

Seeking to bring the **life-giving Hope of Jesus Christ** to our community in Hot Springs, AR

> Celebration of Worship Lord's Day Sunday, January 2, 2022

Gathering Song

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure: That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure! How great the pain of searing loss: the Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished!

I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no power, no wisdom – But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us," Words & Music, Stuart Townend, © 1995 Thankyou Music

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us and we are His;

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Psalm 100, NIV

The Prayer of Invocation

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less #521

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand! All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand! All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you; Lord, have mercy on us. Like Peter, we have denied you; Christ, have mercy on us. And, like the other disciples, we have forsaken you; Lord, have mercy on us. Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross. We plead for your forgiveness and mercy. And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside but follow you to the very end --for the final victory belongs to you. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Colossians 3:1-4

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past #30

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.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone: Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," Words: Isaac Watts; Music: William Croft; Public Domain

Scripture Reading

Genesis 49:28-50:26

The Sermon from God's Word

Rev. Scott Davis

Tithes and Offerings

Our offering is an act of worship where we respond to the goodness and mercy of God with our gratitude and reliance on Him for all things. If you are our guest today,please feel under no obligation to give. If you would like to give a tithe or offering today there will be someone with an offering plate standing by the sanctuary doors as you leave.

Hymn of Response We will feast in the house of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion, We will sing with our hearts restored. He has done great things, we will say together; We will feast and weep no more.

> We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord, our God. We are not consumed by the flood: upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid. For the promised morning, oh, how long: Oh, God of Jacob be my strength.

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One. And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ 2015 Drink Your Tea Written by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We invite all baptized Christians who profess faith in Jesus Christ for their salvation and are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to join us in taking the Lord's Supper.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you! And also with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Most righteous God, we remember in this supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the whole world. In the joy of his resurrection and in the expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat the bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Doxology #731

(Tune: "Old Hundredth" from the Genevan Psalter)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;Praise Him, all creatures here below;Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

A Note to Visitors

If you are spiritually weary and in search of rest, if you are mourning and you long for comfort, if you are struggling and you desire victory, if you recognize that you are a sinner and need a savior, God welcomes you here in the name of Christ. To the stranger in need of fellowship, to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and to whoever will come, Hope Church Hot Springs opens wide its doors and welcomes all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Children at Hope Church To parents of young children may we suggest:

God gave children the vibrant energy that sometimes causes them to wiggle and make noise. They belong right here with God's people where you have so faithfully brought them. Stick with it!

Feel free to sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and the actions of the pastor and elders.

Sing the songs and participate in the prayers and the responses. Children learn how to worship by watching you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. But, please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

To the members of our church:

Children are a gift, not a distraction. The sound of children in the church is the sound of Jesus keeping his promises; it is the sound of his church that lives on and never dies. Please welcome children and give a smile

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Announcements

Theology on Tap, our weekly bible study will be this Tuesday evening at 6:30. We'll be meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott lobby. The hotel is located on Central Avenue behind J.B.'s Steakhouse

If you're interested in joining Hope Church please let us know. We've got a small book called: New to Hope that we'd love to give to you today. Fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate indicating your desire to investigate membership.

The Hope Church Session and Diaconate are calling a congregational meeting for January 23rd right after our service for the purpose of presenting the 2022 budget. Please make plans to stick around for the meeting. We'll share how God has blessed our church through your tithes and offerings and how money will be allocated this year.

In an effort to make giving easier, we've partnered with Tithely to allow you to give to Hope Church through our website or through the Tithely app. Download Tithely from the App Store to get started. Or, visit: <u>www.HopeChurchPCA.org/give</u> . In the app we're listed as: "Hope Church PCA"

Did you know that Pastor Scott has a podcast? "Assurance of Pardon" is a weekly podcast with his co-host Gage Jordan from First Presbyterian Church of Dyersburg, TN. Each week they discuss what Presbyterians believe and teach. If you're looking for an easy to understand explanation of our theology and doctrines for yourself or to share with a friend- check out Assurance of Pardon. It is available on iTunes or wherever you get your podcasts.

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