



Naboth in his Vineyard, James Smetham, 1856

October 11, 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

"If I told you what I was
Would you turn your back on me?
And if I seemed dangerous
Would you be scared?
I get the feeling just because
Everything I touch isn't dark enough
That this problem lies in me"

Imagine Dragons, "Monster"

"We want to believe ordinary people can't do monstrous things—that only the truly evil ones do things like that. But when we see the monsters, we see that they're like us. They're ordinary. If they are capable, we are capable. Historically, we want to believe that ordinary people are all right, but the Bible tells us that at the heart of the ordinary is a monster."

Tim Keller, *What Is Wrong with the World?*

"My Aunt May taught me that everyone deserves a second chance. And that's why I'm here."

Peter Parker, *Spider-Man: No Way Home*

"Grace excels sin in its measure and efficacy. Though your sins are many, mercy hath many pardons. Though they excel the stars, the sands, the drops of dew in their number, one act of remission can cancel all. Your iniquity, though a mountain, shall be cast into the midst of the sea. Your blackness shall be washed out by the cleansing flood of your Redeemer's [blood].... Oh, hellish sinners, abandoned profligates, off-casts of society, outcasts from the company of sinners themselves: if ye acknowledge your iniquity, here is mercy—broad, ample, free, immense, infinite."

Charles Spurgeon, "Law and Grace"

Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Return, O faithless sons;
I will heal your faithlessness."

**"Behold, we come to you,
for you are the Lord our God.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!**

*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*

Refrain from anger, and for
sake wrath!

Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.

For the evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

from Jeremiah 3, Psalm 37

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

PRAISE SONG

Rising Sun (Ilam)

Praise Him all you sinners
Sing oh sing you weary
Oh praise Him all you children of God

We lift high His glory
Shown throughout our stories
We praise Him as the children of God

Our great Redeemer glorious Savior
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Light of the morning You shine forever
Your Name is higher than the rising sun
Your Name is higher than the rising sun

Praise His Name forever
Speak it loud and clear now
Oh praise Him all you children of God

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:20-23

RENEWAL SONG

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (8:30am)

George Thomas Watts

Miller Elaine Watts

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

“You’ll Never Out-Sin the Coverage of God’s Mercy”

Ethan Smith

¹Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ²And after this Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.” ³But Naboth said to Ahab, “The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” ⁴And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food.

⁵But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, “Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?” ⁶And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’ And he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” ⁷And Jezebel his wife said to him, “Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the

Church Events



Full list on p. 13

Children ages
3 years - 4th
grade dismissed
(early service),
Children age 3
year through
Kindergarten
(late service)

Jezreelite.”

⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. ⁹ And she wrote in the letters, “Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people.” ¹⁰ And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, ‘You have cursed God and the king.’ Then take him out and stone him to death.” ¹¹ And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, ¹² they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. ¹³ And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, “Naboth cursed God and the king.” So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. ¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned; he is dead.”

¹⁵ As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, “Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead.” ¹⁶ And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

¹⁷ Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ¹⁸ “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession.” ¹⁹ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Have you killed and also taken possession?”’ And you shall say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: “In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood.”’”

²⁰ Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” He answered, “I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the Lord.” ²¹ Behold, I will bring disaster upon you. I will utterly burn you up, and will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. ²² And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the anger to which you have provoked me, and because you have made Israel to sin. ²³ And of Jezebel the Lord also said, ‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel within the walls of Jezreel.’ ²⁴ Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat.”

²⁵ (There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. ²⁶ He acted very

²⁷ And when Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went about dejectedly. ²⁸ And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹ “Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son’s days I will bring the disaster upon his house.”

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

Sermon Notes

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend 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

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

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

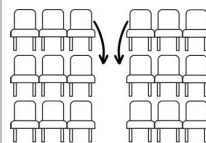
Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured—
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater—yes, grace untold—
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross.

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.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
All who are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

SENDING

SENDING SONG

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Your labor is not in vain
Though the ground underneath you
Is cursed and stained
Your planting and reaping are never the same
But your labor is not in vain

Your labor is not unknown
Though the rocks they cry out
And the sea it may groan
The place of your toil may not seem like a home
But your labor is not unknown

For I am with you I am with you
I am with you I am with you
For I have called you
Called you by name
Your labor is not in vain

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth
For all that is old will at last be made new
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit

The houses you labored to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed
And all that is broken be healed

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.

YoungLives: Childcare is needed on Monday nights. See Looking Up for signup.

CHURCH LIFE

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

Fall Fest - Oct 18 5-7pm: Dinner | Games | Live Music.

Pickleball League - Oct 14 7-8:30pm and 31 9-11am (all skills); 28 7-8:30pm (newbies).

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

Update Directory Info: See Looking Up for info.

Ecuador Missions Trip 2027: Save the date for July 15-24.

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Youth Service Project - Today 4:30-7pm: Register now.

Mystery Dinner - Oct 16 6:15-8pm: HS serving MS. Register now!

Kids Praise - 2nd & 4th Sundays 4:30-5:30pm: 3rd-5th Grade.

Save the Dates: Edge (MS) June 19-23. RYM (HS) July 5-9 (Florida).

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 6	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$1,010,121	\$1,054,787	-\$44,666	-4.23%
Expense	\$1,192,916	\$1,202,457	-\$9,541	-0.79%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$182,795	-\$147,670		

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	\$772,924	\$4,933,458

LEADERSHIP

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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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Nathan Beam	Taylor McDaniel	Blair Whitworth
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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!

