

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

March 29, 2026



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY (MAR 29)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: This Sunday at **9:30AM** we continue studying New Testament letters to the churches.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to share in a meal and fellowship with us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 15 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Mar 31) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**: Next **Friday** (Apr 3) at **7:00PM**.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **EASTER SUNDAY**: NO Sunday School on **April 5**. Instead, we will be having our annual **breakfast** at **9:00AM**, prepared by our men.
- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**: On Saturday, **April 11** at **8:00AM**.

COMING UP

- **QUARTERLY WIC MEETING**: The April women's meeting is being **MOVED** to Sunday, **April 12** during lunch.
- **PACIFIC NORTHWEST PRESBYTERY**: The next meeting will be held here at Hope on Thursday and Friday **May 21 & 22**. We will need volunteers to help in various ways.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

from [Matthew 11:28-30](#)

SONGS OF PRAISE

[“Gloria Patri”](#)

#734

**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.**

[“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”](#) (Ps. 100)

#1

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**The Lord ye know is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[Exodus 33:1–6](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Righteous and sovereign Lord God, we know that our lives are in your hands, and that you govern all our ways. We confess our stubbornness and hard-heartedness, so obvious in the ways we sin against you. We do so in our thoughts, our words, our actions. In our fallen flesh we perversely rebel against you, our sins acts of treachery and unbelief. We deserve your judgment and punishment. For the sake of Jesus our Savior soften, O Father, our stiff necks and hard hearts. Turn our hearts and minds to Christ Jesus and to his merciful and gracious saving work for us. Assure us of your forgiveness of our sins, that we might walk in the new life of joy, peace, and rest. We thank you and praise you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSON OF SIN

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[1 Peter 3:18](#)

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat
and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Scripture Statements of Faith

The LORD our God, the LORD is one [Deut 6:4]. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God [Matt 16:16]. He has the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that He is the Holy One of God [John 6:68–69].

And this is of first importance, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures [1 Cor 15:3–7].

This Jesus who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father [Phil 2:6–11].

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory [1 Tim 3:16].

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

“Be Still, My Soul”

#689 (verses 1–2)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev’ry change he faithful will remain.**
**Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.**
**Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.**
**Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

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PRAYER

Mauritania (prayercast.com): Made up entirely of the Sahara desert and bordering the Senegal River, Mauritania comes from the Latin word “Mauretania”, which means “west.” The African nation was founded to create an alliance between France and the Arab-Berber theocracy and to connect French black West African colonies with Algeria in the north. Mauritania became independent from France in 1960 and is now a multi-party democracy under the 2006 constitution.

Mauritania has many rich fishing zones along the Atlantic coast, but the nation is not self-sufficient. It is both one of the least industrialized nations and one of the largest recipients of foreign aid in the world, though the recent discovery of oil may, in time, bring wealth to the nation. As the last nation in the world to abolish slavery in 1981, an estimated 10–20% of the population still lives in bondage, a fact the Mauritanian government vehemently denies. Criminal punishment has only been legal since 2007, and anti-slavery activists and others who try to expose the ongoing issue have been jailed and tortured to silence them. The lighter-skinned Arabs (White Moors) are generally slave owners, while the darker-skinned Arabs (or Black Moors) are the slaves.

Mauritania is an Islamic Republic, and the Mauritanian constitution states Islam is the religion of the people and the state. 99% of the population is Muslim; Mauritanians believe they are the most Islamic state on the continent and that their mission is to spread Islam throughout black Africa. There are laws against preaching the Gospel, and the vast majority are unreached. The Black Moors and the nomads are among the hardest to reach with the Gospel. Believers in Mauritania are few and far between and have been persecuted and ostracized by both their families and tribes. This small remnant (0.25% of the population) needs courage to continue to stand up for their beliefs.

- Pray for perseverance for secret believers in their faith and witness.
- Pray for protection for women and girls amid child marriage, violence, and abuse.
- Pray for Mauritanian leaders to experience the saving grace of Jesus.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT

[Hebrews 4:1-11](#)

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
“They shall not enter my rest,””

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

SERMON

"Rest for the Restless"

**My faith has found a resting place,
from guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
his wounds for me shall plead.**

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.*

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,
this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul I come to him,
he'll never cast me out.**

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.*

**My heart is leaning on the Word,
the written Word of God,
salvation by my Savior's name,
salvation thro' his blood.**

*I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.*

**My great Physician heals the sick,
the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood He shed,
for me his life he gave.**

***I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died,
and that he died for me.***

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE HOLD ELEMENTS UNTIL ALL ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"Be Still, My Soul"

#689 (verses 1, 3–4)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.**

**Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.**

**Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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"Doxology"

#733

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

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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21

"May the Peace of God"

Songbook

**May the peace of God our Heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.**

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 31:15–24
(TH page 795)

HYMN

“O God Eternal, You Are My God!”

TH #663

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 22

NT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 5

PRAYERS

SERMON

Colossians 2:11–12

“In Him You Were Circumcised”

(see WCF 27.5, TH page 864)

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SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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