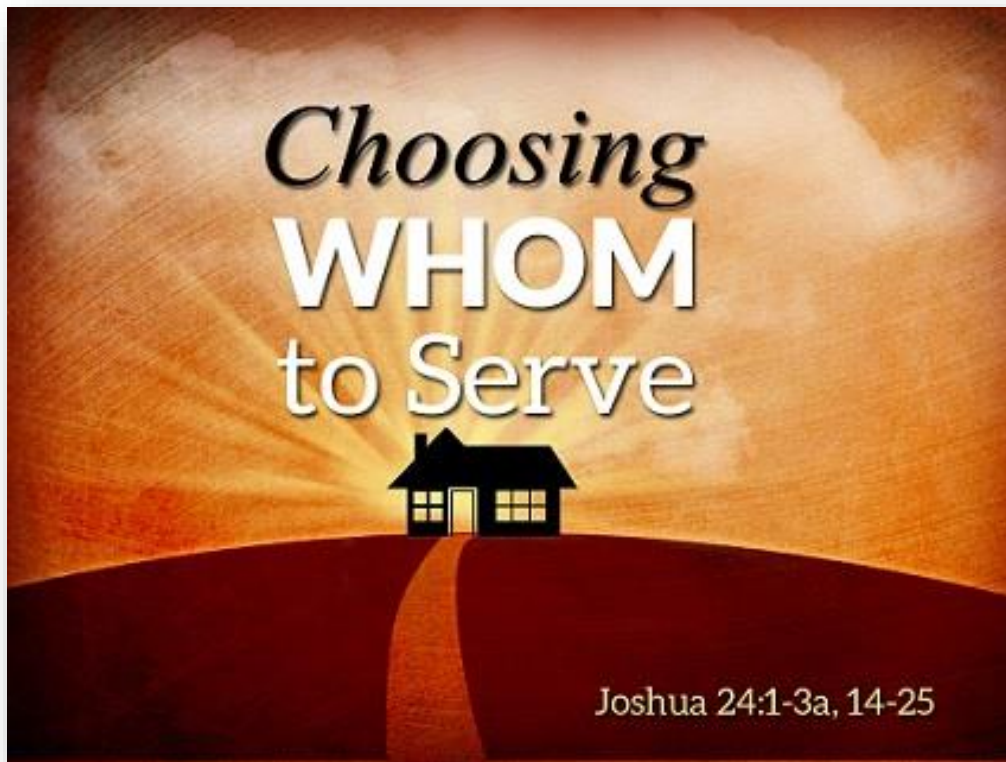


Hopewell United Methodist Church



Rev. Donald R. Brown, pastor

November 08, 2020

First Time Guest?

Text your name to 864-630-0164 to be contacted and greeted by our pastor during the week.

Church Calendar

Want to know what's going on at Hopewell?

Check out the calendar and announcements on the church webpage.

CONTACT US

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS!

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

We are glad to have the opportunity to worship with you today!

The Welcome and Announcements

The Song of Centering

The Morning Prayer

The Song of Praise

The Prayer of Illumination

***The Reading of Scripture**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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The Tribes Renew the Covenant

24 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 14 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' ²¹And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' ²²Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' ²³He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' ²⁴The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Song of Preparation

The Message

“Serving the Lord???”

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The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic (*universal*) church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Recognition of Veterans

The Pastoral Prayer and 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Song of Celebration

***The Benediction**

***The Music of Sending Forth**

Prayer Requests

Moye Family (new baby and Covid); Bettie Kronberg; Brenda Bouchillon, death in family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Church

The next gathering of Children's Church will be NEXT Sunday, November 15th. Children's Church will be held once each month. All children K3- 5th grade are invited to Children's Church in the pavilion at the playground during the morning worship service. Please go straight to the playground when you arrive for church. Children are encouraged but not required to wear masks. Stay tuned for the monthly announcement of future dates. We cannot wait to see you all and have fun growing in our faith!

Two Ways to Participate in Worship

The church council has approved the following plan submitted by the worship committee for worship services **beginning November 1st**.

Worship Options: You may either choose to continue worshipping outside at the arbor or you may gather inside the sanctuary to watch the live Facebook feed of the worship service.

NOTE: *The pastor will be leading the worship service from the arbor outside.*

Seating: The worship held in the sanctuary will be by reserved seating as the chairs have been positioned to observe social distancing.

Reservations: To make a reservation to worship inside please contact the church office. Those choosing to worship outside may simply show up as usual.

Volunteers Needed to Operate the Sound & Video System for Services

We are in urgent need of volunteers to learn and operate the sound and video systems in our sanctuary during Sunday morning worship. Please contact Beth Lowe or the pastor for more information or to volunteer.

Update on James Monroe Mission House

JMMH is an ongoing mission opportunity that Hopewell has chosen to support. Please join with other members in supporting this important ministry to our community by checking the church website for items needed and donating what you can. You may bring your donations to church each Sunday and place them in the basket near the JMMH display table. Thank you for your continued support, for this important mission.

Prayer Requests

We encourage you to submit prayer requests on the church website using the "Prayer" tab.

www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com.

You may also call or text your prayer requests to Pastor Don directly at (864)630-0164.

Please note that prayer requests expire after two weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, 11/08	10:30 am	Worship
Mon, 11/09	10:00 am	Staff Meeting
	6:00 pm	District Committee on Church Location and Building – Entire Bldg. Reserved
Tues, 11/10	5:30 pm	Ukulele Club – Will meet in the Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Worship Committee
Wed, 11/11		Veterans Day
	9:30 am	Learning Center Chapel
	10:10 am	Weekly Church wide Prayer Time
	5:30 pm	Women’s Bible Study Group
Thur, 11/12	10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study Group