

# HOPE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026



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SUNDAY

## Our Church Staff

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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

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen, indeed!**

### Chiming of the Trinity

#### Call to Worship

Psalm 93

Anne Pokorny

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

People: **The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.**

Leader: He has established the world;

People: **It shall never be moved;**

Leader: Your throne is established from of old;

People: **You are from everlasting.**

Leader: The floods have lifted up,

People: **O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice;**

Leader: The floods lift up their roaring.

People: **More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,**

Leader: More majestic than the waves of the sea,

People: **Majestic on high is the Lord!**

Leader: Your decrees are very sure;

People: **Holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.**

#### Invocation

Anne Pokorny

#### Hymn of Praise No. 219

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

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#### Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23  
(page 1815 in the pew bible)

Brenda Doyle

#### Children's Message

Mike Bunch

#### Hymn of Faith No. 217

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYMN TO JOY

#### Worship through Stewardship

##### Offertory Prayer

Rev. Benjamin Wines

##### Anthem

*Sweet By and By*

Arr. John Purifoy

*There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar  
for the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there.*

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.*

*In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

*To our bountiful Father above, we will offer the tribute of praise for  
the glorious gift of His love and the blessing that hallow our days.*

*While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will over spread the sky.  
But when trav'ling days are over, not a shadow not a sigh.*

*In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore. In the sweet by and by, we  
shall meet on that beautiful shore, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

### Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:  
alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### 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

*The Father of Glory*

Rev. Benjamin Wines

**Hymn of Commitment No. 395** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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### Benediction

Rev. Benjamin Wines

### Postlude

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
Arr. JoAnne LeDoux

Kathryn Bunch

**Deacons of the Week – Barbara Sanders & Anne Pokorny**  
**Attendance last week – 55**

### Celebrating our Graduates

Please contact the church office if you are graduating this year or have a family member graduating from high school, college, or graduate school. Graduate Sunday is coming up and we will be recognizing and honoring graduates.

### Pastor Vacation

Pastor Ben will be on vacation

May 18—24.

Our guest speaker on May 24 will be our very own Dr. Steve Bolton.

### Food Bank

The next monthly volunteer sessions for our team will be

**Tuesday, May 26 from 1:00—3:00 pm.**

If you would like to carpool, meet at the church at 12:15 pm.

### First Aid Training

Frances Smith has offered to hold a First Aid class here at the church. Please let Robin in the church office or Frances (fwsmith2000@yahoo.com) know if you are interested in attending.

Also, as a reminder there are 2 defibrillators here at the church. There is one outside the restrooms in the Family Life Center. There is also one in the children's hallway close to the hospitality room.

### **Yardwork Day**

As part of Operation Inasmuch we were prepared to work in the yard and around the church on May 2. However, with rain and cold temperatures it was cancelled. We will have a make-up date on **Saturday, May 30 from 9:00 am—12:00 pm**. Please plan on joining!

### **Pickleball**

May 23 & 30  
3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Come join the fun!

**Sermon Notes are on the next page.**

