

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship Service - April 28, 2024

GREETING & WELCOME

PRELUDE

O, How I Love Jesus.....Ruth Himebook

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Psalm 20:1-9

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions! Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright. O LORD, save the king! May he answer us when we call.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....No. 53

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.....1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

(Pew Bible, Pgs. 987 & 988)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know not only what we say, but also what we think. You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart, boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments. You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves even when we have turned our backs on you, fascinating ourselves with alien gods whose calling we heed while ignoring your own. Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent. O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Isaiah 53:4-5

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

To God Be the Glory.....No. 55

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

The Heavens Proclaim.....Choir

CONFESSION OF FAITH.....Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death.....Insert

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Mark 13:24-31

(Pew Bible, Pg. 850)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON....The Olivet Discourse - “The Coming of the Son of Man”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands..... No. 427

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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

Announcements

- Sunday School for all ages every Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Men’s Bible study will meet this afternoon, April 28, 2024 at 4 p.m. Ruling Elder Stephen Len White will teach on Proverbs 12.
- Women’s Bible study will meet his afternoon, April 28, 2024 at 4 p.m. Ladies are to read “week 13” on the reading schedule.
- Weekly fellowship meal and Bible study will meet Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Meal will be served at 6:15 p.m. followed by Bible study at 7 p.m.
- Choir practice will meet on May 1, 2024 after Bible study.
- Men’s prayer breakfast will be Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 7 a.m.
- Tabletalks for April are in the church foyer.
- Please silence your mobile phones.

This Week in Prayer

- Meditation upon the Second Coming
- U.S. Representative 8th District – David Kustoff
- Grace Community Church, Cordova, TN - Ashley Dusenberry
- Dan and Becky Young (Border Evangelism and Mercy Ministries)
- For our congregation: Kathy Kenney

Nursery Schedule*

April 28: Mary Bell & Terry Radford
May 5: Kathy Bonham & Mary Bell
May 12: Debbie Rounds & Charley Kate Barcroft
May 19: Lynn Barcroft & Debbie White

Usher Schedule

April 28: Paul Gerhardt
May 5: Larry Schweizer
May 12: Dana Jeanes
May 19: Wayne Johnston

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).

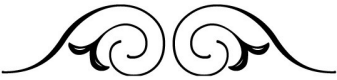
The church is a people who God has called his own and who he has given to each other for love and community.

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”

Douglas M. Barcroft, Pastor

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