



September 20, 2026

Engaging in the Mission of God...

Opening Songs: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
"Glory Glory (God is Able)"

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

Bible Reading: Genesis 3:8-12

⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹²The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

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

Announcements & Offering

Offering Song: "Abraham"

Message: *Attacking our Advocates*

Closing Song: "Whom Shall I Fear"

Worship musicians: Brett Borman and Jon Blasucci
Childcare: Joyce Parcell, Neil Hews, Holly Shaffer and Lily Shaffer
Greeter: Brindy Reiher
Scripture reader: Michelle Hews

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.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Blessing Bag preparation: Thursdays at 6:00pm. Blessing Bag distribution: Fridays 5pm – 7:15pm at St. Stephen's Church: 128 Chester Pike, Norwood. blessingbagsforchildren@gmail.com

HOPE COMMUNITY TSHIRT AND HOODIE ORDER

- Hope Community Church T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts are now available for pre-order. T-shirts are grey and free of charge. Hoodies are \$25 each and available in black or royal blue. (Hoodies are only available in adult sizes and we must hit a minimum order to place the order). *Check your email for instructions and a digital order form.* Paper order forms are also available. The deadline to order is Sunday, October 11th. Contact Karen with questions: kpeterkin@hopeccdelco.com

SMALL GROUPS

Women's Group – Hosted by Lynn Craig

All women are encouraged to attend!

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

Where: Hope House

Next meeting: September 21

Please contact Lynn with questions: lynncraig3@yahoo.com

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: September 22

Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com.

Men's Group – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

All men are encouraged to attend!

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

Where: Hope House

Next meeting: September 24

Please contact Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Youth Group – Hosted by Josh Shaffer

Students in grades 6–12 are encouraged to attend!

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

Where: Hope House

Next meeting: September 27

Please contact Josh with questions: jshaffer@hopeccdelco.com

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study – Led by Bob Citta

When: The first Saturday of the month at 8:30am

Where: At the home of Bob and Lois Citta. 714 Prospect Ave, Prospect Park, 19076

Next meeting: October 3

Please sign up at the Welcome Table. Contact Bob with questions: bobcitta@gmail.com

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING PLAN

9/21: Genesis 7

9/22: Genesis 8

9/23: Genesis 9

9/24: Genesis 10

9/25: Genesis 11

9/26: Job 1

CURRENT MESSAGE SERIES:

The Invitation

Throughout our lives, we are given many invitations to turn away from sin and grow in our faith. If we are going to respond to those invitations appropriately, we first have to be able to recognize them.

September 20 – Part 1: *Attacking our Advocates*

When our wrongdoings are exposed, we will always be tempted to defend ourselves, even when we have no reasonable defense.

Unsurprisingly, defending our sins and refusing to repent only stifles our spiritual maturity and strains our relationship with God.

– *Genesis 3:8–12*

September 27 – Part 2: *Blinded by Pride*

Our patient, compassionate, and loving God wants us to repent so that He may enjoy an eternal relationship with us. Sadly, many will reject every single one of God's innumerable invitations to repent.

– *Genesis 7:1–5*

October 4 – Part 3: *Open to Correction*

Sometimes those who seek to correct us don't actually possess any tangible evidence of wrongdoing. Sometimes the accusations made against us are vague and baseless. Regardless, we should remain open to correction and give our accusers the opportunity to show us where we have gone astray.

– *Job 6:24–29*

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Porch Meetings – Facilitated by Bob & Lois Citta. Open to all.

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

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

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

–If you would like to join our Prayer Team and receive prayer requests via email, please reach out to Karen Peterkin: info@hopeccdelco.com or kpeterkin@hopeccdelco.com.

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