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Presbyterian Church

Invite all to Worship God
Grow in faith
Follow Jesus by Serving Others

Sunday, March 9, 2025 10:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Centering Words: God of mercy, minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation that we who have been set free from sin through Christ, may serve you well into life everlasting.

Disciples Gather to Worship God

☛ Welcome (hopeaustin.org/connect)

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Welcome to Hope Presbyterian Church where we:

Invite All to Worship God, Grow in Faith, and Follow Jesus by Serving Others!

♫ Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

Dr. Kathy Winston, organ

⬆️☛ Call to Worship

Liz Steinheider

As we walk through these 40 days, **God, be with us**

Show us the beauty of the wilderness **and teach us to pay attention**

In this season of Lent, in the company we keep, as we tune our ears to your word,

Let us worship God!

Siblings in the family of Christ, let us worship God!

⬆️♫ Hymn of Praise 167 (GTG)

Forty Days and Forty Nights

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☛ Response: Praise the Lord! **The Lord's name be praised!**

☛ Prayer of Confession

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Within this community of grace, let us confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:

to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. **Amen.**

⬆️♫ Response 447 (GTG)

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

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⬆️☛ Sharing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**

⬆️ Indicates when we are to rise, as we are able.

☛ Indicates when someone is praying.

📖 Indicates when Scripture is read.

♫ Indicates when music is sung or heard.

☛ Indicates when someone is speaking.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

A personal sound system for the hearing impaired is available.

Please ask an usher for a receiver.

GTG—*Glory to God* purple hymnal

STF—*Sing the Faith* blue hymnal

Disciples Listen to the Word of God

✠Prayer for Illumination Praise the Lord! **The Lord's name be praised!**

♪Psalter: Hymn 43 (GTG) *On Eagle's Wings* Michael Jonas
Congregation, please sing the Refrain after each verse sung by the Choir.

👶Children's Sermon Rev. Dr. John Leedy
Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3 through Elementary are invited to Little Church in the Fellowship Building. This worship for children concludes at 11:15 on non-communion Sundays. On Communion Sunday, children will return to their families during worship.

**The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
The Bible, the Bible is the Word of God,
And the Word of God will help us grow, grow, grow,
The Word of God will help us grow.**

📖Second Reading Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV) Bible p. 835

👤Sermon *Pay Attention: Fasting* Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson

Worship+2: GROW

What is one thing that regularly pulls your attention away from God? Is it technology, busyness, the need for control, or something else? This week, practice a form of fasting—not just from food, but from anything that distracts you from God. Whether it's limiting social media, simplifying your schedule, or setting aside specific time for silence, let this be a way to redirect your focus. As you fast, ask: What am I truly hungry for?

Disciples Respond to the Call of God

↑✠Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed (ecumenical)* Ryan Obray, Seminarian

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

"catholic" is Latin for "universal," implying the Christian unity that exists beyond all denominations

✠Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Hear our prayers, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory, and taught us to pray together saying:

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.

♪Response 2159 (STF) *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

**Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you, for I desire to worship and obey.**

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Prayer @ Home

Victims of domestic violence, gun violence, and human trafficking: Lord, protect and heal all who suffer from violence, and guide us to work for a safer, more just world.

☛ Call to Discipleship

CONNECT: hopeaustin.org/CONNECT

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♩ Offertory Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual arr. Howard Helvey

Adult Choir; Kathy Winston & Julie Boltz, piano

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me. In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.

And when the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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✙ Prayer of Dedication

Disciples Depart to Serve God

♩ Hymn 2128 (STF)

Come and Find the Quiet Center

BEACH SPRING

♩ Charge & Benediction

— from Philippians 4:8

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, and if there is anything worthy of praise, may we pay attention to these things.

♩ Response

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Helen H. Lemmel (1864-1961)

Turn your eyes up-on Je - sus, look full in his won-der-ful face; _____ and the things of earth will grow strange-ly dim in the light of his glo-ry and grace. _____

♩ Postlude

My Heart is Filled with Longing

George Philipp Telemann

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NEWS FOR THE PEWS



Happy Birthday to all those born in the month of March. Celebrate your birthday by giving thanks to God through a gift to the Generation to Generation Fund of one dollar for each year of your life.

Hope Disaster Assistance Ministry



Come to our kick-off meeting on **Saturday, March 8, 11:30 a.m.** in the Multi-purpose Room. We will discern how Hope should be engaged in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Bring your thoughtful hearts and minds to discern how we can "Be a part of the solution". Special Tacos will be served! Our neighbors and Hope could face a disaster like the Steiner Ranch Forest fires of 2011. How will we help?

Send an email to john.hoffner@flash.net to let him know you will attend the kick-off meeting.

WATERING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Please help keep Hope's Memorial Garden lush and green throughout the long, hot summer. We need volunteers to hand water the garden. Sign up to help 1, 2, or 3 times between March & November. Watering takes just a few hours!

Contact Nancy Patchen at nhpatchen@gmail.com

Be a part of

Hope's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 27, 2025

Join us for worship at 10:00 a.m.!
Following worship, we will have a
delicious lunch, Live Music,
Entertainment, Children's Activities,
and GREAT Hope fellowship!!

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/Hope50years>

Or **scan here** to RSVP:



You're invited to an
Informational Breakfast
Sunday, March 23, at 8:00 a.m.

kindom care is a newly established mission group at Hope. Our aim is to support the church and the community in fostering an environment that is welcoming and inclusive for everyone. We strive to ensure that no one feels judged, unworthy, or further hurt by the church.

We encourage you to explore this group, connect with each other, and engage with the community, as we work together to create a brighter future for everyone!

RSVP at tinyurl.com/marchbreakfast25
by **March 19**, and if you have questions
or concerns, please email Everett Nash
at everettporternash@gmail.com.



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