



# HOPE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lord's Day Worship

*September 17, 2023*

*10:30 a.m.*

*Worship God – Walk in Community – Share Hope*

## WELCOME

We are a gospel-centered church that desires to see all people find hope in Christ.

### Sunday Schedule

#### **Prayer Meeting**

*(Everyone is welcome!)*

8:50 AM

#### **Kids Sunday School**

9:30 AM

#### **Adult Sunday School**

9:30 AM

### Small Groups

#### **Garnet Valley Connect Group**

Starts Wednesday, September 20  
at 6:45 PM

Home of Will and Grace Stern  
(255 Sulky Way, Chadds Ford, PA 19317)

#### **Men's Bible Study**

Thursdays  
at 6:30 AM

Sage Diner  
(4400 Chichester Ave, Boothwyn, PA 19061)

#### **Aston Connect Group**

Starts Thursday, September 21  
at 6:45 PM

Home of Katie and Mike Cocco  
(401 Garden Lane, Aston, PA 19014)

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Starts Wednesday, October 4  
at 7:00 PM

Hope Presbyterian Church  
(601 South New Middletown Road)

## Coming Up

### **Fall Work Day**

Saturday, September 30

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

### **Celebration Service**

*(Vow Rededication)*

Sunday, October 8

### **Hope Potlucks**

After Worship:

October 8

November 12

December 10

### **CEF Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 2

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### **Celebration of Carols**

*(Lessons & Carols Service)*

December 10 at 10:30 AM

### **Christmas Eve Service**

December 24

4:00 PM

## Children

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service! Feel free to use one of the drawing pads that are available on the welcome table. Additionally, we offer nursery for children age 5 and under.

Praise Cycle

*Call to Worship*.....*Lamentations 3:22-23*

*Leader:* The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;

*People:* **They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.**

*Prayer of Invocation* .....*Pastor Will Stern*

Scan the QR code to listen to this week's hymns at home:



\* All Scripture passages are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV)

# *O Great God*

## *Verse 1*

O great God of highest heav'n  
Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme  
Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain  
That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me  
Make me Yours forever more

## *Verse 2*

I was blinded by my sin  
Had no ears to hear Your voice  
Did not know Your love within  
Had no taste for heaven's joys  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
Opened up Your word to me  
Through the gospel of Your Son  
Gave me endless hope and peace

## *Verse 3*

Help me now to live a life  
That's dependent on Your grace  
Keep my heart and guard my soul  
From the evils that I face  
You are worthy to be praised  
With my ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n  
Glorify Your Name through me



## Renewal Cycle

### *Confession of Sin*

**People:** 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.

### *Silent Prayer*

*Assurance of Pardon*.....*Acts 2:38-39*

**Leader:** Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

# *Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right*

## Verse 1

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
His holy will abideth  
I will be still whate'er He does  
And follow where He guideth  
He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

## Verse 2

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path  
I know He will not leave me  
I take content What He has sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away  
And patiently I wait His day  
And patiently I wait His day

## Verse 3

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart  
I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart

## Verse 4

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow need or death be mine  
Yet I am not forsaken  
My Father's care is round me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

*CCLI Song # 7106792*

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Commitment Cycle

*New Testament Reading*..... Mark 3:22-30

*Pastoral Prayer*.....Pastor Will Stern

**All: 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 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**

*Sermon*.....1 Samuel 13



*Profession of Faith*.....*The Apostles' Creed*

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Lord's Supper*.....*1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

# Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,  
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your power, and yours a - lone,  
3. For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim—  
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."  
can change the le - per's spots, and melt the heart of stone.  
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.  
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

## REFRAIN

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

*Benediction*.....*Galatians 1:3-5*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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*Hope's Leadership*

*Pastoral Staff*

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Benjamin Faehl, pianist

Brianna Braun, singer

Tess Sawaked, harp

Belle Sawaked, harp

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on the welcome table in the back of our worship space.  
You can also give online at [ExploreHopeChurch.org/give](https://ExploreHopeChurch.org/give).

*2 Corinthians 9:6-15*



### Vision Statement

We desire to see all people find hope in Jesus Christ, so that they can worship God, walk in community, and share their hope in every sphere of life.

### Mission Statement

We are a worshipping community where anyone can explore the hope of Christianity, and followers of Christ can be equipped to share their hope in every sphere of life.

### Core Values

Relevant yet Historically Rooted  
Excellent yet Genuine  
Hospitable yet Evangelistic  
Community-focused yet City-facing

### Core Beliefs

God-centered  
Gospel-centered  
Bible-centered  
Confessionally-Reformed



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