

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Call to Worship

Jesus Paid it All

Christ is Risen

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. If, at times, we deny you, God forgive. When the risks of discipleship are high, and we are nowhere to be found: God forgive. When we wash our hands of responsibility: God forgive. When fear keeps us from witnessing to your truth, or prejudice keeps us from extending it to others: God forgive. Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. In the name of Jesus, the Risen One, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All of this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation . . . For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

2 Corinthians 5: 17-18, 21

All Must Be Well

The Covenant of Baptism

Naomi Anderson

Jesus Loves You

Jesus loves you this we know; for the Bible tells us so
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong
Yes Jesus loves you; Yes Jesus loves you; Yes Jesus loves you
The Bible tells us so

Children ages 3-2nd grade are dismissed to their worship class.

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

Deanne Trollinger

Offering and Doxology

Jerusalem

Life Together

David Speakman

ATTENDING TO GOD’S WORD

“Train Wreck Conversion”

David Speakman

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized, ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 9:1-22

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon Notes

Children return to join their families

FEASTING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Leader: Therefore let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord’s Supper Instructions

- The Lord’s Supper is open to anyone who is trusting in Jesus’ death and resurrection alone for his or her redemption.
- People come forward from the back rows first to receive the elements.
- White grape juice in cups and gluten free crackers are available at the left and right stations.
- At the middle station, you may receive from the common loaf and cup. We follow the practice of intinction where you dip the bread in the wine.
- If you need prayer, there is a group (including elders) available to pray for anyone in need of prayer in the kitchen. There is also a group of women in the room next to the Connections kiosk who can pray for women. The Lord’s Supper is available in both prayer rooms.
- For families with small children, there is a Communicants class for 3rd grade and up.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need 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.

Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

ENGAGING GOD’S WORLD

In Christ Alone

Benediction

“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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Hope Hoedown: Bring your blankets and lawn chairs on April 27th for an outdoor evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Barbecue dinner for all at 6:00pm; dancing for middle-school age and up from 7:00-9:00pm. Please RSVP for childcare for 5th grade and younger at hopechurchws.org/hoedown by April 22nd.

High School Graduation Celebration: All middle and high school youth, along with the parents and family of our high school graduates, are invited to join us for a meal and a time of celebration and thanksgiving on Sunday, April 28th, from 5:00-7:00pm, in the Adult Sunday School room.

Next Women's Event: Hike on Saturday, May 4th. Meet in the Hope parking lot (gravel section on the Peace Haven side) at 8:30am. We will carpool to Stone Mountain. Bring a bag lunch and a water bottle. We will hike for about an hour, have a picnic lunch together and head back to the church parking lot arriving by 2:00pm. Please RSVP to Deanne Trollinger at dtrollinger@hopechurchws.org.

Church Picnic: The church picnic has been rescheduled to May 5th following the worship service. The deacons will provide the burgers and drinks. Last names A-L please bring a side dish, and last names M-Z please bring a dessert.

We are looking for volunteers for the Samaritan Ministries overnight shelter. This is a great opportunity for men and women to help homeless men in our community in the name of Jesus. We need 6 people to serve on May 16th and June 20th. Visit our website for more information and to sign-up, hopechurchws.org/samaritaninn or email Christian Moretz, cbmoretz@hotmail.com.

Registration for The Edge middle school conference and Seek the City high school mission trip are now open. Contact Ethan Smith for more information at esmith@hopechurchws.org.

Folders are available in the back of the worship center for 3rd-5th graders.

Wifi Password: Romans828

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	This Week (4/21)	Next Week (4/28)
Nursery		
Infants	Nick and Maggie Hansell	Holly Smith and Julien C.
Ones	Vance and Melissa Faulkner	David and Elizabeth Miller
Twos	Josh and Jessica Coleman	Andrew and Lisa Applegate
On Call	Scott and Leigh Roche	Francis and Bonnie Smith
Youth Volunteer	Kennis Roche and Caleb Hein	Charlotte Hawkins
Worship Classes		
Threes	Sarah Beam and Aaron Bender Annie Wolf	Frank and Beth Chen
Fours/Fives	Adam and Lauren Filipponi Frances Whitworth	Barnes and Elizabeth Harris
Kindergarten	Evan and Shelley Beckman Sara Kent Trollinger	Remain in the Service
1st-2nd Grade	Marshall and Amy White Nate Whitworth	Remain in the Service

FINANCIAL STANDING AS OF APRIL 14th, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference	
Tithes & Offerings	\$246,326	\$222,350	\$ 23,976	10.78%
Expenses	\$198,097	\$216,349	\$ (18,252)	-8.44%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 48,229	\$ 6,001	\$ 42,228	

Annual Ministry Budget: \$832,400

WHO WE ARE

OUR VISION

As Hope Presbyterian Church, we long for every person to receive and thrive in the embrace of the Father, to be equipped as disciples of the Son, and to engage the world by the power of the Spirit.

OUR MISSION

As a fellowship of broken-yet-redeemed believers, we invite our community in and around Winston-Salem to experience with us true hope for real life through the good news of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

OUR VALUES

Good News – We prize the sweet message of the free grace and tender mercy of God in the person and work of Jesus Christ. His atoning death on the cross and his victorious resurrection from the dead are transforming our brokenness and mess into the way it's supposed to be. The Gospel (literally, the "good news") of Jesus Christ brings true hope to the reality of our need and brokenness. Rather than instructions of how to live a moral life that might get God's attention, the Gospel is the welcome news of a loving Redeemer who lays down his life that we may find the dignity and purpose of our humanity. We never outgrow our need, but the joyous, good news is that we can never overdraw Christ's supply of free grace.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays	9:30am 10:15am 10:30am 5:00pm	Sunday School Hope Cafe Worship Youth Fellowship
Mondays	7:00pm	Open Prayer Group
Wednesdays	9:30am and 7:30pm	Women's Bible Study

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Order of Worship

April 21st, 2019

"The life of discipleship is not a matter of coming up with a Gospel I can live with; it's a matter of learning to live with all of the scandal of the Gospel--and that can take a lifetime. Graham Greene's 'whiskey priest' doesn't for a moment think that the church should revise its doctrine and standards in order to make him feel comfortable about his fornication--even if he might lament what seems to be a denial of some feature of his humanness. All of his doubts and suspicion and resistance are not skeptical gambits that set him off in search of a liberal Christianity he can live with; they are, instead, features of a life of sanctification, or lack thereof. And no one is surprised by that. The prayer of the doubter is not, 'Lord I believe, conform to the measure of my unbelief,' but rather: 'Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief.'"

James K.A. Smith

"Anyone can be sentimental about the Nativity; any fool can feel like a Christian at Christmas. But Easter is the main event; if you don't believe in the resurrection, you're not a believer."

John Irving, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*

"Jesus was the only one that ever raised the dead," The Misfit continued, "and He shouldn't have done it. He thrown everything off balance. If He did what He said, then there's nothing for you to do but throw away everything and follow him, and if He didn't, then it's nothing for you to do but enjoy the few minutes you got left the best way you can . . ."

Flannery O'Connor, "A Good Man is Hard to Find"

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