

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23rd, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

§ Invites you to
rise in body or
spirit with the
people of God.

As fallen
people, we must
be called from
our worship of
the created and
focus on the
proper worship
of the Creator.

–WE GATHER TO PRAISE –

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

One: Exalt the Lord in his strength! Sing and praise his power.

All: **There is none like you, O Lord; you are great and your name is great in might.**

One: Who would not fear the King of the nations?

All: **This is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in their kingdoms there is none like you.**

-BASED ON PSALM 21:13, JEREMIAH 10:6-7

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

HYMN 28

Verse 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

Verse 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Verse 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting Thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Verse 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Verse 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need Thy tender care;
in Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use Thy folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou has bought us, Thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bough us, Thine we are.

Verse 3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to Thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to Thee.

Verse 4 Early let us seek Thy favor,
early let us do Thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with Thy love our beings fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God,
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of
Jesus to direct us in the way of life. You offer us your
Holy Spirit so that we can be born to new life as your
children. Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death
have a strong attraction and that we often succumb to
their lure.

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture
life, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

As members of
Christ’s body,
we confess the
reality of sin
and brokenness
in personal and
common life and
ask for God’s
saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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. Amen.

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

- WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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;
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.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

DOXOLOGY

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.

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news that we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

JOHN 10:11-21

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

SERMON SCRIPTURE

ECCLESIASTES 12:9-14

PASTOR BRANDON JOLLEY

Verse 1	My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
Refrain	On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.
Verse 2	When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
Verse 3	His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
Verse 4	When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in Him be found; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

§ BENEDICTION

A benediction is
literally a “good
word” or a
blessing to carry
with us as we
leave our time of
worship.

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are still in need of volunteers for the following rooms and dates: Nursery - NEXT SUNDAY, August 30th. Sign up in the side sanctuary.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, August 30th during the worship service we plan to recognize the children of Hopewell and pray over them for this school year. We'll also present them with an age appropriate resource and promote them to their new Sunday School class. For some that means they will move from one classroom to another. For others it may mean they'll stay where they are for another year. And some will be starting to join in service full time. Here's the age break down for classes:

Nursery: Infant through two years old; taken to their room before service.

Preschool: Three years through Kindergarten; taken to their room before service.

Elementary: First grade through fifth grade; Leaves service before the sermon.

Middle School and High School: Meet ups will begin soon!

On that day we ask that all children join their families for the start of service for the recognition and will be dismissed shortly thereafter. We would appreciate a couple extra hands to help with snack and outdoor play (weather permitting).

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The group is journeying through The Exodus Way by the Bible Project. The Bible study will meet tomorrow at 6:30 at the Manse.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study. They are studying Kevin DeYoung's book on the Heidelberg Catechism; *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Saved, Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts* by Nancy Guthrie. Sunday mornings at 9:30, downstairs in the back Fellowship Hall room.

LITURGIST SIGN-UPS: There is a new sign up sheet for September through December in the side sanctuary. If you have never been a liturgist but interested in knowing more, ask Kathleen for more details.

HOPEWELL SUMMER HANGOUTS: Our last hangout for this summer is this next Saturday, **August 29th** - Cornfield Mafia (High energy country), DriveHubler.com Amphitheater at Youngs Creek Park; 237 W. Monroe St. Franklin, 46131 - 6:00-10:00pm (concert begins at 7:00 pm). We hope to see you there!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Emily Martin, Alice Reeves, Star Grove, Paul Harsch, Kim Hamilton, Becky Wertz, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Hannah McAdams, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

HOMEBOUND: Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, Becky Wertz, Richard Swaitek

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Ella Steinberg - 3rd, Hadley Ditmars - 4th, Debbie Picek - 8th, Ted Chandler - 9th, Leigh Morning - 10th, Chuck Mathena - 13th, Mirabelle Allender, Donna Harsch & Andy Spencer - 15th, Brad Berkley - 17th, Mark Myers - 18th, Betty Hobert - 20th, Cindy Williams - 21st, Cathy Manship & Les Mink - 24th, Doug Demaree & Shelley Grissom - 25th, and Jonathan Schmitt - 31st

- ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED-

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: How do we navigate the complexities of modern life with grace, discernment, and peace?

We invite you to join us for our upcoming women's Bible study, "The Way of Wisdom," where we will dive deep into the book of Proverbs. This rich book of Scripture serves as a practical, daily guide for our relationships, words, finances, and decisions. Together, we will learn what it means to anchor our hearts in the "fear of the Lord" and apply His timeless truths to our modern lives.

Books will be available for purchase (\$10) the week before the study begins.

The eight week study begins with fellowship on September 16, at 6:30 PM then weekly on the following days. Sign up for one of the following times:

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm, Hopewell middle conference room;
childcare offered

Friday mornings at 9:00 am, Hopewell middle conference room

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next finance committee meeting will be this Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 pm.

BLESSING BOX: We have been asked a few times, what does our Blessing Box need?

We have had a few hefty food donations, so food is stocked as well as toothpaste and toothbrushes (for now). The Blessing Box could use hygiene products, like soap, shampoo, lotion, hair brushes, loofahs and/or washcloths for babies, kids, and adults. We could also use household cleaning supplies. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

GREETER SIGN-UPS: There is a new round of spots open for greeting! We have lots of doors at our lovely church; BUT if you have never been to Hopewell it's kind of confusing to know which door to enter. Sign up to help welcome those new people (into the correct doors) and to say hello to the familiar faces too. Sign ups can be found in the side sanctuary!

ATTENDANCE: August 16th - 117 August Average - 116; YTD Avg. 124

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“The remarkable thing about God
is that when you fear God,
you fear nothing else,
whereas if you do not fear God,
you fear everything else.”

-Oswald Chambers

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