

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

- 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

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*GATHERING SONG

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

**Congregation is standing.*

He Calls Me Friend

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Harrison Druery & Michael Farren © 2023 City Alight (Integrity Music)

I have a friend, a faithful friend, and Jesus is His name
He will not leave. He stands by me. My Shepherd He remains

I have a friend, a mighty friend, and Jesus is His name
I shall not fear, He holds me near. His strength will keep me safe

**His name is true King, Lord of creation, Ruler without end
I call Him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!**

I have a friend, the kindest friend, and Jesus is His name
He hears my cry, by day or night and wipes my tears away

**His name is true King, Lord of creation, Ruler without end
I call Him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend!**

I have a friend, a Saviour friend, and Jesus is His name
He fought for me on Calvary and trampled on the grave!

**His name is true King, Lord of creation, Ruler without end
I call Him hope, peace, wonderful Saviour
And what joy that Jesus calls me friend! (Chorus x2)**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 36:5-10

Leader: Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.

**People: Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.**

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

**All: Continue your love to those who know you,
your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gloria Patri

Words, Anonymous 4th Century. Music, Henry W Greatorex, 1800s

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end
Amen, Amen

Before the Throne of God Above

Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook. © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood
My life is sealed with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed to make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious love
And poured on my His glorious love

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

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Yet Not I, But Christ Through Me

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer?
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine,"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold: My sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free,"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With ev-'ry breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
*To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat,
"Yet not I but through Christ in me." (x3)

52. Q. How does Christ's return "to judge the living and the dead" comfort you?

A. In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine He will condemn to everlasting punishment: but me and all His chosen ones He will take along with Him into the joy and the glory of heaven.

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.

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.

The Goodness of the Lord (Lamentations 3)

Word and Music by Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach © 2017 Wendell Kimbrough and Paul Zach Publishing

His affection never wearies, and His mercy never ends
He reminds me every morning, "I am still your faithful friend."
He is good to those who seek Him. I will wait for Him to bless
And the Lord will be my portion in the empty wilderness

**In the goodness of the Lord, in the goodness of the Lord
I will wait for Him and set my hope in the goodness of the Lord**

“When I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong”

1. Pain, Suffering and Weakness are Real

2. Pain, Suffering and Weakness are Providential

3. Pain, Suffering and Weakness are Redemptive

*SONG OF RESPONSE

The Power of the Cross

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Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day. Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood

**This the pow’r of the cross. Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross**

Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev’ry bitter thought, ev’ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow **(Chorus)**

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. “Finished!” the vict’ry cry **(Chorus)**

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suff’ring I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through Your selfless love!

**This the pow’r of the cross. Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost. We stand forgiven at the cross**

*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

Seder Supper: Join us on 3/28 from 4:30-7pm as part of your family preparation for Easter this year. Join us for a Christian celebration of the Jewish Passover that highlights its significance and fulfillment in the Lord's Supper and His death. Hope will provide the main dish, please bring a side or dessert. Sign up in the Narthex.

Updated Hope Directory: Hope has implemented a user-friendly phone app for our member directory! There is a flyer in the Narthex that details how to download the app & access the directory. Please utilize this tool if you have not yet done so!

Spring Sunday School: Our new Sunday School semester has started. There are two adult classes offered: *'Exodus (Part 2)'* taught by Blake Wingfield; and *'Work: It's Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation'* taught by Chris Howell. There are also nursery, children 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!

Good Friday & Easter Services: Our Good Friday service will be held Friday, 4/3 @ 6pm. We will have two Easter services on Sunday, 4/5 at 9am & 11am. Make plans to join us as we worship the resurrected King.

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).

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.

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.

EXPECTANT FAMILIES & NEW BABIES

Pray for safe pregnancies and praise God for new life!

Brandon & Lysie Tedrow: Baby due in March

Heston & Mandy Atkinson: Baby due in April

John & Laura Wakeley: Baby due in April

Tyler & Laura Mueller: Baby due in May

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