

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. September 17, 2017

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF GREETING — Please welcome your neighbors with the peace of Christ.

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation” Traditional/Stephen Nielsen
Philip King, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Whether we live or die, we belong to God.

People: Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.

Leader: Let us worship God.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CHILDREN’S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERLUDE “Beside Still Waters (Meditation No. 5)” John Turner

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM “Amazing Grace” arr. Craig Courtney
David Thomas, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 103: 8-13 Pew Bible, Page 744

GIVING THANKS WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Elder Barbara Follett

OFFERTORY “Ballade in G minor” F. Chopin

*RESPONSE HYMN 609 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible, Pages 1195-1196

SERMON “THE DEBT OF GRACE” Reverend Owen Carriker

*HYMN Hymn by Paul Hooker, PCUSA (please see insert)
In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey and Irma


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*BENEDICTION

TODAY AT HOPE

CHILDREN’S CHURCH is a time for children ages 4 through 6 to gather and share the scripture which the adults will be sharing in worship. Children will leave after the “Time for Children” for Children’s Church or for the Nursery (up to 4 years of age).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS — 10:40 a.m. in the Sunset Room.



A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IS COMING TO HOPE!

OUR CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

Monday	October 16	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday	October 17	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	October 18	1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Please sign up TODAY, immediately following the Worship Service at the tables in front of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!
— Membership Committee

YOUTH OF HOPE—Our first youth meeting will be **TODAY** from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Christian Education Building, Room 200. This meeting will be a time where the youth (junior and senior high) will be able to help plan and design their program this year. We will have pizza for supper this evening. Get your ideas together and join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

ADULT UKULELE CLASS will meet **TODAY** at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Education Building, Room 200. All members and friends are welcome!

KID’S ROCK

Thursdays—4:30 to 6 p.m.—Sunset Room
Grades 1 through 5

KIDS PACK — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

We will be packing our “Kids Pack” after the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service next Sunday, September 24. A Chili Luncheon will follow. **Please sign up on the pew pad or call the Church Office if you are planning to attend.**

CARDS OF HOPE

Cards of Hope is our new ministry to share creativity, artwork and fellowship, and at the same time reach out to others in our church and community for all kinds of occasions through cards made right here at Hope. We are essentially the new Hallmark of Hope. If you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents to reach out and touch others, then please come and be part of the fun. We will meet every other **Monday** from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon in the Sunset Room on the following dates: **September 25, October 9 and 23, and November 6.** Please sign up on the pew pad or call the Church Office. Questions? Please call Julie (863) 324-6382.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Contemporary Worship Service will begin on **Thursday evening, October 5** at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This service includes both traditional and contemporary music, and visuals are provided by a screen. Casual Dress is encouraged and you are welcome to bring your coffee, water or soft drinks with you.

DATE CHANGED DUE TO HURRICANE IRMA:

FALL KICK-OFF will be held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1— 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

We will enjoy a Chicken and Biscuit Brunch after the Worship Service. (Freewill donation to cover cost of food.)

Come celebrate with us as we begin our fall activities with educational opportunities for everyone!

FALL BIBLE STUDY: LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

In the world in which we live it is important to know how to use scripture to help us discern God’s will. It is also important for us to understand how to interpret scripture when making decisions. This eight-session study led by Rev. Carriker will give us strategies to interpret scripture and relate it to our lives. We will offer this study on **Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** and again on **Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.** in the Sunset room. You can choose which class offering fits your schedule as the classes will cover the same material. This study is part of the Kerygma Bible Study program that we have been using. We will begin the study on **Monday evening September 25 and Thursday morning September 28.** Everyone is welcome to join us. Please call the Church office or e-mail Rev. Carriker owen@hopepreswh.org to register.

“SHACK STUDY”

We will begin our study on “The Shack” by William P. Young on **Tuesday, October 3** at 7 p.m. in the Adult Library. We plan to do another showing of the movie prior to the study on **Saturday, September 30** at 4 p.m. Please sign the pew pad if you are interested in this class so we will know how many will be participating. Books for the study may be purchased on Amazon for \$10 or less. Questions? Please call Julie (863) 324-6382.

“EXPLORING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT” BY BETH MOORE — We meet **every Tuesday at 7 p.m.** in the Sunset Room. All members and friends of Hope Church are invited. Questions? Please contact julie@hopepreswh.org.

“SWEATIN’ HOPE” EXERCISE CLASS Monday through Friday at 5:15 a.m. and Saturday at 6:30 a.m. in the Christian Education Building. Led by Delight Carmichael. Questions? Please contact [Julie@hopepreswh.org](mailto:julie@hopepreswh.org).

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE MINI-BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 14

8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Autumn, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas Decorations and other items may be brought to the church and left in the Service Entrance in the Christian Education Building. Please keep the holiday items separate from all other items. Items that are large or heavy require a phone call to Mary Kaylor (863) 969-3352 to arrange for delivery to the church. Please do not leave items outside the building and remember we cannot accept clothing or shoes. Children’s toys are accepted.

All hands on deck for another successful BAKE SALE!

Drop off your unpriced baked goodies on Friday, October 13 between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Please label your goodies and if they contain nuts. Sugar-free items are also welcome!

The BIG Annual Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, February 3, 2018.** Thank you for your continued support. —Bazaar Committee

*RESPONSE HYMN 43 “On Eagle’s Wings”

**And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

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*POSTLUDE “Toccatà on ‘Thaxted’” Holst/Lasky

*Congregation may stand as able.
Bold print: congregational response.

TO OUR VISITORS, NEWCOMERS, AND GUESTS—Welcome to Hope Church. We hope you will find words of encouragement as you worship with us this morning. **Please print your name, address, phone number, and e-mail on the Friendship Pads.**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY is Elder Barb Follett, Vice Chairperson, Mission Committee.

A NURSERY is provided from 9:15 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Education Building, Room 246 for children under 4 years.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER, a friendly atmosphere for parents with infants and toddlers, is located next to the Library. *Children’s Busy Bags are available in the Narthex.*

HEARING ENHANCEMENT DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available during Worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Ralph Burns by Mary Burns and family.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to family and friends of Hope Church Member and Office Angel, Veda Lameck, on her death Thursday, September 7. A Memorial Service in celebration of Veda’s life will be held at a later date.

THE SHOPPING CART contents for the month of **September** will be dedicated to **Family Emergency Services** of Winter Haven. Their needs include all types of non-perishable food items as well as products for use in the home. Another way to help is by contributing monetary gifts. Please make checks payable to **“Family Emergency Services”** and place in the offering plate. Thank you for contributing to this worthy ministry.

THE UPPER ROOM Devotionals for September/October are on the Narthex table. A donation of one dollar is suggested. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Week of September 18, 2017

Monday, September 18

5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
10:00 a.m. Hope’s Book Club, Sunset Room

Tuesday, September 19

5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
2:00 p.m. PW Meeting, Sunset Room
4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227
6:30 p.m. Ruby Lake HOA, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Beth Moore Series, Sunset Room

Wednesday, September 20

5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group of Hope, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Bells of Hope, Bell Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, September 21

5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building
4:30 p.m. Aerobics, Multipurpose Room 227
4:30 p.m. Kids Rock, Sunset Room

Friday, September 22

5:15 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building

Saturday, September 23

6:30 a.m. Sweatin’ Hope Exercise Class, CE Building

Next Sunday, September 24, 2017
Kid’s Pack and Chili Luncheon after Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Children’s Church
6:30 p.m. Ukulele Class, Room 200

**A LIST OF PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX LITERATURE RACKS**

WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 3, 2017

9:30 a.m. Worship 146

Ushers: Marsha Long, Captain; Marilyn Bauer, Judy Calhoun,
Sonia Roland, Gene Travis

Flowers.....Betty Akers



OUR MISSION STATEMENT TO ALL PEOPLE

**God loves us; we love God; reaching up through faith,
reaching out in love: being Christ’s Beacon of Hope.**

*We reach up by building an inclusive, Christ-centered, Bible-based church;
We reach out by serving the poor, caring for the sick and uplifting the
oppressed and broken;*

*We are a Beacon of Hope by being a loving community of believers,
bringing Christ’s example to life, as we are led by the Holy Spirit to use
our blessings and talents, and by empowering people to be servant leaders.*

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