

HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 12, 2026



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

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** Men of all ages are welcome to join us for breakfast and fellowship this **Saturday (Apr 11) at 8:00AM.**

THIS SUNDAY

- **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.
- **QUARTERLY WIC MEETING:** The April women's meeting will take place during lunch this Sunday.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE:** Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 13 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

NEXT WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY:** We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday (Apr 14) at 7:00PM.** Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MONTHLY SESSION MEETING:** Next **Wednesday (Apr 15) at 6:00PM** in the church library. All are welcome to attend.

COMING UP

- **GUEST PREACHER:** On Sunday, **April 26**, Mackenzie Boudreaux will be preaching at Hope. Mackenzie is in his last semester at Westminster Seminary California and is a native of the Northwest.
- **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 [*Psalm 85:8-11*](#)

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.**

[*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*](#)

#302

**Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
*Alleluia! Amen!***

**He is our Guide and Friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end.
*Alleluia! Amen!***

**Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
*Alleluia! Amen!***

**On heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
*"Alleluia! Amen!"***

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

[1 Peter 1:13-16](#)

CONFESSING OUR SIN

O Lord God, who in love sent to us your son Jesus, our risen Savior, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have tried to live by our own strength, and not in remembrance of, and in the power of Christ's resurrection. We have lived by our own sight, faithless and not believing. We have been complacent in our faith, opening the door to sins of sensuality, sinful passions, and lawless idolatry. In your mercy, our gracious Father, forgive us, and restore us in Christ Jesus. 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.**

**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 ev'ry 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 pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand:
till He returns or calls me home —
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VI.1-3

Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof

- 1. Our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to his wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to his own glory.**
- 2. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body.**
- 3. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation.**

SCRIPTURE READING

[1 Peter 1:17-25](#)

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown

before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

“How Firm a Foundation”

#94 (verses 1–3)

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

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PRAYER

[Mexico \(prayercast.com\)](http://prayercast.com): Mexico is a unique combination of ancient indigenous traditions and thriving modern cities. Handcrafted works of art, picturesque beaches, and the temple-pyramids of ancient empires all make this nation truly remarkable in its cultural and natural beauty. Known for their strong national and regional pride as well as familial bonds, the Mexican people are a diverse mix of Amerindian, Mestizo, and European descent. The same diversity is evident among the breathtaking plateaus, lush rainforests, vast mountain ranges, and picturesque plains that make Mexico a top tourist destination.

Even with a reformed and growing free-market economy and developing middle class, the nation faces serious concerns with wide socio-economic disparity, poor job conditions for over half its workers, and high underemployment. Years of political conflicts, rampant corruption, and marginalization of Amerindian peoples continue to hold Mexico in bondage. This is the second-most violent country in the world, with one of the highest kidnapping rates. Drug trafficking cartels and the resulting gang violence have left tens of thousands dead, with over 20,000 homicides in 2016 alone. Fear and police corruption have hindered any lasting solutions. Neglected rural areas, massive urban shanty towns, and rampant poverty present huge social challenges. In addition, thousands of mainly Central American refugees flee north through Mexico in the hope of crossing into the United States. Natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes have killed thousands. Over 15,000 children (often known as “rat children”) live in deplorable conditions on the streets and in the sewers of Mexico City. To cope, many inhale a harmful solvent that numbs their pain and helps them forget. It is also estimated that 14% of the adult population suffers from diabetes, the leading cause of death in Mexico.

95% of Mexicans identify as Christian. Many are cultural Catholics and blend Christianity with traditional pagan beliefs. There remains a great need for this Christian majority to replace cultural faith with a vibrant and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Although Protestantism is increasingly accepted (about 8% are evangelical), they have faced widespread persecution and violence from organized crime, corrupt officials, and even their own families. This is particularly prevalent in southern states such as Chiapas, Oaxaca, and Guerrero when individuals refuse to participate in pagan rituals. Even so, the Evangelical Church is growing and stands in great need of discipleship, sound Biblical doctrine, and strong Christian leadership.

- Pray for churches to be united in making disciples among all people groups.
- Pray for freedom from corruption, drug trafficking, and ancient spiritual strongholds.
- Pray for God to provide community and security for migrant workers and their families.

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 4:12-16](#)

¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

SERMON

“Exposed to the Piercing Sword of the Word”

GRATEFUL PRAISE

[“Break Thou the Bread of Life”](#)

#146

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
throughout the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All in all.**

**Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
thy holy Word the truth that saveth me;
give me to eat and live with thee above;
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.**

**O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
that he may touch mine eyes, and make me see:
show me the truth concealed within thy Word,
and in thy Book revealed I see the Lord.**

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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

"How Firm a Foundation"

#94 (verses 1, 4–6)

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**"E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”**

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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 32

(TH page 795–796)

HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

TH #415

OT SCRIPTURE READING

[Numbers 23](#)

NT SCRIPTURE READING

[1 Corinthians 6](#)

PRAYERS

SERMON

[Galatians 3:27–28](#)

“Baptized into Christ”


(see WCF 28.1, TH page 864–5)

SONGS BY REQUEST


CLOSING PRAYER



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