

Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Good Friday Worship Service - April 18, 2025

GREETING & WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus.....No. 251

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.....Isaiah 53:1-12

(Pew Bible, Pgs. 613 & 614)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God !

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

To you, Holy God, we confess our sin with as much shame and sorrow as we can muster. We know it won't be enough because we are on easy terms with our sin. We confess to you, O God, that we deceive ourselves about our sin, and then we deceive ourselves about whether we deceive ourselves, slipping and sliding and sidestepping the truth. O God, you are holy beyond all that we can think or imagine. You are the source of righteousness, the overflowing fountain of goodness. You made us to be like you in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness. And yet here we are, so often soiled, smudged, distracted from your purposes, and running after the gods of this world. Please forgive and restore us through Jesus, your Son. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....Psalm 147:2-3,5

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....John 19:16-27

(Pew Bible, Pg. 905)

LEADER: The Word of the Lord

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON.....“A Mother Beholding Her Son”

HYMN OF RESPONSE

There Is a Foundation Filled with Blood.....No. 253

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Reverend Douglas Barcroft, Worship Leader & Preacher
Joe M. Turner, Pianist & Music Director
Deacon Wayne Johnston, Scripture reader

Announcements

- Sunday School for all ages every Sunday at 10 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt at the church will be tomorrow, Saturday, April 19th at 2 p.m.
- Easter Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. There will be a fellowship time at 10 a.m. for all ages in the fellowship hall with pastries and coffee. Sunday Evening Bible studies are cancelled.
- Collection plates for your tithes and offerings are at the back of the sanctuary.
- ***Please silence your mobile phones.***

Church Officers

Session

Doug Barcroft (Moderator), Lou Cardamone (Clerk) and
Jim Mitchell

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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