

HOPE CHURCH



Prophet Elijah and the Widow of Sarepta, Bernardo Strozzi, (1630s).

October 25, 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

“Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.”

Psalm 68:5

“Forgiveness remits our debts and cancels our liability to punishment; justification bestows on us a righteous standing before God.”

John Stott

“A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior’s obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view.”

Augustus Toplady

“O Lord, you who own the cattle on a thousand hills, preserve us from living in an economy of scarcity where nothing and no one is good enough, causing us to live stingy and self-absorbed lives. Fill our hearts instead with your abundant life, so that we may be generous-spirited in all that we do and with everyone whom we meet. In the name of the One who makes more than enough.”

“A Prayer for Being Generous-Spirited” by David O. Taylor

Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God of My Life, to Thee I Call

God of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail
Leave not my trembling heart to fail.

Poor though I am, despised, forgot
Yet God my God forgets me not;
And He is safe and must succeed
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Friend of the friendless and the faint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor!

That were a grief I could not bear,
Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer;
But a prayer hearing, answering God
Supports me under every load.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

**his name is the Lord;
exult before him!**

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

**God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

Cast your burden on the Lord,
and he will sustain you;
**he will never permit
the righteous to be moved.**

from Psalm 68, Psalm 55

*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*

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.

GATHERING SONG

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood
Or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home.

PRAISE SONG

Who Is Like the Lord Our God?

Our Father, He lifts from the ashes
He raises the poor and the lost;
He seats them to dine at his table,
To feast without money or cost.
The lonely he settles in families
The barren, a mother he makes;
O happy the heart of the stranger
Who's welcomed by this King of Grace.

Who is like the LORD our God?
Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell
Who is like our God?

Though equal to God in His glory,
Christ Jesus became like a slave;
He humbled himself in obedience
To Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.
Victorious, he rose to the highest;
In glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted;
The heavens and earth sing His praise

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior
And count all your righteousness lost.
Be found in his love and his favor,
And share in his death on the cross.
That all of his power in victory,
Imparted to you, may abound;
And sharing the suff'rings of Jesus,
You share in his glory and crown

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father,
We confess that we are slow to accept the abundance of your grace and the extravagance of your love. We prefer to rely on our own sufficiency, to hope in our obedience and ability, and only feel worthy before you when our performance is good. We know that you hear the cries of the needy and delight to provide healing, comfort, and welcome for the sick, the downtrodden, the outcast, but we are reluctant to admit our neediness. Forgive these and all our sins. Help us to see ourselves as you see us: Your children in whom you delight through your son, Jesus. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11

RENEWAL SONG

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior,
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favor,
All is well
Precious is the blood that healed us
Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation,
All is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Yes in living or in dying
All must be well

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LIFE TOGETHER

CHILDREN DISMISSED

Church Events



Full list on p. 13

*Children ages 3
years through
4th grade dis-
missed*

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“What Melts God’s Heart, Opens His Hands, and Drives His Purposes?”

David Speakman

¹ Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.” ² And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?” And she said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.” ³ Then he said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. ⁴ Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.” ⁵ So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured they brought the vessels to her. ⁶ When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another.” Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest.”

2 Kings 4:1-7

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

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

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

Bring It to the Altar

Bring it to the altar
Lay it on the stone
Every sorrow and every joy
Bring it to the altar
Don't leave it at the door
Whatever you carry
Come and give it to the Lord
Come and give it to the Lord

Come now, His hands are open
Bring your harvest with a song
Tell the story of his goodness
Come remember what he's done

Come now, His hands are open
Bring your ashes and your tears
All your troubles, every burden
May you find your comfort here

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!

Prayer Form



Online Giving



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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom

SENDING

SENDING SONG

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

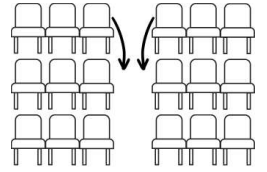
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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

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.

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.
World Relief Triad TESOL Training - Multiple dates: See Looking Up/Church Center.
Christmas for the City Volunteers Needed - Dec 19: Register now.

CHURCH LIFE

Children's Ministry Assistant Position: Contact Lisa Applegate if interested.
Update Directory Info: See Looking Up for info
Adult Sunday School: Rhythms and Rest (Oct 25-Nov 8) | 2nd Samuel (Fall).
Women's Gathering Hour - Oct 26 7:30pm: Easytalk.
Pickleball League - Oct 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.
Ecuador Interest Meeting - Nov 15 10am: Adults and youth 14+ can join us in Rm 209.
Hope to See You at Dinner - Nov 12-21: Register to host or attend by Nov 6.
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 20	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$1,052,613	\$1,101,458	-\$48,845	-4.43%
Expense	\$1,273,401	\$1,258,056	\$15,345	1.22%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$220,788	-\$156,598		

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	\$774,597	\$4,941,834

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)

Elders

Brett Anderson	John Lenham	Jeff Trollinger
Nathan Beam	Taylor McDaniel	Blair Whitworth
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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!

