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Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, February 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of Baptism

February 8, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, verses 1-3, 5

Hymn No. 163

Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, traditional German melody, 1665

Lyrics: Based on Psalm 103, Joachim Neander, 1680

Welcome & Announcements

Les Newsom

*Call to Worship¹

Revelation 21:1-5

Elder: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

People: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Elder: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

All: And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

*The Sands of Time are Sinking

Music: Philip Palmertree

Lyrics: Anne Cousin, 1857, based on the letters of Samuel Rutherford

1. The sands of time are sink - ing,
2. The king there in His beau - ty
3. O Christ, He is the Foun - tain,
4. The bride eyes not her gar - ment
5. Oh! I am my Be - lov - ed's

the dawn of hea - ven breaks;
with - out a veil is seen:
the deep sweet well of love!
but her dear Bride - groom's face;
and my Be - lov - ed is mine!

the sum - mer morn I've sighed for,
it were a well spent jour - ney,
The streams on earth I've tast - ed
I will not gaze at glo - ry
He brings a poor vile sin - ner

¹Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

the fair sweet morn a - wakes.
 though sev'n deaths lay be - tween.
 more deep I'll drink a - bove.
 but on my King of grace.
 in - to His house of wine.

Dark, dark had been the mid - night,
 The Lamb with His fair ar - my.
 There to an o - cean full - ness.
 Not at the crown He giv - eth.
 I stand u - pon His me - rit;

but day -spring is at hand,
 doth on Mount Zi - on stand,
 His mer - cy doth ex - pand,
 but on His pierc - ed hand;
 I know no oth - er stand;

and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth
 and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth
 and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth
 the Lamb is all the glo - ry dwell - eth
 not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth

in Em - man - uel's land.
 in Em - man - uel's land.
 in Em - man - uel's land.
 of Em - man - uel's land.
 in Em - man - uel's land.

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:31-32, 35, 37-39

Elder: Church, what can you say about God's love for you?

All: **What then shall we say...? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?...**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Hymn No. 535

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890; Lyrics: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

Call to Confession

Jeremiah 2:31-32, 35-36a, 37b

³¹...you, O generation, behold the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of thick darkness? Why then do my people say, 'We are free, we will come no more to you'? ³²Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten me days without number...

³⁵you say, 'I am innocent; surely his anger has turned from me.' Behold, I will bring you to judgment for saying, 'I have not sinned.' ³⁶How much you go about, changing your way!...

³⁷...for the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust, and you will not prosper by them.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 54:4-5

⁴'Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. ⁵For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

*Isaiah 43

Music & Lyrics: Billy Sprague

1. When you pass through the wa - ters, I will be with you
2. When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned
and the waves will not o - ver - come you.
and the flames will not con - sume you.
Do not fear. For I have re - deemed you.
Do not fear. For I have re - deemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.
I have called you by name, you are mine.
Men: For I am the Lord your God. Women: (I am the Lord your God.)

1. Lord your God. I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, of Is - ra - el,
 2. your Sa - vior. For vior. I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
 3. your Sa - vior. For vior. I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
 4. I am the Lord. (Do not fear.) I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)
 5. I am the Lord. (Do not fear.)

Covenant Baptism

10:45 a.m. service

Zosia June Lambert

Covenant Child of Hayden & Joella

The Blessing

10:45 a.m. service

Music & Lyrics: Michael Card

1. The Lord be bless you and keep you.
 2. The Lord be gracious to you, the Lord make His face shine upon you, the Lord turn His face to you, and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for ever.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Will Fountain

Offertory

"Hosea"

Music & Lyrics: Andrew Peterson

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

**Children's Church Dismissal: During both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.

**Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Gray Flora

Members of the Week:

Lisa Gathright

Micah & Meta Ginn; JoJo, Gayle and Mimi

Missionaries of the Week:

Tony & Tracy Boyd: Southeast Asia

Suzy Triplett: Southeast Asia

Teachers of the Week:

3rd & 4th Grade: Jane & Richard Cross; Claire & Bill Rosenblatt

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Will & Portia Fountain

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Scripture Reading

Hosea 1:1-3, 3:1-5

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon**"Christ the Bridegroom"**

Brian Sorgenfrei

The Prophets & the Promise: Christ in Every Longing

*Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.****The Wedding Feast**

Music & Lyrics: Joe Deegan

Chorus: Oh come and buy with-out mo - ney,
oh come and feast with-out pay,
for the King has o - pened his ban-quet hall
to the beg - gar, the out - cast, and the slave.
1. Oh be - hold, he is com - ing soon
2. Go on and leave those filth - y rags be - hind,
and he will sure - ly bring his re - com - pense.
and clothe your - self in gar-ments white as snow.

**Please stand, if able.*

Go tell the world the king - dom is at hand.
 This is the hope that you've been long-ing for;
 His king-dom shall make all things right a - gain.
 this is the land that's al - ways been your home.
 And the first shall be last; the last shall be first.
 This is love like an o - cean as deep as the sea,
 The poor will have ev-'ry - thing they need.
 this is love like the clos - est of friends.
 The or - phan who sleeps a - lone in the cold
 This is love with - out shame, this is love with - out cost,
 shall dine at the right hand of the King.
 this is love, this is love with - out end.

*Benediction²

Sermon Points

"Christ the Bridegroom"

Hosea 1:1-3, 3:1-5

1. Hosea's Call as Method Actor (vv. 1:1-3)

2. Hosea's Wife (Gomer) as Mirror (vv. 1:2, 3:1-3)

3. Hosea's Love As Portrait (vv. 3:1-5)

Musicians & AVL Team

Denease Bishop, vocals; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar; Gregg Davidson, vocals; Kristi Davidson, lights & projections; Amanda Fliflet, percussion; Allison Lavender, violin; Slade Lewis, bass; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Andy Paney, piano; Jonathan Watts, mandolin

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²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ALL WEEKDAY PROGRAMMING WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 14TH

We will be back to two worship services at 8:30am & 10:45am this Sunday.
Nursery, all Sunday school classes & Children's Church will meet this Sunday.



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SOMETHINGS

Our first 20Somethings of the semester is **today at 5:30pm** at 200 Longest Road!
Leaving college is a big launching time for life. What better way to walk through some exciting years than to join with others in the same boat for some fellowship, good discussion and Gospel teaching?



MEN'S RETREAT

WHEN

FEB 27-28TH

WHERE

CAMP HOPEWELL

SPEAKER

REV. JOE NOVENSON

FOOD

DINNER & BREAKFAST

A FRIDAY NIGHT & SATURDAY MORNING RETREAT
WITH THE LUXURY OF SLEEPING IN YOUR OWN
BED ON FRIDAY. FOOD, MUSIC & TWO MESSAGES
FROM OUR SPEAKER.

Men, join us for our Men's Retreat, **February 27-28th** at Camp Hopewell. A Friday night & Saturday morning retreat with the luxury of sleeping in your own bed. Food, music & two messages from Rev. Joe Novenson inviting us to receive the love of Christ & live freely & courageously in dependence on Him.

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