

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill
shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

LUKE 3:4-6

*GATHERING SONG

We invite you to stand and sing as we gather to worship our God.

*Congregation is standing.

We Will Say In That Day

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You will see there a highway from God's own hand
That will lead back the lost to the promised land
And the voice of the savior will call us friends
Saying join in the song of the Lord

We will call back our armies, "Return from war!"
And we'll make into plow-shares our useless swords
Very soon to forget what they once were for
When we join in the song of the Lord

We will say in that day, "To the Lord, give thanks!"
We will not be afraid, for He comes to save
We will shout, we will call, "Ev'-ry tribe and race:
Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

You will see there a banquet for sinners spread
Where we'll sit with the Lord at the table's head
And the Shepherd Himself is our wine and bread
And we'll join in the song of the Lord **(Chorus)**

When the remnant return to the promised land
When the highway of God brings us home to Him
We'll be welcomed with love by our Savior friend
And we'll join in the song of the Lord **(Chorus)**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory?**
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory?**
The Lord of hosts,
He is the King of glory!

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come Thou Almighty King

Anonymous, 1757 | Additional Refrain, Zac Hicks, 2013 © 2015 Unbudding Fig Music

Come Thou Almighty King help us Thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o'er all victorious
Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and Thy people bless and give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend

Come Holy Comforter Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

“Father, now call us out of our wandering
Jesus, now come and cast out our fear
Spirit, now preach the Son to our deafness:
Open our hearts, open our hearts” (x3)

To Thee great One in Three eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

SCRIPTURE READING AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Acknowledgment of our sin and need of grace reveals our unrighteousness before a holy God and deepens our humility.

Isaiah 40:1-11

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Luke 15:6-7

And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come Thou Fount

Words, Robert Robinson (1758) | Tune, John Wyeth (1760) Robert Kauflin (Sovereign Grace), alternate lyrics, vs 4

Come thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me till I'm home with Thee at last

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Expressing our dependency on God's grace for local and global concerns deepens our dependency on God for all of life's challenges.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION

We invite you to remain seated and sing as the offering plate passes by. Visitor and prayer cards can be placed in the offering plate.

Be Thou My Vision

Mary Byrne, Eleanor Hull. Public Domain

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou on--ly, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all (x2)

Children (ages 4-Kindergarten) are dismissed to Children's Church at this time.

“What Is Our Greatest Problem?”

1. True Repentance Leads To Real Forgiveness

2. True Repentance Leads To Real Fruit

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Even So , Come

Songwriters: Kristyn Getty / Sandra McCracken Pass The Promise lyrics © Capitol CMG Publishing, Integrity Music

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come**

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon **(Chorus)**

So we wait, we wait for You
God, we wait, You're coming soon **(x2) (Chorus)**

*BENEDICTION

God sends us into the world with His gracious promises. This empowers us to grow in maturity in Christ, knowing God and enjoying Him forever.

An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary at the end of the service for prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Directory: Hope is moving away from the traditional paper church directory and towards a user-friendly phone app for our member directory! More details will be available at our Communion Lunch next week, and we will also have a help desk available to get you logged on if you encounter any problems.

Spring Sunday School: Our new Sunday School semester begins TODAY. There will be two adult classes offered: 'Exodus (Part 2)' taught by Blake Wingfield; and 'Work: It's Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation' taught by Chris Howell. There will also be nursery, children's and youth classes available, so the whole family can participate. Sunday School meets from 11:15-12pm.

VBS 2026: Get excited! VBS will be 7/27-7/30 from 9am-noon. We are hoping to open our program to DOUBLE the amount of campers this year, but that will require many more volunteers! Please consider signing up for one of the needed roles by placing your name on the whiteboard in the lobby today!

Pizza Bingo Night: Join us for our third annual evening of family, food, fellowship and prizes. Join us on 3/7 from 5:30-7:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Friday Morning Bible Study: Meets each Friday @ 7-8am to read the Gospel and fellowship together. Contact: Steve Runals (757-362-8515).

"Breakfast Boys" Bible Study: Meets together on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month from 7:30-8:30am to study the Gospel and eat breakfast together. Contact: Dick Grice (757-508-2755).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Tuesday & Friday Morning Bible Studies: Meets on Tuesdays @ 9:30am. Contact: Van Runals (757-362-8215). Meets on Fridays from 6:30-7:20am. Contact: Melissa Jackson (757-377-8788).

Circle of Hope (Sisters Supporting Sisters): Meets the first & third Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Contact: Wanda McKenzie (757-618-4165).

2026 Women's Conference: Join us Saturday, 2/21 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Register using the QR code or at hopepca.com/women. It is a \$30 registration fee which includes lunch (and childcare with reservation). This year's theme is "Christ, Our Anchor in Every Storm" and our speaker is Nana Dolce.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery & Nursing Mothers: Available for ages 0-3. A nursing mother's room is in the room to the right of the kitchen (Room 3).

Children's Church: Available weekly for ages 4-Kindergarten, with the exception of the 4th Sunday (in observance of the Lord's Supper).

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School: Join us as we study the book, Radically Different, by Champ Thornton; meet on the back couches (in front of the nursery entrance).

Youth Group: Join us the first Wednesday of each month for dinner and fellowship from 5:15-7:15pm at the Mueller's home: 15088 Yarmouth Court Carrollton, VA.

Middle School Retreat: 3/13-14 - Join other middle school youth groups in the Tidewater Presbytery for an overnight retreat at Triple R Ranch in Chesapeake, VA! Together, we will explore our personal relationships with Jesus through the parables. Register by 2/16!

Contact Laura Mueller (lbmueller23@gmail.com) or Tyler Mueller (tylermueller13@gmail.com) with any questions regarding participating or serving in the Middle & High School Youth Ministry.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Bart LoPresti: Pray for Bart's continued recovery from hamstring surgery.

Max Stephens: Please pray for Max as he recovers from heart surgery. Pray for his wife, Jane, as she cares for him during this time.

Phyllis Edwards (Hannah Wingfield's mother): Please pray for her spinal surgery recovery to continue to relieve nerve pain in her right leg.

Maurer Family: Please pray for comfort in the sudden passing of Jen's sister.

EXPECTANT FAMILIES & NEW BABIES

Pray for safe pregnancies and praise God for new life!

Brandon & Lynsie Tedrow: Baby due in March

Heston & Mandy Atkinson: Baby due in April

John & Laura Wakely: Baby due in April

Tyler & Laura Mueller: Baby due in May

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