The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart
—1 Samuel 13:14
Welcome to Hope Church. We are so glad that you are here to join in worship of our God, through Jesus, his Son. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), with deep roots in the reformed tradition. Our mission is to know, worship, and proclaim Jesus Christ as the hope of the world, lovingly bringing the message to our community.

We want you to feel welcome, and as such, have prepared this guide to help you to engage in worship. The apostle Paul exhorts us to present our bodies as living sacrifices unto the Lord (Rom. 12:1). For that reason, our worship engages the whole body with standing, sitting, lifting hands, eating & drinking, which helps us present ourselves wholly to God as an act of worship. There are no passive worshipers, just sitting and hearing, but we are all called to be active and engaged, responding from the heart.

Please note that when the congregation is to read, the type will be boldfaced:

[Leader]: Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

[Congregation]: And also with you.

Please note the ⚡ symbol means to stand.

THE LORD’S SUPPER: Also commonly called “communion.” The Lord’s supper is a sacrament whereby Christ being spiritual present in the supper, offers us his body and blood to nourish our faith. We feed on Christ as a participation in his death and resurrection, the sacrament being a means of grace builds us up in the faith. We welcome all who have been baptized and profess faith in Jesus Christ and who have been admitted to the table. If that doesn’t describe you, we ask that you not participate. However, please come and speak to the pastor or elders if you desire to be baptized or participate in the Holy Supper.

Sermon Theme: When God is on Your Side. Saul has up until know kept from the public eye his murderous envy of David. But the more David succeeds, and the more Saul fails to prevent David success, the more Saul is driven to go public with his threats. As before, David evades Saul, fleeing and escaping from him. But as he does, he finds that he is not alone. He has many helpers along the way, ironically from Saul’s own house. First Jonathan, then Michal, and eventually Samuel and the prophets all help David escape from Saul. We see then that God is working in his providence bringing people to come alongside David and help escape. We also see that when necessary he directly intervenes to thwart Saul’s plans. All of this shows that David is the Lord’s anointed and demonstrates that when God is on your side what can man do to you.
REFLECTION

[Please reflect on this silently as you prepare your hearts for worship]

“There is a “poetic justice” to God’s providence. It doesn’t happen with mechanical regularity, for at times the wicked prosper and the righteous seem forsaken. But the schemes of the wicked, in the end, will be seen to have heaped up judgment upon the wicked themselves. As they have done, it shall be done to them. On the Last Day, God will right all wrongs, and...there will be no more complaints against his justice.”

—John Frame, The Doctrine of God

PRELUDE

WE ARE HERE TO WORSHIP GOD

APOSTOLIC GREETING

[Leader]: Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

[Congregation]: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 95:1-7

[Leader]: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

[Congregation]: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

[Leader]: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

[Together]: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

...IN HIS PRESENCE

PRAYERS OF AWE AND PRAISE (INVOCATION)

HYMN OF PRAISE #125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

~Soli Deo Gloria—To God Be the Glory~
CONFESSION OF SIN

2 Peter 2:19b–22 (ESV) For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. 21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.”

EXHORTATION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

[Together]: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Peter 3:17–18 (ESV) 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.
LIVING IN CHRIST - THANKFULNESS

374 My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain, Who
   plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again, Who
   crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light, And
   wrote His law of righteousness with pow’r upon my heart.

2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside, Who
   floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fear to fly, Whose
   every promise is enough for every step I take, Sus-
   every day I have on earth is given by the King. So

3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above, Whose
   wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love, For
   every promise is enough for every step I take, Sus-
   every day I have on earth is given by the King. So

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PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY #731

SCRIPTURE LESSON— Psalm 59:1–17 (ESV) — TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN SAUL SENT MEN TO WATCH HIS HOUSE IN ORDER TO KILL HIM. 1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; protect me from those who rise up against me; 2 deliver me from those who work evil, and save me from bloodthirsty men. 3 For behold, they lie in wait for my life; fierce men stir up strife against me. For no transgression or sin of mine, O LORD, 4 for no fault of mine, they run and make ready. Awake, come to meet me, and see! 5 You, LORD God of hosts, are God of Israel. Rouse yourself to punish all the nations; spare none of those who treacherously plot evil. Selah 6 Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city. 7 There they are, bellowing with their mouths with swords in their lips— for “Who,” they think, “will hear us?” 8 But you, O LORD, laugh at them; you hold all the nations in derision. 9 O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress. 10 My God in his steadfast love will meet me; God will let me look in triumph on my enemies. 11 Kill them not, lest my people forget; make them totter by your power and bring them down, O Lord, our shield! 12 For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be trapped in their pride. For the cursing and lies that they utter, 13 consume them in wrath; consume them till they are no more, that they may know that God rules over Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah 14 Each evening they come back, howling like dogs and prowling about the city. 15 They wander about for food and growl if they do not get their fill. 16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. 17 O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

[Leader]: This is the Word of the Lord!
[Congregation]: Thanks be to God!

* Children ages 4 – 7 may be dismissed for Children’s Church.
HYMN OF PREPARATION

O GOD, HOW GOOD THOU ART *

O God, How Good Thou Art

Psalm 73

1. O God, how good Thou art to all the pure in heart,
   though life seems vain.

2. Ever, O Lord, with Thee, all shall be well with me,
   held by Thy hand.

3. In earth or heav’n above who is there that I love,
   compared with Thee?

4. O it is good that I may still to God draw nigh,
   as oft before.

Words: The Psalter, 1912, alt.
Music: Gregory D. Wilbur; harm. Michael E. Owens, alt.
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~Soli Deo Gloria—To God Be the Glory~
...UNDER HIS AUTHORITY

Sermon Series: *1 Samuel: Prophets, Priests, and Kings*
Sermon Title: *When God is on Your Side.*
Scripture: *1 Samuel 19* (ESV)

1 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul’s son, delighted much in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, “Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you.” 4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. 5 For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the LORD worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?” 6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, “As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.” 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

8 And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines and struck them with a great blow, so that they fled before him. 9 Then a harmful spirit from the LORD came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. 10 And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

11 Saul sent messengers to David’s house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning. But Michal, David’s wife, told him, “If you do not escape with your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed.” 12 So Michal let David down through the window, and he fled away and escaped. 13 Michal took an image and laid it on the bed and put a pillow of goats’ hair at its head and covered it with the clothes. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, “He is sick.” 15 Then Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, “Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him.” 16 And when the messengers came in, behold, the image was in the bed, with the pillow of goats’ hair at its head. 17 Saul said to Michal, “Why have you deceived me thus and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?” And Michal answered Saul, “He said to me, ‘Let me go. Why should I kill you?’ ”

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18 Now David fled and escaped, and he came to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived at Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, “Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.” 20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then he himself went to Ramah and came to the great well that is in Secu. And he asked, “Where are Samuel and David?” And one said, “Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah.” 23 And he went there to Naioth in Ramah. And the Spirit of God came upon him also, and as he went he prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he too stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay naked all that day and all that night. Thus it is said, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

[Leader]: This is the Word of the Lord!

[Congregation]: Thanks be to God!
Sermon Notes:

*When God is on Your Side.*

Reverend Taylor Bradley, Pastor
Scripture: *1 Samuel 19:1-24*

*How does David escape Saul's plots*

With Jonathan's help

With Michal's help

With the Spirit's Help
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### WEEKLY CATECHISM

**Q. 97. What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord’s Supper?**

**A.** It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord’s Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord’s body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.
Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Eve Service
   Please join us **Wednesday, November 24th at 7 PM** for our thanksgiving service. It will be an informal service of thanksgiving for all of us to join together in giving thanks to God for his grace and blessings.

Poinsettias to grace our Sanctuary
   The poinsettias will be placed for **Sunday, December 19th** and remain through **Friday, December 24th** when you may take your flowers home. You may also leave them for the **December 26th** morning service.

Christmas Decorating
   Will be on **Saturday, November 27th** beginning at **10:00 am**. We need ladder climbers, wreath hangers, light stringers, and tree decorators. Many hands make light work. Please come and help decorate the sanctuary and the narthex as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Caroling
   **December 19th**. More information to follow.
Announcements

REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS

Adult Sunday School (All Ages Are Welcome): Sundays, 9:25 AM at the Church.

Small Group Fellowship:

Barnes's Small Group: This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at their home (See Bill or Beverly for directions). A Survey of Church History (A.D. 100-2000) by W. Robert Godfrey, Ligonier Ministries. Email williambarnes2@mac.com or call 410-227-8447. Everyone is welcome.

Batzel/Schwartz Small Group: This group meets at 1:00 PM on Thursday as follows: First and third Thursday at the Schwartz home in West Pittston (contact John @ 570-540-0224) Second and fourth Thursday at the Batzel home in Moscow (contact Doug @ 570-947-6452). We are currently studying The Gospel of John. All are welcome. Please wear a mask.

Men's Ministry

Men's Forum/Breakfast meets on the first Saturday of each month at 9 am at the church. Each quarter it will also be a breakfast. We are looking at the traits of biblical masculinity. Come, and bring your sons. The next meeting will be a breakfast on December 4th at 9 AM.

~Soli Deo Gloria—To God Be the Glory~
Announcements

REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS

Hope Women Study Groups -

The “Growing Together, Taking Mentoring Beyond Small Talk and Prayer Requests” by Melissa Kruger Saturday Bible Study will resume on Saturday, December 18th at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to be a part of this group, please see Cheryl Straka.

Children & Youth Ministry:

Sunday school for children preK-12th grade meets during the Sunday school hour from 9:30-10:25 Sundays at the church.

Hope Music Team

The Music Team will practice on Thursday, December 2nd, from 6:30-7:45 p.m. All are welcome. We're also looking for instrumentalists to join the Team.

We want our singing to praise God and to reflect our unique Body here at Hope. Please email your favorite hymn or worship song to sixbrocks@yahoo.com, and we’ll try to incorporate it into a service.

Team 2 (Rebecca, Janet, Emily, Dale, Fred) will sing throughout the month of October. Please be at the church to rehearse each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Thank you.
Elders
Rev. Taylor Bradley, TE (Pastor)
Mr. Kenn Anderson, Jr., RE (Clerk)
Mr. Bill Barnes, RE
Mr. John Schwartz, RE
Mr. Ronald Straka, RE (Treasurer)

Deacons
Mr. Bob Sederovitz
Mr. Matt Zale (Chairman)