

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27th, 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: Praise the Lord among the nations and sing praises to his name.

All: Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the victory and the majesty. We thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

-BASED ON 2 SAMUEL 22:50 & 1 CHRONICLES 29:10-11 & 13

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

HYMN 235

Verse 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
stars and angels sing around Thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in Thee.

Verse 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are Thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Verse 4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sun-ward
in the triumph song of life.

Verse 1	Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Verse 2	Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of They love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.
Verse 3	Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.
Verse 4	Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Verse 5	Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Verse 6	Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only all for Thee.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord 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 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

–HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, Q&A 54

I believe that the Son of God
through his Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.
And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JOSHUA 23:6-11

LITURGIST

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

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.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

SERMON SCRIPTURE PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30 PASTOR BRANDON JOLLEY

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.

§ CLOSING HYMN AT THE CROSS HYMN 525

Verse 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed
and did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?

Refrain At the cross, at the cross
where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith
I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!

Verse 2 Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown;
and love beyond degree!

Verse 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut his glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker died,
for man, the creature’s sin.

Verse 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while His dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt mine eyes to tears.

Verse 5 But drops of grief can ne’er repay
the debt of love I owe:
here, Lord, I give myself away, ‘
tis all that I can do.

§ BENEDICTION

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

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

I would like to thank my family and everyone else who helped me celebrate my 91st birthday. It was a real surprise! I knew nothing about it until I walked in the basement. I was also surprised that so many friends would give up their Sunday afternoon for me.

Thanks for all the cards and well wishes.

Truly, Frank Weaver

PENNY POWER: Penny Power has begun and shopping is right around the corner. All donations will go towards purchasing Christmas gifts (ex: toys and clothes) for children that are in need, in our community. Please bring in your “pennies” and place them in the Penny Power jug (or offering plate, with Penny Power attached) in front of the fireplace in the side sanctuary.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY: Sunday school started a new study this morning! They just began *1 and 2 Timothy for You: Protect the Gospel, Pass on the Gospel (God’s Word for You)* by Phillip Jensen. “Paul is reaching the end of his ministry. Timothy needs help in his. And so the apostle writes to his young friend and protege, urging him to guard the gospel, preach the gospel, and live the gospel. Phillip Jensen brings decades of ministry experience to bear on the pastoral letters of 1 and 2 Timothy, calling readers to do just what Timothy did to love Christ and teach truth in our generation, and to teach others to do the same. This accessible, absorbing expository guide opens up this book for new and mature Christians alike. It is more applied than a typical commentary, making it a great resource for personal devotion.” Join the study on Sunday mornings at 9:30, downstairs in the back Fellowship Hall room.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Join us this Wednesday at 5:45 pm, downstairs in the fellowship hall for our Wednesday night meal. Bring your family and invite a friend for some yummy food and good fellowship.

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 are available for purchase (\$10).

The eight week study just began and now starting weekly on the following days. It’s never too late to 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

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY: They are just starting their study using Ray Ortlund’s study, *Psalms, Real Help for Real Life*. Copies are available in the side sanctuary. There are two times you can pick from to attend. Wednesday evenings in the conference room next to Pastor Brandon’s office, at 6:30 or Thursday at noon at David Yount’s office (9 East Court Street, Franklin. Entrance is off of Jefferson St.)

BLESSING BOX: The Blessing Box is starting to thin on the food supply. If you are able to donate to help keep our blessing box filled, it would be greatly appreciated.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED -

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Tearman family is hosting a Hopewell Family Fall Party next Sunday, October 4th at 5:00. They will provide the hot dogs and chips, juice boxes, water, pumpkins and hayrides. Hopewell families and their friends are all invited to the red barn at 2651 N 200 W. Come for a fun night with family, friends, fun and games!

FISH & TENDERLOIN FRY: The Hopewell Church Board of Deacons wish to invite the congregation and friends to join them for a church dinner: Sunday, October 11th at 5:00 p.m. As in the past, Les Mink has offered to supply the fish that he has tirelessly caught all summer. The Deacons will provide the fried tenderloin, hush puppies, mac and cheese, coleslaw, and baked beans. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish or a delicious dessert!

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY: The group is journeying through The Exodus Way by the Bible Project. The Bible study will meet tomorrow at 5:30 in the middle conference room here at Hopewell.

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*.

CANDY DONATIONS: The Deacons are requesting donations of pre-wrapped candy or snacks for the upcoming Trunk or treat (more information to come on that). The collection basket will be in the side sanctuary starting next Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SIGN UPS: If you have never volunteered, now would be a great time. You can always have a friend join you in the room too. If you have any questions about volunteering and what it entails, please let me know. There are new sign ups for the rest of the year out in the side sanctuary. Lessons and activities are all provided for you.

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

HOMEBOUND: Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, and Richard Swaitek

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Alan Mathena - 2nd, Bill Doty - 4th, Rob Greene - 5th, John Westercamp - 6th, Shelly Dougherty - 7th, Carla Demaree & Flora Markward - 8th, RG Greene - 9th, JoAnn Barnes - 10th, John Spencer - 11th, Frank Weaver - 13th, Allison Ditmars - 14th, Jed Allender & Joyce Liverett - 17th, Andrew Lee & Ken Tearman - 18th, Brandon Jolley - 19th, Mark Henderson - 25th, Janet Stone - 27th, Dean Abplanalp & Kathleen Spencer - 28th, Graham Henderson - 30th

ATTENDANCE: September 20th - 125 September Average - 106; YTD Avg. 122

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“Grace flourishes most in the winter of affliction...
Affliction is the furnace that rubs off our rust. ”

-Thomas Watson, *A Body of Divinity*

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