

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 31st, 2025 | 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: The Holy Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God. Fellow heirs with Christ, come and bow your hearts to the Father and worship him.

-based on Romans 8:16-17

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

HYMN 7

Verse 1 Wonderful, merciful Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Verse 2 Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way,
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Refrain You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 3 Almighty, Infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
oh, we're falling before Your throne.
(to Refrain)

Verse 1 This is my Father’s world,
 and to my list’ning ears,
 all nature sings, and ‘round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father’s world,
 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and tress, of skies and seas;
 His hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2 This is my Father’s world,
 the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white
 declare their Maker’s praise.
 This is my Father’s world,
 He shines in all that’s fair;
 in the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
 He speaks to me ev’rywhere.

Verse 3 This is my Father’s world,
 O let me ne’er forget
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father’s world,
 the battle is not done;
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
 and earth and heaven be one.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Time for Silent Personal Confession

One: 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 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.

-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 SHORTER CATECHISM Q/ A 34

Q. What is adoption?
A. Adoption is an act of God’s free grace, whereby we are received into
the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

MEMORY VERSE ROMANS 8:15 ESV

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you
have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba!
Father!”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAIAH 56:1-7 LITURGIST

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE GALATIANS 4:1-7 REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

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– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

§ CLOSING HYMN

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

HYMN 157

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life:
I know that it is finished.

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

§ BENEDICTION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEND A "HELLO": The Graham's have made their way to Syracuse. If you would like to stay in touch, send a "Hello" or a "Thinking of you" their address can be found below:

The Graham's
144 Edwards Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066

BLESSING BOX UPDATES: Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the blessing box (BB). Your contributions have been so helpful in keeping the BB supplied. It is such a wonderful way to support people in need in our community. Currently, canned goods are not being taken. We currently have a good supply of canned goods for the immediate future. Items that seem to be in demand are pasta, canned meats, breakfast foods, hamburger and tuna helper, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, quick fix food items. Also, personal hygiene items are always welcome, toothpaste & toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo & conditioner, etc. Cleaning supplies are items that go quickly; laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning wipes, brushes, cleaning cloths, sponges etc. Finally, baby supplies are always popular, diapers or pull ups for Toddlers (size 1 and above), diaper wipes, nose wipes, baby shampoo & body wash, drinking cups for babies and toddlers, etc. Pet supplies are another thing that are taken as soon as we put them out. These are just suggestions, anything you want to donate is greatly appreciated. Again, thanks so much for your support.
-The Mission Committee

RELAX & REWIND: Save the date for Saturday, September 13th for the Retro Brothers at Martha St. Clair's back yard (4502 Moccasin Place, Greenwood 46142). Music from 5-7pm but people may start arriving at 4:30pm. Bring a camping chair, a picnic and your beverage. There will be water and popcorn. Sing along to the songs and help Kiwanis raise money for Riley Children's Hospital and other youth programs. Invite some friends and come for some fun, good music, and a great time.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This fall the men of Hopewell are invited to join the study: *How to Lead Your Family, A Guide for Men Wanting to be More*, by Joel R. Beeke. The study will begin on Wednesday September 10th at 6:30 pm at Hopewell or Thursday, September 11th at noon at David Yount's office; 9 East Court Street, Franklin (entrance is off of Jefferson St.).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: This fall the women of Hopewell are invited to join the study: *Ten Words to Live By--Delighting in and Doing What God Commands* by Jen Wilken. There will be an introduction to the study on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:45pm (child care will be provided) or Friday, September 5th at 9:00. You will receive your book at the introduction dates. The first lesson will begin Wednesday, September 10th. Suggested \$10 donation.

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: *A Good Confession* study continues Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school continues their study; *Colossians For You*. All are welcomed to join Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Hadley Ditmars - 4th; Debbie Picek - 8th; Leigh Morning-Wicker - 10th; Chuck Mathena - 13th; Andy Spencer, Donna Harsch, and Mirabelle Allender - 15th; Bradley Berkley - 17th; Mark Myers - 18th; Betty Jo Hobert - 20th; Cindy Williams - 21st; Les Mink - 24th; Doug Demaree - 25th; Shelley Grissom - 25th; Jacob Hash - 28th; and Jonathan Schmitt - 31st

PRAYER REQUESTS: Joyce Liverett, Natalie Raleigh, Bill Leser, Fred Burton, Candy Welch, Melinda Frazier, Amy Arkenberg, Dave Pennington, Bill Liverett, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Danny Calvert, Hannah McAdams, Marilyn Hiser, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

ATTENDANCE: August 24th - 109; August Average - 116; YTD Avg.- 114

Welcome To Hopewell Presbyterian Church

Hopewell is a historic congregation rooted in the reformed tradition and the truth of the gospel, telling the story of Jesus to a modern world.

Core Values

Worship

We are committed to worship that connects us to the church in history and at the same time is accessible to our community today. We worship God together through reformed liturgy that is rich, accessible and emotionally honest. Through vibrant, expectant worship, we long for Jesus to become more beautiful.

Spiritual Formation

Growing in our relationship with Jesus does not come from determination or grit, but from embracing our dependence on Him. We seek to be a place where all are encouraged and equipped to be more like Jesus.

Community

As a gospel-transformed community, we seek to be a place of meaningful relationships marked by love, honesty, vulnerability, service and forgiveness.

Outreach

Because God has blessed us, we seek to serve and bless others in His Name.

Hospitality

As a people who have been welcomed in by the work of Christ, we extend the welcome of the gospel to members, visitors, and neighbors.

Interested in joining the Hopewell Family?

If you've been visiting and would like to make your membership official, the process is simple:

1. Schedule some time with Pastor Brandon so he can share with you the essentials of our faith, answer any questions you might have, and give you an opportunity to share your story and how God is working in your life.
2. Attend a brief meeting with elders from our church before worship on the Sunday you would like to join. This is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself and affirm your agreement with the essentials of the Christian faith.
3. Join us in worship so that we can welcome and pray for you.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“ Adoption is the highest privilege of the gospel. The traitor is forgiven, brought in for supper, and given the family name. To be right with God the Judge is a great thing, but to be loved and cared for by God the Father is greater. ”

-J.I. Packer

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