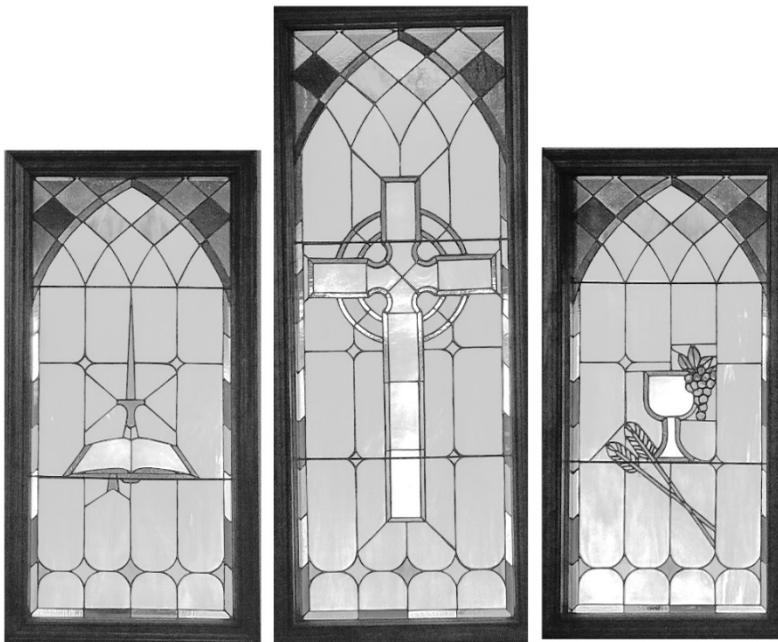

HOPE CHURCH

Public Service of Worship

August 15, 2021

The Lord's Day



“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

—John 8:12

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 and indented:

[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: *I AM the Light of the World.* Guest preacher: Rev. Matt Bostrom

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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 *Isaiah 61:10-11*

[Leader]: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

[Congregation]: **When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

[Leader]: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

[Congregation]: **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

[Leader]: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

[Together]: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

...IN HIS PRESENCE

☞ PRAYERS OF AWE AND PRAISE (INVOCATION)

☞ HYMN OF PRAISE

☞ CONFESSION OF SIN

John 1:1-5 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. **4** In him was life, and the life was the light of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

EXHORTATION

CORPORATE CONFESSION

[Together]: Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John 1:14–18 (ESV)

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15** (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) **16** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18** No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

...TO HIS GLORY

PASTORAL PRAYER

WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIFTS

☞ DOXOLOGY #731

SCRIPTURE LESSON—

Isaiah 42:5–9 (ESV)

5 Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

6 “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
 a light for the nations,

7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to carved idols.

9 Behold, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
 I tell you of them.”

[Leader]: The Word of the Lord!

[Congregation]: Thanks be to God!

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

☞ **HYMN OF PREPARATION # ***

...UNDER HIS AUTHORITY

Sermon Series: *Guest Preacher*

Sermon Title: *I AM the Light of the World.*

Scripture: **John 8:12 (ESV)**

12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 9:1–7 (ESV)

1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is

day; night is coming, when no one can work. **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” **6** Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud **7** and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

John 9:24–39 (ESV)

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” **25** He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” **26** They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” **27** He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” **28** And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. **29** We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” **30** The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. **31** We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. **32** Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. **33** If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” **34** They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” **36** He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” **37** Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” **38** He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. **39** Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

[Leader]: The Word of the Lord!

[Congregation]: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes:

I AM the Light of the World.

Reverend Matt Bostrom, Assistant Pastor, *Cornerstone Presbytery Church*

Scripture: *John 8:12; 9:1-7, 24-39*

1. The Revealing Light of Christ
2. The Redeeming Light of the World

 **HYMN OF RESPONSE #**

 **BENEDICTION**

HELPS for FAMILY and PRIVATE READING

WEEKLY BIBLE READING

8/15	Psalms 77	1 Samuel 21-22	Luke 2:1-21
8/16	Psalms 78:1-39	1 Samuel 23	Luke 2:22-52
8/17	Psalms 78:40-72	1 Samuel 24	Luke 3:1-22
8/18	Psalms 79	1 Samuel 25	Luke 3:23-4:13
8/19	Psalms 80	1 Samuel 26-27	Luke 4:14-37
8/20	Psalms 81	1 Samuel 28	Luke 4:38-5:16
8/21	Psalms 82	1 Samuel 29:1-30:15	Luke 5:17-39

WEEKLY CATECHISM

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor, unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Announcements

SUMMER ALL-CHURCH PICNICS - 1:30 pm

Sunday, August 22 – Missionary Retreat Fellowship

The host homes provide the gathering place and a grill (if possible). Folks bring their own meat, sandwiches, etc., a side dish or a dessert to share, and lawn chairs. Paper products and beverages are provided.

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

Small Group Fellowship:

Barnes's Small Group: This group meets 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.

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Batzel/Schwartz Small Group: This group meets at **7:00 PM** on **Tuesday** as follows: **First and third Tuesday** at the **Schwartz** home in **West Pittston** (contact John @ 570-540-0224) **Second and fourth Tuesday** at the **Batzel** home in **Moscow** (contact Doug @ 570-947-6452). We are currently studying **2 Peter**. Mask please. All are welcome.

Men's Ministry

Men's Forum/Breakfast meets 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. Next meeting will meet **August 7th at 9 AM**.

Hope Women

Women's retreat on **September 24-26, 2021** at Kirby House. The cost will be \$135 and the speaker will be Shannon Fodale. She will be sharing God's word from Philippians with us during the weekend. **Money is due by September 5**.

Study Groups -

PCA Women's Summer Study - We are reading the book *What's SHE Doing Here*, by Susan Tyner. There are 2 groups meeting on **Wednesdays**, one at **10:00am** and the other at **6:30 pm**. If interested see Lois Schwartz about the 10:00 one and Beverly Barnes about the 6:30 one.

Children & Youth Ministry:

Sunday school for children preK-6th grade meets during the Sunday school hour from 9:30-10:25 Sundays at the church.

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