

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.

HEBREWS 10:23

OCTOBER 11, 2020

PRELUDE

WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Reuben Morgan 1998

Let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich
Let the blind say I can see It's what the Lord has done in me **(Repeat)**

Hosanna, hosanna To the lamb that was slain
Hosanna, hosanna Jesus died and rose again

To the river I will wade There my sins are washed away
From the heaven's mercy streams Of the Savior's love for me

I will rise from waters deep Into the saving arms of God
I will sing salvation songs Jesus Christ has set me free **(Chorus 2X)**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Calling upon the presence of God in worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 147:1-6

*Bold to be read by congregation

- L: Praise the LORD!
For it is good to sing praises to our God;
- P: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- L: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
- P: He gathers the outcasts of Israel.**
- L: He heals the brokenhearted
- P: and binds up their wounds.**
- L: He determines the number of the stars;
- P: He gives to all of them their names.**
- L: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
- P: His understanding is beyond measure.**
- ALL: The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked to the ground.**

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

St. Anne. Public Domain

O God our help in ages past Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home
Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone And our defense is sure
Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God To endless years the same
Our God our help in ages past Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home

SCRIPTURE READING & CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Declaration of the forgiveness of sins through the gospel

HEBREWS 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

THY MERCY MY GOD

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Thy mercy, my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
*All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine

CONFESSING OUR FAITH

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 88

*Bold type to be read by congregation

Q88 What are the means of grace Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption?

A The means of grace Christ uses to bring us the benefits of redemption are His word, sacraments, and prayer.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English by Douglas Kelly and Philip Rollison
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ELDER PRAYER

Offering our thanksgivings and supplications to God

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD

THE BLESSING

(Numbers 6:22-24) Chris Brown | Cody Carnes | Kari Jobe | Steven Furtick © 2020 Capitol CMG Paragon

**The Lord bless you And keep you
Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his Face toward you
And give you peace
(2X)**

Amen (6X)

May His favor be upon you And a thousand generations
And your family And your children And their children And their children

May his presence go before you And behind you
And beside you All around you And within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning In the evening
In your coming And your going
In your weeping And rejoicing
He is for you He is for you

Amen (6X)

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-22

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.¹⁶ Rejoice always,¹⁷ pray without ceasing,¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.²⁰ Do not despise prophecies,²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good.²² Abstain from every form of evil.

SONG OF RESPONSE

JESUS WITH THY CHURCH ABIDE

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Jesus, with Thy church abide; Be her savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried:

We beseech Thee, hear us We beseech Thee, hear us

Keep her life and doctrine pure; Grant her patience to endure
Trusting in Thy promise sure:

We beseech Thee, hear us We beseech Thee, hear us

May she one in doctrine be, One in truth and charity
Winning all to faith in Thee:

We beseech Thee, hear us We beseech Thee, hear us

May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find
And the brokenhearted bind:

We beseech Thee, hear us We beseech Thee, hear us

*Oft in sorrow, oft in woe; onward Christian, onward go **(4X)**

BENEDICTION

Pronouncement of God's blessing

OPPORTUNITIES

CONNECTING AT HOPE

Sunday Evening Bible Study: 6-7PM, at Hope and via the church's website. We are finishing up our study on prayer using **A Call to Prayer** by J.C. Ryle. Review pages 23-32 with emphasis on pages 28-32 for tonight's study. The next Sunday School session will run from 10/25/2020-11/22/2020. Stay tuned for more information.

Building Lights: If you are the last person to leave the church building, please make sure the interior wall sconces and the exterior ceiling porch lights are left on as well as the two aisle lights in the sanctuary. These interior lights better enable the Smithfield Police Department to view inside the building when driving by during the evening hours.

YLIFE Events:

- Weekly Meetings: **Tonight** and October 25: 6-7PM at Hope
- Fall Retreat - November 13-15; RSVP to Blake (434-907-1932) or Melanie (757-243-4934). Cost is \$45 per student and is due to Blake or the church office by November 1st.

Men's Bible Study: The "Breakfast Boys" meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30AM with the next meeting being October 17th. During this time of COVID-19 please feel free to bring your own breakfast and coffee. We are continuing our study of the book of Matthew. Contact Bill Yokum at 757-613-7456 with any questions.

SERVING HOPE AND OUR COMMUNITY

Children's Church resumes today! Children ages 3-5 are welcome to participate during the sermon each week except for communion Sundays, when they are asked to stay in the service with their parents.

Operation Christmas Child: Hope is again supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes. Please consider supporting this as it is one way we can reach out with the gospel to children worldwide and through them to their parents. Shoe boxes and information are available in the foyer. If you can't fill a shoe box, consider making a donation to cover the shipping costs. Visit **samaritanspurse.org/occ** for more information. Each shoe box costs \$9.00 to ship. Shoe boxes are due back November 15. Contact Peggy Johnson (757-238-2780) with any questions.

MISSIONS UPDATE



DAN & JAN SMITH

International Students to the University of Oregon

Dan Smith is a Team Leader for International Students, Inc. (ISI) at the University of Oregon. ISI exists to share Christ's love with international students on campuses across the United States. These students, separated from family and friends, often feel lonely, isolated, and unsure about how to navigate America's culture. Sadly, many international students are never invited into an American home or have an American friend. Their prayer is that as unique obstacles arise during this school year, the Lord would continue to use them.

PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS

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| Kim Atkinson | Alvin Johnson | Tammy Lindsay | Kaye Pruitt | Jane Stephens |
| Randy Jackson | Bob Latter | Kathy Meadows | Don Soles | Max Stephens |

UPDATES AND PRAISE REPORTS

- **Chris, Julie, McCoy Fickley** (Bob and Leslie Neel's daughter and family): Chris and McCoy have tested positive for COVID-19; Julie is awaiting test results.
- Please pray for **Jane Stephens** as she continues follow-on medication.
- **Max Stephens** has received relief from pain after his most recent procedure. Praise be to God!
- **Mel and Chris Hoke's son and daughter-in-law (Ben and Shannon)**: pray for potential adoption.
- **Edison and Sarah Schroeder** ask for wisdom for those making decisions concerning Christian's future.
- **Matthew Doss** (Dale Baugh's brother-in-law's nephew) was in a terrible car accident in August. Pray for the long term therapy.

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Our Mission is to glorify and enjoy God by exalting His name, equipping His people, encouraging His children, and expanding His Kingdom.