



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

Celebration of Worship
Lord's Day
Sunday, May 25, 2025

Gathering Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #38

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish — but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise," Words: Walter Chalmers Smith, Music: Welsh Melody

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Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the
Lord, our Maker! **For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

(from Psalm 94)

The Prayer of Invocation

The Church's One Foundation #347

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, by water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against a foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, because of the treachery that we have committed against you.

O Father, let your anger and your wrath turn away from your people.
O my God, incline your ear and hear. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but
because of your great mercy. Amen.

Based on Daniel 9

Private Confession of Sin

The Assurance of Pardon

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:37-40

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.**

It Is Well With My Soul #691

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

*It is well (It is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin -- O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” -- it is well with my soul.

“It Is Well with My Soul,” Words: Horatio Gates Spafford, Music: Philip P. Bliss, Public Domain

Scripture Reading

John 9:13-41

The Sermon from God’s Word

Reverend 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.

Hymn of Response

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go #708

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that follows all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine’s blaze
Its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," Words: George Matheson, Music: Albert L. Peace, Public Domain

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 Presbyterian 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 of encouragement to their parents.

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 at 200 Marriott Ct, just off Central Avenue. Make plans to join us!

Our next Trail Life meeting here for boys and dads at the church on Sunday, September 14th at 5pm. Trail Life is a Christ-centered, church based, boy focused scouting ministry. Trail Life is for boys aged 5-17 years old. Make plans to join us!

Tonight we're serving the evening meal at Samaritan Ministries Homeless Men's Mission. If you're able to help cook, serve and clean then make plans to meet up there at 5:45 pm. Samaritan is located at 131 Sanford Street.

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. In each episode 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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