

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

December 7, 2025

Engaging in the Mission of God...

Opening Songs: "Great Are You Lord"
"By Your Side"

Please welcome and greet one another, as you are comfortable.

Bible Reading: Luke 14:12-14

¹²Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Children's Church (4yrs old-5th grade)

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "Forever Reign"

Message: *Giving in the Right Direction*

Closing Song: "Midnight Clear (Love Song)"

Worship musicians: Brett Borman, Jon Blasucci, Joshua Peterkin and Anthony Tilton
Childcare: Bob Citta, Lois Citta, Patti Carney, Jackie Callahan and Mackenzie Callahan
Greeters: Gary Oakland and Judy Oakland
Scripture reader: Joyce Parcell

STAFF

Administrative Director: Karen Peterkin
Worship Leader: Brett Borman
Pastor: Josh Shaffer

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Children's Ministry:

Nursery care is available for the duration of the service. Children in pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to attend *Children's Church*, at the beginning of the announcements. If you are new to our church family, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our Children's Ministry volunteers when you drop off your kids. THANK YOU!

Dear Visitors and Guests,

Welcome to Hope! Please take a moment to visit the Welcome Table in the lobby to receive your free travel mug. If you would like to be added to our email list, please scan the QR code or contact us at info@hopeccdelco.com.



UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

TONIGHT, Sunday, December 7, 6:30-8pm - Family Christmas Craft.
Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to this event.

Monday, December 8, 7pm - Women's Gingerbread House Event.
Women are invited to decorate gingerbread houses at the home of Joy Borman: 654 9th Ave. Prospect Park, PA. Gingerbread and icing will be provided- bring your own decorations. Contact Joy with questions and *please RSVP if you plan to attend*: Joyborman82@gmail.com, 610.742.3040.

Sunday, December 21 - Hope Christmas Spectacular.

A family-friendly worship service, featuring songs and Scripture that celebrate the Christmas Season.

Wednesday, December 24, 7pm. Christmas Eve Service.

Join us for a special candlelight service. **(No Livestream)**
100% of our Christmas Eve offering will be given to purchase food for "Blessing Bags" Feeding Program.

Sunday, December 28 - Prayer Service.

Join us in the sanctuary at 10:30am for a time of prayer, in lieu of a traditional Sunday service. **(No Livestream)**

SMALL GROUPS

Prayer Group

– Hosted by Bob Citta

Bring a notebook and a Bible as we pray for our community.

When: Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: The Citta residence: 714 Prospect Ave, Prospect Park, 19076

Next meeting: December 9

Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com.

Men's Group

When: Thursday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: December 11

Youth Group

– Hosted by Josh Shaffer

Students in grades 6–12 are welcome.

When: Sunday evenings from 6:30–8:00pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: December 14

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Adult Group

– Hosted by Josh Shaffer

This Bible study follows the Life of Paul Bible Reading Plan.

When: Wednesday evenings from 7:00–8:30pm

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: December 17

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

LIFE OF PAUL BIBLE READINGS

12/08: 1 Corinthians 9:1–18

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12/10: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

12/11: 1 Corinthians 10:14–33

12/12: 1 Corinthians 11:1–16

12/13: 1 Corinthians 11:17–34

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Porch Meetings

– Facilitated by Bob & Lois Citta. Open to all.

When: Sunday mornings from 9:45am–10:25am at Hope House.

– Please email your prayer requests to: prayer@hopeccdelco.com.

– If you would like to receive prayer after worship, please join our Prayer Partners in the front of the Sanctuary.

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE: NOVEMBER

Weekly need to meet budget: \$3,571.63

Average weekly giving received: \$3,664.66

\$93.03/week above need

CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES: Advent Conspiracy

Reorienting the celebration of Christmas around the birth of Jesus.

November 30 – Part 1: *Earn Credit*

Do Christians celebrate Christmas any differently than people who are not Christians?

– Luke 6:32–36

December 7 – Part 2: *Giving in the Right Direction*

The Christmas season is a wonderful opportunity to extend extra generosity to those in need. Unfortunately, sometimes we inadvertently end up giving to the rich while neglecting the poor.

– Luke 14:12–14

December 14 – Part 3: *The Ultimate Christmas List*

We don't have to stress over what to give Jesus for Christmas. He's already given us His Christmas list.

– Matthew 25:35–40

December 21 – Part 4: *The Best Gift Ever!*

The greatest gift of all has already been given to us. We just have to choose to accept it and share it.

– Matthew 1:18–21

Join us after worship at Hope Café, across the lawn at Hope House, for some free refreshments.