



March 8, 2026

Engaging in the Mission of God...

Opening Songs: "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"
"Take My Life"

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

Bible Reading: John 11:45-50

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." ⁴⁹Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

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

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "Greater Than All My Regrets"

Message: *Eliminating the Threat*

Closing Song: "How Great Is Our God"

Worship musicians: Brett Borman, Jon Blasucci and Anthony Tilton
Childcare: Joyce Parcell, Neil Hews, Holly Shaffer, Lily Shaffer and Patti Carney
Greeters: Chrissy Talbot and John Talbot
Scripture reader: Bob Citta

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.



"BLESSING BAGS" FEEDING PROGRAM

Most needed donations include: Granola Bars, Nutri-Grain Bars, Horizon Shelf Sustainable Milk, Macaroni and Cheese Microwavable Cups, Canned Pasta, Canned Soup (with pop tops), Capri-Sun or Kool-Aid Juice Boxes/Pouches, Toaster Pastries (Pop-Tarts), Applesauce (single serve), Ritz Crackers Fresh Stacks.

CWS HYGIENE KIT COLLECTION

Please place all supply donations for the hygiene kits in the lobby today. Please contact Joyce Parcell with any questions: joyceparcell6@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 29

All are welcome to attend this family-friendly celebration! Join us for an Easter egg hunt, crafts and snacks starting at 6:30pm (in place of Youth Group). *If you/your family plan to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Table.* Contact Joy Borman with questions: joyborman82@gmail.com.

Yard Sale, Saturday, May 9- A "pay what you wish" yard sale fundraiser to support the PA Kenya Team. 8am – 12pm. Set up a table or a tarp and sell your items to raise funds for our missionaries.

KENYA MISSION TRIP – July 19 – August 1

Please join us in praying for Charlotte Peterkin and Josh Peterkin who will be representing Hope CC as part of the 2026 Kenya Mission Team. In total, there are 11 missionaries from Pennsylvania, who each need to raise \$4,200 to make the trip to Kenya possible.

SMALL GROUPS

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: March 8

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Women's Group

This group is a 6-week Bible Study using Lysa TerKeurst's "Uninvited: Living Loved When You Feel Less Than, Left Out and Lonely."

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

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Meeting dates: March 2 – April 6

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: March 10

Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.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: March 11

Contact Pastor Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Men's Group

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

Where: Hope House – 1st floor

Next meeting: March 12

LIFE OF PAUL BIBLE READINGS

3/09: Acts 22:1–21

3/10: Acts 22:22–30

3/11: Acts 23:1–11

3/12: Acts 23:12–35

3/13: Acts 24:1–16

3/14 : Acts 24:17–27

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.

CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES:

The Reason for Easter

Before celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, we must first understand the reason for His crucifixion.

March 8 – Part 1: *Eliminating the Threat*

Weeks before entering Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, Jesus performed a miracle so powerful that it threatened to change the fabric of society. In order to preserve the peace and maintain the status quo, the Sanhedrin determined that Jesus must die.

John 11:45–50

March 15 – Part 2: *The Prophecy Fulfilled*

It was prophesied that the long-awaited true King of Israel would one day enter into the holy city of Jerusalem, riding on the back of a donkey, to be received with great fanfare. Five days prior to His crucifixion, Jesus fulfilled this prophecy. *Luke 19:37–40*

March 22 – Part 3: *The Lamb of God (Communion Service)*

Throughout their history, God had required blood sacrifices from the Israelites for the atonement of their sins. But now, at the dawn of the long-awaited "New Covenant" God Himself would provide the sacrifice. *Luke 22:14–20*

March 29 – Part 4: *Paid in Full*

What initially appeared to be a monumental failure was in fact God's greatest achievement. *John 19:28–30*

April 5 – Part 5: *The Good Shepherd*

In His sacrificial death, Jesus has proven how much He loves us. In His resurrection He has proven that every word He spoke is true.

John 10:14–18

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