

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Worship Service—April 7, 2024

GREETING & WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lamb of God.....Ruth Himebook

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Psalm 17:1-2; 6-7

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit! From your presence let my vindication come! Let your eyes behold the right! I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King.....No. 2

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI.....No. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Matthew 23:1-3,13-39

(Pew Bible, Pgs. 828 & 829)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God !

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Isaiah 44:21-22

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us.....Insert

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....No. 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Rejoice, All Ye Believers.....No. 320

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Mark 13:1-4

(Pew Bible, Pg. 849)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....The Olivet Discourse -“When Will These Things Be?”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ Is Coming!.....No. 324

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Reverend Douglas Barcroft, Worship Leader & Preacher
Terry Himebook, Music Director
Ruth Himebook, Pianist
Deacon Wayne Johnston, Scripture reader

Announcements

- Sunday School for all ages every Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Men’s Bible study will meet this afternoon, April 7, 2024 at 4 p.m. Pastor Doug will teach on Proverbs 7.
- Women’s Bible study will meet his afternoon, April 7, 2024 at 4 p.m. Ladies are to read “week 10” on the reading schedule.
- Deacon’s meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
- Weekly fellowship meal and Bible study will meet Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Meal will be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7 p.m.
- Choir practice will meet on April 10, 2024 after Bible study.
- Monthly carry-in (potluck) luncheon will be next Sunday, April 14, 2024. Everyone is welcome.
- Tabletalks for April are in the church foyer.
- Please silence your mobile phones.

This Week in Prayer

- Meditation upon God’s Judgement on Jerusalem
- Shelby County - Mayor Lee Harris
- South Woods Baptist Church, Germantown, TN - Matt Sliger
- RUF at Mississippi State University - Starkville, MS - Joe Johnson
- For our congregation: Donna Keith

Nursery Schedule*

April 7: Lynn Barcroft & Nancy Cardamone
April 14: Mary Jenkins & Mary Bell
April 21: Kim Copeland & Stephanie Palugi
April 28: Mary Bell & Terry Radford

Usher Schedule

April 7: Larry Schweizer
April 14: Dana Jeanes
April 21: Wayne Gerhardt
April 28: Paul Gerhardt

Church Officers

Session

Doug Barcroft (Moderator), Lou Cardamone (Clerk), Dana Jeanes,
Jim Mitchell, Stephen Len White

Diaconate

Paul Gerhardt, Wayne Johnston, Larry Schweizer,
Everett Thomas, Steve Truax

ABOUT HICKORY WITHE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHO WE ARE:

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based historic church of believers committed to preaching, teaching, and sharing the transforming grace of Jesus Christ in the local and worldwide communities since 1834.

Because of Christ, we live in spiritual community with God Himself, we are redefined as a community of fellowship bound together in Him, and we work to serve the community we live in by offering biblical teaching, worship, and assistance.

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The Gospel is the “good news of Jesus Christ and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 15-1-7).

God has announced this message to the nations of the world through the ministries of Christ and his 1st Century Apostles (Ephesians 2:19-21). And, now through the written word, the Bible, he continues to announce this good news to the nations through pastors, teachers, and faithful witnesses (Ephesians 4: 7-12). The 10 commandments teach us that we have broken God’s Law and are under his wrath and curse (Romans 1:18-3:20). But the good news of the Gospel is that through Jesus Christ’s life, death, resurrection, ascension, and intercession on our behalf, we are delivered from the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:10), justified, adopted, sanctified and glorified (Romans 8:29-30). In our sin we were enemies of God, yet through Jesus Christ, his Son, we are reconciled to him, adopted into his family, and granted eternal security. Now, we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20-21) and have a guaranteed home in the new heavens and the new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

The church is a people who God has called his own and who he has given to each other for love and community.

The Bible describes the church as people who belong to God and to each other, gathered together by belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and, by their mutual reconciliation to God through the Gospel. The church is not simply a building or meeting place, nor is it merely a place of religious observation, but a living and growing community of men, women and children whose identity is shaped by love through our belonging to God and to each other.

Our reconciliation to God through the Gospel compels us to live transformed lives.

The truth of the Gospel re-creates us into a people whose lives are transformed by a commitment and passion for God and his glory. God has uniquely called and equipped his church to display and demonstrate the power of the Gospel to transform individuals and communities. Just as the Gospel is the “good news of the Kingdom of God”, the church is a foretaste of the Kingdom of God on earth, struggling, learning and growing together in an understanding of what it means to follow Christ with the whole of our lives.

We are a Presbyterian and Reformed congregation, and hold firmly to the system of beliefs and doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Catechisms.

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Established 1834

*“Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God;
Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”*
I Peter 2:10

“Christ-centered, Community focused”

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