

HOPE CHURCH



Naboth in his Vineyard, James Smetham, 1856

October 18, 2026



Your children are welcome to join us in Worship! They are a valued part of our community and we expect wiggles and little voices (joyful or not).

Reflections

“Because, if we do not [trust in God himself], we shall be relying on human beings. And that is going to let us down. The best of them will make mistakes; all of them will die ... never, never pin your whole faith on any human being; not if he is the best and wisest in the whole world. There are lots of nice things you can do with sand; but do not try building a house on it.”

CS Lewis

“Our authority is the God who has spoken supremely in Jesus Christ. And that is equally true of redemption or salvation. God has acted in and through Jesus Christ for the salvation of sinners. . . . [W]hat God has said in Christ and in the biblical witness to Christ, and what God has done in and through Christ, are both, to use the Greek word, *hapax*—meaning once and for all. There is a finality about God’s word in Christ, and there is a finality about God’s work in Christ. To imagine that we could add a word to his word, or add a work to his work, is extremely derogatory to the unique glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

John Stott

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Hebrews 13: 7-8

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”

2 Corinthians 4:5

Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father, rule my life in ev'rything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing - this is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"The Lord goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

**I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy.

What god is great like our God?

You are the God who works wonders;

you have made known your might among the peoples.

From Deuteronomy 31, Hebrews 13, Psalm 77

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, forever. Amen.

*Visitors, let us
know you are
here by this out
and joining us at
the back
after worship.*



*For responsive
readings, the
leader reads the
standard text
and we join in
reading the bold*

GATHERING SONG

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, The King of creation!
Oh my soul, praise him, For he is
thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
who will prosper Thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and
mercy Shall daily attend thee;
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends thee!

Praise to the Lord!
Oh let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
Come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen" Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

PRAISE SONG

God With Us (Ilam)

Oh You've come to bring peace to be love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our redemption
God with us
You are God with us

Oh You've come to be hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame

And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you came down from heaven and taught us how to love you and your world. When you returned to heaven to reign in glory, you commanded us to go and do as you did, sending us your Spirit as the guarantee of our inheritance. Yet we so often find ourselves staring up at the sky instead of looking at the needs of those around us and responding to your call to go and serve. We despair when we fail to see you at work in the world and in our own hearts. Forgive us, Lord, for our inaction, for our disregard for your commands, and for our lack of faith. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:33-35, 37

RENEWAL SONG

Be Thou My Vision

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.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Church Events



Full list on p. 13

Children ages 3
years through
Kindergarten
dismissed

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, 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 heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (8:30am) **Merritt Lynne Daly**

Jesus Loves You (8:30am)

Jesus loves you, this we know
For the Bible tells us so
Little ones to Him belong
We are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you,
Yes, Jesus loves you,
Yes, Jesus loves you,
The Bible tells us so.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

LIFE TOGETHER

CHILDREN DISMISSED

PREACHING OF THE WORD

"The Trustworthy God of Elijah"

David Speakman

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me

to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁵Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.”

2 Kings 2:1-15

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Your Word (Isaiah 55)

Your Word will do
What you sent it to do
Your Word has overcome
Your Word is true,
And it's taking root
Making all things new in us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Establish the Work of Our Hands

If You don't build it we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

O Lord establish the work of our hands
O Lord establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Prayer Form



Online Giving



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

COMMUNION

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 to give him thanks and praise.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION SONG

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

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 labour 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 every 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

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 Yet not I but through Christ in me
 Yet not I but through Christ in me

SENDING

SENDING SONG

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
 and cast a wishful eye
 To Canaan's fair and happy land
 where my possessions lie.

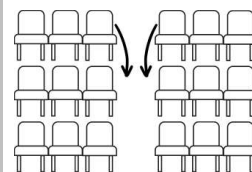
All o'er those wide extended plains
 shines one eternal day;
 There, God the Son forever reigns
 and scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound)
 I am bound (I am bound)
 I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
 can reach that healthful shore;
 Sickness and sorrow, pain and death
 are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place
 and be forever blest?
 When shall I see my Father's face
 and in His bosom rest?

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS



We invite those seated furthest away from the pulpit to come to the table first.



Wine is the darker liquid and grape juice is the lighter liquid.



Young children who have made a profession of faith may partake in the Lord's Supper when they have met with and been approved by the Session.



There are example prayers in the back of the bulletin if you choose to spend this time in prayer and reflection.

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

PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Please fill out the prayer card under the seat in front of you and drop it in the offering basket, or you may scan the QR code for our online prayer card.

LIFE TOGETHER

HOPE FOR THE CITY

Mt. Tabor HS Student Hygiene Products Drive: See Looking Up for specifics.

Prayer Walk - Nov 14 9am: Register for free now in Looking Up.

World Relief Triad TESOL Training - Multiple dates: See Looking Up/Church Center.

Christmas for the City Volunteers Needed - Dec 19: Register now.

CHURCH LIFE

Update Directory Info: See Looking Up for info

Adult Sunday School: Hope Explored (October), and 2nd Samuel (Fall).

Fall Fest - Today 5-7pm: Dinner | Games | Live Music.

Women's Gathering Hour - Oct 26 7:30pm: Easytalk.

Pickleball League - 28 7-8:30pm (newbies); Oct 31 9-11am (all skills)..

Thanksgiving Worship - Nov 1 6:30pm: A brief service with refreshments to follow.

Men's Meetup - Nov 5 12pm: Meet at downtown Yamas.

2027 Save the Dates: *Men's Retreat* - Feb 26-28. *Ecuador Missions Trip*: July 15-24.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Communicants' Class - Nov 6-7: 4th - 5th graders can register now.

Save the Dates: *Edge* (MS) Jun 19-23. *RYM* (HS) Jul 5-9. *Great Wolf* (MS) Feb 19-20.

Kids Connection - *October Verses* - Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Matthew 5

For fuller information
or to register:



Ready to Serve? Take our
Ministry Match survey!



Sign up for our
email newsletter



As of Oct 13	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$1,037,534	\$1,078,122	-\$40,589	-3.76%
Expense	\$1,202,439	\$1,230,256	-\$27,817	-2.26%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$164,905	-\$152,134		

Annual Ministry Budget: \$1,558,309

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE UPDATE

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received Beyond Commitments	Total Funds Received to Date
\$9.4 million	\$5,243,302	\$774,325	\$4,938,875

LEADERSHIP

Deacons

Michael Mitchell	Ben ZumMallen	Nick Hansell (Sabbatical)
Tim Musser	Charles Ashton (Sabbatical)	Ernie Hobbs (Sabbatical)
Phil Nichols	Dick Erali (On Leave)	David Orris (On Leave)
Jim Scarlett	Mark Evans (Sabbatical)	John Reed (On Leave)

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Brett Anderson	John Lenham	Jeff Trollinger
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Contact information for our Elders, along with profiles for all of our leadership can be found at hopechurchws.org/leadership.

WELCOME

We would love to meet you after the service. If we do not get the opportunity to seek you out, please join us at the Welcome area in the back of the sanctuary.

OUR VISION

As Hope Presbyterian Church, we long for every person to receive and thrive in the **embrace** of the Father, to be **equipped** as disciples of the Son, and to **engage** the world by the power of the Spirit.

OUR MISSION

As a fellowship of broken-yet-redeemed believers, we invite our community in and around Winston-Salem to experience with us **true hope for real life** through the good news of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

NEXT STEPS

Want to learn more about Hope? You can read all about us, including our next membership class, on our website: hopechurchws.org. Complete a Connection Card below and one of our staff will reach out to you. We'd love to grab lunch or coffee and get to know you!

