolve to rescue us from certain condemnation and death, whatever it took, wherever it led, whatever the price. ‘Self-help’ is crucified with Christ.”

Fleming Rutledge

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: *Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.*

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!*

From Psalm 111

Rising Sun

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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 God's Pardoning Grace

“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

How Great Thou Art

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

*** Children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Worship Class. (8:30am)**

Welcome and Prayers of the People

Offering & Doxology

Life Together

Ethan Smith

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Safe”

Ethan Smith

²¹ Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. ²⁴ You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. ²⁵ And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. ²⁶ And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ ²⁷ you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

²⁸ Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

²⁹ At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. ³⁰ And Pharaoh

rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.

Exodus 12:21-30

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.

Behold the Lamb

BENEDICTION

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday: April 2nd**
 - Worship services at 8:30 and 11:00am; children will sing at both services
 - No Sunday School
 - Church-wide Brunch and Children's Egg Hunt at 10:00am
- **Maundy Thursday: April 6th**
 - Worship service at Redeemer PCA at 7:00pm, with childcare for ages 0-4
 - More information can be found at redeemerws.org
- **Good Friday: April 7th**
 - Worship service at Hope Church at 7:00pm
- **Easter Sunday: April 9th**
 - Worship services at 8:30 and 11:00am
 - No Sunday School

Easter Lilies: Help us decorate the worship hall with lilies for Easter Sunday in honor or remembrance of a loved one. The cost is \$15 per plant. Please submit your orders [online](#) or by emailing [Holly Smith](#). If you choose to pay by cash or check, please write "Easter Lilies" in the memo line or on a sealed envelope and place it in the offering bag on Sunday mornings. Orders and payment are due by Palm Sunday, April 2nd. [>>Order Here](#)

Palm Sunday:

1. **Children Singing:** Children are invited to help lead us in worship on Palm Sunday. Please meet Ms. Lisa in the hallway of the education building before both worship services. The children's procession will occur at the beginning of the services.
2. **Egg Hunt:** The children's egg hunt will begin at 10am on the big lawn and hill closer to Peace Haven Dr. Parents, please plan for your children to participate in the egg hunt before joining the line for brunch. Meet Ms. Lisa on the cement slab for instructions, and don't forget your basket.
3. **Brunch:** The time for our annual Palm Sunday Brunch is quickly approaching and this year it will be doubling as a time to celebrate our new pavilion! In order to pull off serving brunch for the church, Anna will need a lot of help - would you please consider helping? We have many areas and opportunities for volunteers to serve and two shifts so that everyone can enjoy the celebration and food. [>>Sign Up Here](#)

Maundy Thursday: It is our tradition to partner with our sister church, Redeemer PCA, for Holy Week worship services. Redeemer will be hosting a Maundy Thursday service at 7:00pm on April 6th. Childcare for ages 0-4 will be available.

Good Friday: Our Good Friday service will be held at Hope on April 7th at 7:00pm. Childcare will not be provided. We invite the whole family to join us for this service.

Easter Cross: We would love your help filling our Easter cross for Easter Sunday! Drop off flower cuttings from your yard or garden on Saturday, April 8th.

- We need volunteers to help decorate the cross on Easter Sunday. If you would like to help, please contact [Ginny Evans](#) in the church office. No special skills required!

Hope Kids Connection:

- **March NEW VERSE:** This is our new verse for the month of March. Practice it and then come find Ms. Lisa so you can pick from the prize box. [Exodus 15:26 Song Link](#)
- **March 19th & March 26th 10:45-11:00am:** Ms. Lisa will be running short 15 minute music rehearsals in the music room upstairs for those that would like a little extra practice time with our Palm Sunday song. We are also rehearsing during 2nd Sunday Hope Kids Worship. [Hosanna in the Highest Link](#)

The Gathering Hour: Women of Hope, please join us on Tuesday, April 11th at 9:30am for The Gathering Hour; a monthly morning of fellowship, with the purpose of connection. Coffee and nibbles will be provided and childcare is included. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

Practical Parenting Seminar: On April 12th at 7:30pm, we will host a FREE parenting seminar led by Sheila Spaar from Redeemer PCA here in Winston-Salem. The goal of this workshop is to give parents some practical tools and resources to help them *parent*. [>>Register Here](#)

Forum on Faith and Culture: The 2023 forum will be held on April 14th at 7:00pm at the Ramkat in downtown Winston-Salem. More information will be available soon at [faithandculturewsnc.org](#).

Men's Retreat: Join us for a Men's Retreat at Montreat Conference Center (Montreat, NC) from April 28-30. Accommodations are hotel style (single rooms available upon request). The speaker this year is Ben Jones from The Barnabas Center Triad. 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 Here](#)

The Edge Middle School Conference - June 24-28: The Edge is a gospel-centered middle school youth conference hosted at Covenant College on Lookout Mountain in Georgia. We only have 10 spots (8 students and 2 leaders) for Session 2 - June 24-28. The cost of the trip is \$450/person, and scholarships are available. A \$50 deposit is required to secure your spot. The deadline to sign up is April 21. Please talk to [Davis Mooney](#) or [Anna Otto](#) for more details! [>>Register Here](#)

Hope Kids Camp: We need volunteers for Hope Kids Camp the week of July 16th. There are opportunities for single days, the whole week, or any combination that works for you. Contact [Lisa Applegate](#) or [Katie Denton](#) for more information. [>>Sign Up Here](#)

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Hello partners in the Gospel,

We hope this email finds you well with perhaps some signs of Spring just around the corner? January and February have certainly felt like summer here in the Southern Hemisphere, but it definitely has a different feel to it as everyone gets back into the swing of things from mid-January for work & school. We have been no exception as things have started off & gotten going with a bang. We can't believe it's already March - with the 20th being our 2 year anniversary on the field!

Since the beginning of February, Shaun has been teaching a Missions-Evangelism-Discipleship course for first year students at BI. Last year he co-taught this class with Tim Galage (the MTW regional director for Southern Africa).

This year, though, he has been given the opportunity to teach the entire course. So it has certainly made for a busy term thus far. He has a great group of Bachelors of Theology, Gap Year, and auditing students. Would you please pray for these students to grow in the grace, knowledge, and love of Jesus Christ & His work in the world through this formal introduction to theology in practice?

The first term of the CLP is going well. In fact it is already half way through. The class is *Introduction to Bible Interpretation* & Shaun has 8 students in his WhatsApp tutorial group. At this point none of them are able to meet at the one location the CLP presently has for in-person classes. The hope is to open up more locations in the terms ahead. This is an ongoing prayer need. That said, he was able to meet some of them in person at a recent Saturday seminar. Tim Chester, a visiting speaker from Grace Church in North Yorkshire England, spoke on the topic of sexual purity. It was so Biblically-grounded and relevant - much needed for the whole church and particularly current and future ministry leaders.

The Pastors Reading group in Guguletu met recently around their latest book, *Preachers and Preaching* by the late Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones. We had an amazing time of fellowship together encouraging one another about how God is faithful to use the week-in and week-out “foolishness of preaching” to build His church. We also took some time to pray for this Saturday’s conference in Khayelitsha on the Holy Spirit - Who He is & What He Does. Shaun will be speaking on the topic of how the Holy Spirit helps us in our praying. Please ask for the Lord’s blessing on this time - both for clarity on this controversial topic in the township context, but also that the Gospel would be clearly presented through the preaching.

Hope City Presbyterian just had it’s very first membership classes in the month of February. This is an exciting development as this church plant moves closer towards becoming a particularized church. The new slate of members should be up to take their vows within the next month or so. The nomination and training of ruling elders is next up for this body. Please pray for this process; especially that God would be glorified in the appointment of godly men. Thank you as always for your sustained prayers and support.

Our love in Christ,
The Hurries

- Praise & Prayer - Becky had a good neurologist appointment on Feb. 14th, however the doctor could not give clear answers on her ongoing dizzy symptoms from a neurological standpoint. In that regard everything looked good and he had no cause for concern. She has actually been feeling good in regards to those symptoms but has since had some new symptoms which is going to require an endoscopy on March 20th. If you would please pray for her and again for clear answers moving forward.
- Pray - Upcoming conference in the township of Khayelitsha on the Holy Spirit. Shaun will be teaching an afternoon session this Saturday, March 4th.
- Pray - As Shaun prepares to preach on March 9th for BI’s chapel and March 26th at Hope City.
- Pray - Hope City’s first Membership class/enrollment.
- Pray for encouragement in the Lord. Culture shock can ebb and flow. One minute you really feel well adjusted to your new home and the next you can feel like an outsider. This can also hit us all at different times. Pray we would be sensitive to one another’s feelings as a family.

FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF MARCH 13th, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Tithes & Offerings	\$195,830	\$190,261	\$ 5,569	2.93%
Expenses	\$194,526	\$204,976	\$ (10,450)	-5.10%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,304	\$ (14,715)	\$ 16,019	

Annual Ministry Budget: \$1,069,040