

HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

November 9, 2025



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***Our Vision: to be a Christ-centered community, worshiping in the Spirit,
growing in discipleship, and sharing God's love.***

The Church at Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:1, 3-4, 6, 32-35

Anne Pokorny

Leader: Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;

People: Let those who hate him flee before him.

Leader: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;

People: Let them be jubilant with joy.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

People: His name is the Lord—be exultant before him.

Leader: God gives the desolate a home to live in;

People: He leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

People: Sing praises to the Lord,

Leader: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

People: Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;

People: And whose power is in the skies.

Leader: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;

People: He gives power and strength to his people.

All: Blessed be God!

Invocation

Anne Pokorny

Hymn of Praise No. 215

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:7-16

Toby Bowen

Children's Message

Mike Dossett

Hymn of Faith No. 629

Be Strong in the Lord

STRENGTH

Worship through Stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Ron Parker

Anthem

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse

Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord. I give my soul to you. I seek your care and love. No other blessings do I need but those from you above. Lord, I ask you: give me faith, and help me understand. And, Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand. Lord, I stretch my hands to you, to you; no other help I know, I know. If you should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go? Oh, Lord, oh, Lord, my hands to you. Amen.

Offertory Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Sermon

Old Woman Gathering Brush

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Hymn of Commitment No. 640 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

Benediction

Rev. Benjamin Wines

Postlude

We Shall Behold Him
Arr. Carol Tornquist

Kathryn Bunch

Deacons of the Week – Ron Parker & Julie Stoops
Attendance last week – 72

Food Pantry Donations

In light of the recent uncertainty regarding SNAP benefits, our church will be collecting food items to donate to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina. Stories continue to come out about how food banks and food pantries are struggling to meet needs, so let's do our part to help!

Wooden food collection bins will be rolled into the vestibule and the Children's hallway where food items can be placed. There will be a full list on each bin of items needed, but here is a shorter list for the time being: canned fruits, vegetables, meats, beans, soup, and dairy; dry goods like pasta, cereal, rice, lentils, nut butters, dried fruit or beans. We'll collect through the end of the year.

HVBC Reads

HVBC Reads will meet **10:30 am to Noon on Tuesday, November 25**, to discuss *Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Book club kit copies are available from Rhonda Welfare (rhondawelfare1@gmail.com).

If you are not comfortable reading this book, which does include what some people would call "mature" topics, contact Rhonda for an alternate suggestion.

Pickleball

November 15 & 29

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Come join the fun!

Food Bank

Our next scheduled volunteer session at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC is **Tuesday, November 25 from 1-3 pm.**

If you would like to carpool to the Food Bank, please meet at the church at 12:15 pm. We have group reservations set up on this date so if you are interested in registering, contact Julie Stoops at jstoops@icloud.com and she will send you the link in an email.

Writing Your Own Life

At our meeting on October 29, HVBC's family history group discussed the impact of race relations on society and on the lives of our families. A family history is more than just "who begat whom." It talks about what is going on in the world and its significance in your life.

At our next meeting, 4:15-6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 19, in the Modern Disciples classroom, we will discuss the importance of church throughout our lives. Join us to get started preserving your memories for future generations. Text Rhonda (919-599-7367) if the glass door by the office is locked when you arrive.

Sermon notes are on the next page.

Sermon Notes

November 9, 2025
Twenty-second Sunday
after Pentecost

“Old Woman Gathering Brush”

1 Kings 17:7-16

Emphasis on verses 12-14

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Questions for Further Reflection:

In this passage, Elijah asks the widow to entrust her life to God.

How can we daily place our complete trust in God?

How would that help us meet life's challenges?