

Schedule:

Sundays at NorthHaven

9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Worship

Wednesdays at NorthHaven

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. KidsHaven
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. NHC Student Ministry
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Affirming Historic Baptist Principles

Soul Freedom
Bible Freedom
Church Freedom
Religious Freedom

3/17/24

Worship: 56

Bible Study: 37

General Fund: \$3,997.00

Designated: \$380.00

February GF Budget Needs: \$20,000.00

February GF Budget Receipts: \$17,311.21

Jan-Feb GF Receipts (Under) Budget: \$(6,111.91)

Staff:

Rev. Jakob Topper
Senior Pastor

Sheri L. Ridenour
Executive Ministry Associate

Patti Drennan
Minister of Music

Pamela Duncan
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Family Minister - Children

Meldy Tanako
Pianist

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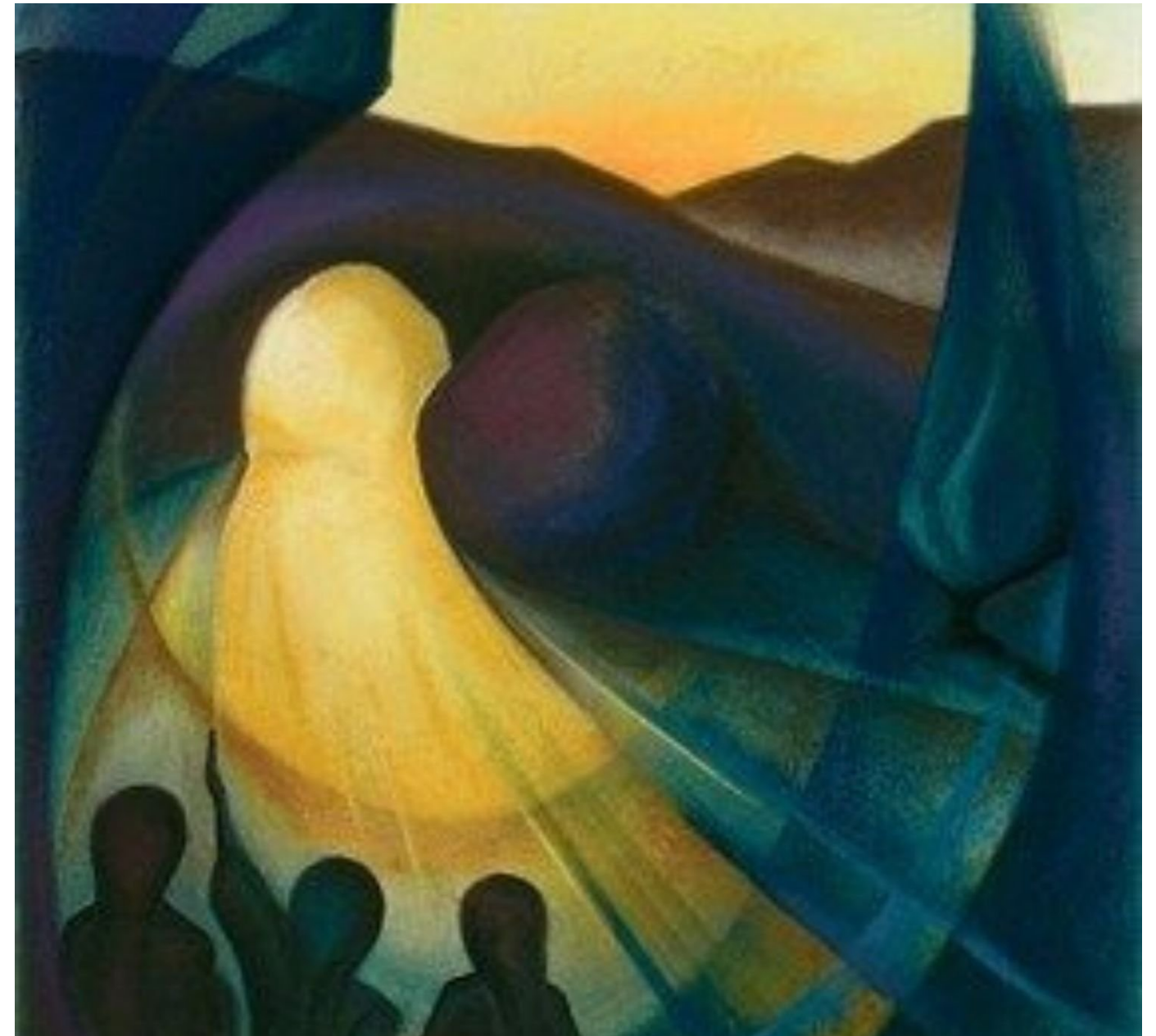
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North Haven
C H U R C H
March 31, 2024

“And I Hope”

Luke 24:1-12



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m.

*NorthHaven: An inclusive family of Christ followers, inspiring,
challenging and equipping each other to participate in God's great story.*

Prelude "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" arr. by Lisa Hoekstra
Meldy Tanako, piano

Welcome Jakob Topper

Call to Worship Congregation will read the bold print. Jakob Topper

Yesterday we thought death had won.
Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today.
Today we know that love has won.
Today we know that hope is real.
Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Christ is risen today.

Call to Worship "A Gaelic Easter Celebration" arr. by Patti Drennan
Adult Choir

Children's Moment Jakob Topper

Hymn of Rejoicing No. 367 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN
Verses 1-4

Hymn of Rejoicing No. 368 "He Lives" ACKLEY
Verses 1 and 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Week: Jakob Topper will bring the message "Roots: Four Fragile Freedoms" from Galatians 5:1-14 as we look toward our 20th anniversary celebration.

This Week at NorthHaven: Monday, 4/1: Church Office Closed; Tuesday, 4/2: 20th Anniversary Committee Tree Construction @ 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 4/3: Bethesda @ 6:00 p.m.; KidsHaven @ 6:00 p.m.; Youth @ 6:00 p.m.; Choir @ 7:00 p.m.

Missions Spotlight: We have one final special guest coming to share with us about their organization. On April 3 @ 6:00 p.m. we will hear from Bethesda.

CBF Oklahoma Youth Camp: NHC Youth who have completed grades 6-12 will be going to Mulberry, Arkansas July 8-12 with other CBFO churches. There is limited space and a \$100 deposit due at sign up. Sign up by April 5th with Pamela (pamela @ northhavenchurch.net).

Ladies Night Out: Monday, April 8 @ 6pm at Victoria's The Pasta Shop, 215 W. Main in Norman. Please sign up on Facebook or on the sign up sheet outside of Sheri's office.

Theology on Tap: The next book the group will read is "The Bible Tells Me So... Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It" by Peter Enns. The meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 9 @ 6pm at the Ridenour's, 1613 Central Pkwy, Norman. Please RSVP to Sheri as dinner will be provided.

NorthHaven 20th Anniversary Celebration: We will be having a catered lunch from Ray's BBQ. We need to know if you are coming so that we have enough food for everyone. Please sign up on the sheet outside of Sheri's office or email her at sheri@northhavenchurch.net to let us know how many in your family will be coming. We will also have a bounce house, a booth where you can purchase Italian ice, and other fun things to do. You don't want to miss it!

NorthHaven 20th Anniversary Hats: We will be taking orders for the NHC 20th anniversary hats through March 27. Hats are \$10 each with a choice of khaki with green lettering or gray with black lettering. Order forms are available outside the front office. Payment due at time of order.

CBFO Spring Gathering: Sunday, April 21 at First Baptist Church, Norman. Dinner is at 5pm, CBFO business and special guest presentation at 6pm and worship is at 7pm. Register by scanning the QR code.



Electronic Giving Option: Did you know you can give your contributions through Direct Payment from your bank? This is done on the 15th and the end of the month. If you are interested in this option, Authorization Agreements are located outside the church office and on our website at www.northhavenchurch.net. Please contact Sheri in the church office with questions (sheri@northhavenchurch.net or 321-8170). Additionally, if you would like to give online, you can do so at www.northhavenchurch.net/give or by texting NORTHHAVEN to 206-859-9405 for a giving link.

Interested in Joining NorthHaven? There are New Member cards on the table at the back of the Worship Center. If you would like to speak to Jakob about joining give him a call, (405) 321-8170 or (806) 570-1920, or send him an email, jakob@northhavenchurch.net.

Prayer Concerns:

- Loneta Hayes
- Colin Moore
- Norma Brown and family at the passing of Dr. Lavonn Brown
- Joyce Krause
- Neal Hardin
- Sandra Tucker, Sheri Ridenour's mom
- Norma Stephenson

Please contact the church office with concerns and updates.



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Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12, CEB

Ashton Paschal-Wilson

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"Faithful God"

by Abbie Parker/Colby Wedgeworth

Riley Berridge, Charlie Crawford, Patti Drennan and Alex White

Prayer for Illumination

Sandra Mayo

*God of new beginnings,
On that first Easter morning, the disciples struggled to hear the good news.
Doubt clouded their minds.
Negativity took root and hope vanished with a simple shake of their heads.
As we return to this familiar text, help us to hear differently this morning.
Open our ears that we might hear
the sound of Alleluias ringing through this text.
Open up our minds that the mystery and joy of Easter
might feel within reach.
Open up our hearts that we might believe
the unbelievable.
And like Peter, in this hearing, may we move closer to you.
God of the empty tomb, we are hungry for your good news.
Speak to us now.
With hope in our hearts we listen and we pray, amen.*

Choral Anthem

"Canticle for Easter Day"

by Patti Drennan

Message

"And I Hope"

Jakob Topper

Hymn of Response No. 384	"Spirit Song" Verses 1 and 2	SPIRIT SONG
Announcements		Sheri Ridenour
Choral Benediction No. 370	"Rejoice, the Lord is King" Verses 1 and 4	DARWALL
Benediction		Jakob Topper
Postlude	"Recessional for a Joyful Day" Patti Drennan, piano	arr. by Dale Wood

-Offerings may be placed in the wooden box at the back of the worship center.

-If you need childcare, it is available for children birth through Pre-K.

-Please silence your cell phones.

-If you are in need of a hearing device, they are available at the sound booth in the back of the worship center.

ACTIVE WORSHIP ZONE

At NorthHaven Church we are striving to be an intergenerational congregation. By inviting our children into worship with us we hope that we can create lifelong followers of Jesus through community and experiences.

We are fully aware of and embrace that children are children! They make noise, they don't always want to do the typical worship activities. That's okay! By creating a space for active worship we hope that we can make the children in this church feel more accepted in this typically grown-up activity.

Feel free to have your kids play quietly in the active worship zone, or they can choose an activity to take to their seats.

Guests,

Walking into an unfamiliar church isn't an easy thing to do, and when that church is in an old grocery store, well, that's a factor too. We're glad you're here this morning.

NorthHaven is an easygoing congregation. We take a few things very seriously like kindness, inclusion, and freedom of thought. Other things we hold loosely like the mechanics of forgiveness. It's enough for us to agree that God is Love, and forgiveness and meaning are available to all without exception. Beyond that, we find most differences more interesting than threatening, and we hope you will too.

We believe that for us, there is still great value in Christian worship and social action. At the same time, we recognize that there are good reasons not to be Christian in the modern world. If you're one of those people and you're here with your grandmother this morning, then you're a good grandkid, and she's lucky to have you. If the way you love your grandmother is any indication, you probably have the big idea down already ;)

A lot of us had bad experiences with churches in our past. Some very bad experiences. Many took years or even decades away from church only to come back later in life. Some of us are deeply spiritual, love Jesus and love church, but we carry so much church hurt that we can only manage services at Christmas and Easter. We respect that and make room for it at NorthHaven. We make no room for shame here. Life is too short.

Since many of us carry our own church wounds, we're working hard to be better for others. That's one reason we are a church that celebrates our LGBTQ+ siblings and advocates for women in every level of leadership inside and outside of the church. We are working to make our congregation a place of courage for all people of goodwill, but we have little tolerance for the intolerant. It's a paradox, but we've said Jesus is 100% human and 100% divine for a couple thousand years so we are comfortable with paradoxes.

Whatever brought you here this morning, we're glad you're here. We hope that you feel comfortable, and I pray that you will experience just one moment of transcendence this morning. Whether we call it God or Life or Love (the Bible calls it all three and more) there is something going on that is bigger than ourselves, and this morning we are all a part of it.

Jakob Topper
Pastor