

HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

November 22nd, 2020

Indoor Worship Service

“Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage.”

CS Lewis

“Anything must be true before it can significantly claim other merits. Without truth all else is worthless.”

Felix Fernandez

“Truth is so obscure in these times, and falsehood so established, that unless we love the truth we cannot know it.”

Blaise Pascal

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

Endow the king with your justice, O God,
the royal son with your righteousness.
May he judge your people in righteousness,
your afflicted ones with justice.

For he will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.
He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in his sight.

Psalm 72:1-2, 12-14

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns, all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing, of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King, through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye, at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow’r a scepter sways

from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend, their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail, throughout eternity.

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Hail To The Lord's Anointed

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free.
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong.
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light.
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth.
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love.

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Call to Confession

Davis Mooney

Confession of Sin

Our good God and Father,
We confess that we have placed more weight in our pious words
than in our privilege to serve each other in love.
We have often found ourselves adding to the noise of this world
as we chase our selfish ambitions and our feeble attempts to impress each other.
We have not been patient with our family members.
We have not been kind to those under our care.
We have looked down on others and have not cheerfully submitted to the
guidance of our brothers and sisters in the Lord.
We have not forgiven as you have forgiven us.
We have been slow to protect, reluctant to trust, passive in building hope, and have easily given
up on those you have placed alongside us in the faith.

In short, we have failed to love your body and its members as you have commanded.
We have avoided this most excellent way.

Please forgive us for Jesus' sake.

based on 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all . . . Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun!"

based on Isaiah 53:6 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say/ Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray/ Find in Me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all/ All to Him I owe/ Sin had left a crimson stain/ He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find/ Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots/ And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne/ I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save/ My lips shall still repeat

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt/ And raised this life up from the dead

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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

John Petty

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

Ethan Smith

ATTENDING TO GOD'S WORD

“True News for a Fake News Culture”

Ethan Smith

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”

John 18:33-38

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.

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

- We invite those seated furthest away from the pulpit to come to the table first. An usher will tell you when to come.
- Households may approach together. We ask that each household practice physical distancing when awaiting their turn.
- Communicants will cup their hands, ready to receive the bread.
- Another server will make a cup available for each communicant to pick up. Wine is the darker liquid and grape juice is the lighter liquid.
- Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.

ENGAGING GOD'S WORLD

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain/ An interest in the Savior's blood

Died He for me who caused His pain/ For me who Him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be/ That Thou my God should die for me

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He left His Father's throne above/ So free so infinite His grace
Humbled Himself so great His love/ And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free/ For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay/ Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray/ I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free/ I rose went forth and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread/ Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him my living Head/ And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne/ And claim the crown through Christ my own

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Benediction

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

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

Childcare During the Outdoor Worship Service: Beginning November 22nd, the playground area will be open and staffed at 11:00am as a nursery space for children aging from walkers to 3-years-old during the Outdoor Worship Service. Check-in will be required upon arrival which will include Covid screening questions.

Children's Sunday School: We have one class for all ages that is 20-25 minutes of a Bible story, prayer, and Bible verse memorization. hopechurchws.org/children

Toddler Resources: Weekly activities designed specifically to help parents teach toddlers about Jesus. hopechurchws.org/nursery

Advent Wreath Making Kits: In lieu of our annual advent wreath making event, we are providing kits for you to make a wreath at home. Reserve yours at hopechurchws.org/wreath.

Discovering Hope: December 4th (7:30-9pm) - 5th (9am-12pm): Discovering Hope is our weekend course on the history, vision, and values of Hope Church, as well as what it means to be a member. The course is free and open to all, and childcare reimbursement is available. Register at hopechurchws.org/DiscoveringHope.

All-Youth Secret Santa Gift Exchange and Zoom Game Night: Sign up to be entered into our Secret Santa Gift Exchange by December 11th. Then join us for a game night on December 18th. hopechurchws.org/youthchristmas

Life Groups: Life Groups are smaller communities (typically 12-15 adults) made up of members, regular attenders, and friends of Hope Church that meet anywhere from once a week to twice a month. hopechurchws.org/lifegroups

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

YoungLife Wreath Sale: YoungLife Forsyth County is holding their annual wreath sale to raise money to cover the cost of camp for middle and high schoolers. <https://nc22.younglife.events/wreath-fundraiser-2020>

Winter Overflow Shelter: Help is needed to pack and deliver lunch and dinner meals to shelter guests on Saturdays. hopechurchws.org/wintershelter