HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

November 22, 2026

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

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: Join us at **9:30AM** before the worship service: youth downstairs and adults upstairs.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** During lunchtime after the worship service.

THIS COMING WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (Nov 24) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person (in the upstairs classroom) or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **HOPE YOUNG ADULTS**: We meet every other Thursday, but will NOT be meeting next week because of Thanksgiving.
- **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION:** Please join us next **Thursday** (Nov 26) at **2:00pm** at Hope. We will provide the main dish(es) and have a sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK

- **HANGING OF THE GREENS**: Our annual church decorating event will take place on Saturday, **November 28** at **9:00AM**. Everyone is welcome to come help as we deck the foyer and fellowship hall for Christmas (no experience needed, just a cheerful spirit and willing hands).

COMING UP

- **CHRISTMAS RIP-OFF**: Join us for a beloved annual tradition: the Craig Vick Memorial Christmas Rip-Off on Saturday, **December 19**. The evening kicks off at **6:00PM** with tasty finger foods, followed by our hilariously unpredictable "rip-off" gift exchange. To play, bring a wrapped gift valued at $15 or less — and brace yourself for the very real possibility that your present might be snatched away! Family and friends are very welcome, so come ready for laughter, mischief, and plenty of holiday cheer.

MORNING WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

MINISTER: Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father and our Creator, from Christ Jesus our Lord and our Savior, and from the Holy Spirit our Helper and our Comforter.

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 147:1–7*

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" (Psalm 95) *#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

Exodus 20:1–17

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy Triune God, we praise you for you are everlasting and perfectly holy. We come and confess today that we have fallen far short of your righteous requirements contained in your law. Your law is good, oh Lord, and we are not, for we break your commandments each day in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us our sins, on account of Christ's shed blood, and renew us by your Spirit that we would more and more die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

SILENT CONFESSION 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

Psalm 103:8–12

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*" *#679*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise;
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
just in simple faith to plunge me
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

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WE CONFES S OUR FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 12: Of Adoption

All those that are justified God granted, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption; by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have his name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; are enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by him as by a father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:3–9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born
again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven
for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through

faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, [9] obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

"O Jehovah, Hear My Words" (Psalm 5) *#51 (verses 1–3)*

O Jehovah, hear my words,
to my thoughts attentive be;
hear my cry, my King, my God,
I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light, O Lord,
thou shalt hear my voice arise,
and expectant I will bring
prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God
who delightest not in sin;
evil shall not dwell with thee,
nor the proud thy favor win.
Evil-doers thou dost hate,
lying tongues thou wilt defeat;
God abhors the man who loves
violence and base deceit.

In the fulness of thy grace
to thy house I will repair;
bowing toward thy holy place,
in thy fear to worship there.

Lead me in thy righteousness,
let my foes assail in vain;
lest my feet be turned aside,
make thy way before me plain.

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PRAYER

Romania (prayercast.com): A cemetery filled with vibrant colors and cheerful poems may sound unexpected, but Romania's Merry Cemetery is one of the country's most fascinating cultural landmarks. Colorful tombstones and humorous remarks celebrate the lives and personalities of loved ones. Beyond the Merry Cemetery, the nation is known for the folk arts of dance, music, woodcarving, weaving, and embroidery. Its landscape is marked by towering mountains, dense forests, and charming medieval villages. Roman occupation centuries ago gave Romania its unique, Latin-based Romance language. In 1947, the nation fell under communist rule. Although this regime ended in 1989, the country is still working to overcome its lasting effects. Outdated infrastructure and a lingering mistrust of authority are reminders of 42 years of oppressive rule.

Romania has one of the highest poverty rates in Europe. The nation is home to one of the largest Roma populations in Europe, who are especially vulnerable, with over 80% living below the poverty line. Along with poverty, the Roma population faces discrimination in education and employment as well as social exclusion. Roma communities are isolated from the rest of the population and have limited access to transportation, healthcare, and sanitation. Over 30% of children are impoverished, many of whom live on the streets. Limited job opportunities leave many teenagers unemployed. Substance abuse is part of daily life for Romanians, including binge drinking and drug use.

Romania has one of the highest percentages of Christians in the world. The Orthodox Church is rooted in Romanian history and preserved much of the nation's culture amid Russian and Ottoman influences. Today, over 90% of Romania's population identifies as Christian, most belonging to the Eastern Orthodox Church. Hungarian and German minorities preserve historic Lutheran and Reformed traditions, and Romania also has growing Pentecostal and Baptist churches. Still, folk practices such as protection rituals are mixed with Christianity. Pray for Romania to grow in biblical teaching and passion for the Gospel.

- Pray for an awakening of genuine, passionate faith across the nation.
- Pray for an end to childhood poverty and social exclusion of the Roma people.
- Pray for churches to abandon empty tradition and recognize the gospel's sufficiency.

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

Psalm 5

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD;
consider my groaning.
2 Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.

3 O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.
5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
6 You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
in the fear of you.
8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

9 For there is no truth in their mouth;
their inmost self is destruction;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.
10 Make them bear their guilt, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
because of the abundance of their transgressions
cast them out,
for they have rebelled against you.

11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy,
and spread your protection over them,
that those who love your name may exult in you.
12 For you bless the righteous, O LORD;
you cover him with favor as with a shield.

SERMON *"Where the Righteous Find Refuge"*

GRATEFUL PRAISE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *#599*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor;
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still,

blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast loved us, love us still.

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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 IN THE BOWL IN THE **CENTER** OF THE TRAYS.

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

"O Jehovah, Hear My Words" (Psalm 5) *#51 (verses 1, 4–5)*

O Jehovah, hear my words,
to my thoughts attentive be;
hear my cry, my King, my God,
I will make my prayer to thee.
With the morning light, O Lord,
thou shalt hear my voice arise,
and expectant I will bring
prayer as morning sacrifice.

False and faithless are my foes,
in their mouth no truth is found;
deadly are the words they speak,
all their thoughts with sin abound.
Bring, O God, their plans to naught,
hold them guilty in thy sight,
for against thee and thy law
they have set themselves to fight.

O let all that trust thy care
ever glad and joyful be;
let them joy who love thy name,
safely guarded, Lord, by thee.
For a blessing from thy store
to the righteous thou wilt yield;
thou wilt compass him about
with thy favor as a shield.

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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

"It Is Well with My Soul" (refrain) *#691*

***It is well** [it is well] **with my soul;** [with my soul]*
it is well, it is well with my soul.

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EVENING WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 69:19–36
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HYMN

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" (Psalm 148) *TH #110*

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 17

NT SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2

PRAYERS

SERMON

Ephesians 4:24
"Created in God's Image"
(Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day #1, Q&A #2)

Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?
A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER

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