

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

Celebration of Worship Sunday, August 31, 2025

Gathering Song

O Worship the King #2

O worship the king all glorious above And gratefully sing his power and his love! Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In You do we trust, nor find You to fail; Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me #499

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked come to Thee for dress; helpless look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgement throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me," Words: Augustus Toplady, Music: Thomas Hastings, Public Domain

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.**

Nothing But the Blood #307

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No other fount I know — nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing, this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus; Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome: nothing but the blood of Jesus; Now by this I'll reach my home: nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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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. 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 Lift High the Cross #263

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod, Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Your kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

For your blest cross which does for us atone Creation's praises rise before your throne.

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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 <u>Genevan Psalter</u>)

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!

Our elders are considering launching small groups that meet in one another's homes for bible study, food and fellowship. To that end, we're wanting to get a sense of who is interested in joining a small group and/or who is willing to occasionally host in their home. Please see the signup sheet on the counter to let us know!

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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