

Prayer. Afterwards we'll spend a little time reconnecting and having dessert. We would like to invite everyone to attend and, if you're so inclined, to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please join us!

Special Thanksgiving Service & Dinner Feast!

We are having a special Thanksgiving Service **Saturday, November 20th** with a Thanksgiving feast to follow. (Please see the insert)

Sunday Morning Prayer & Ministry Time

Join us for a time of sharing, prayer, & ministering to one another via Zoom! **Sunday morning 8:30-9:15am**, just prior to our Sunday

Zoom connection time: Meeting ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752

Sunday Zooming!

We host a 15-minute open, unstructured Zoom time for everyone at Hope to connect with one another **each Sunday at 9:15am**. We encourage all of you to join us! In addition, for those who missed our Saturday worship service, we will replay a recording of the service beginning at 9:30am on the same Zoom channel. Zoom mtg. ID: 287 775 281; Passcode: 019752

Offering Summary			
	Needed	Given	+ / (-)
Sep	\$13,910	\$12,058	(\$1,852)
YTD	\$126,270	\$121,645	(\$4,625)

Calendar (see www.go2hope.org for more)

- **Every Sunday Morning**—8:30am Prayer & ministry time; 9:15am Connection time; 9:30am Video replay of the Saturday evening worship service (Zoom mtg. ID#: 287 775 281 Passcode: 019752)
- **November 4th**—Youth Group at 6:30pm at Liberty Church
- **November 5th**—Friday Morning Prayer at 9:30am (Zoom mtg. ID#: 823 3258 1259 Passcode: 021144)
- **November 6th**—Saturday Morning Men's Breakfast at 8am at Liberty Church
- **November 12th**—Evening of Worship & Prayer at 7pm at Liberty Church
- **November 20th**—Special Thanksgiving Service & Dinner Feast at 5pm at Liberty Church
- **New Outreach Cohorts**—Once a month for one hour either in-person after our worship service or via Zoom!



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Welcome to HOPE

October 30, 2021

Infinite & Personal

God is totally other.

Because God is infinite, every aspect of His being is infinite. His knowledge, His power, His presence—none of His attributes have limitations. We cannot even begin to grasp the totality of His nature!

Think for a moment about the universe. God spoke it into being. And even as you read this blog, God upholds every star, every galaxy, every celestial body in our cosmos. The combined energy of the cosmos pales in comparison to the infinite power of God.

In addition, God is completely sovereign over all. When we think about history—from world-changing events to the tiniest flap of a butterfly wing, God is sovereignly in control of all things.

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But we can mistakenly think that because God is infinite, He is impersonal, distant, and/or difficult to relate. How so? Stay tuned...

Wayne Okamoto, pastor

Are you new?

We're so glad you took the time to visit us this evening! Perhaps you're just beginning to explore spiritual things. On the other hand, maybe you have known God for many years. Either way, we invite you to join us as we travel together in life's spiritual journey to get to know the God of the universe!

What to expect

As we worship God, you may see people express their love for God in different ways. Some people are more expressive and like to clap their hands or even raise their arms. Others feel more comfortable worshipping quietly. But please don't feel compelled to do anything! Feel free to participate in worship or just sit back, relax, and observe.

No strings attached

If you are a guest with us today, please don't put anything in the offering box except your orange welcome card. This service is our gift to you!

Worship Order

Welcome & prayer

Worship

Reminders & Announcements

Message:

Infinite God, Intimate with You
Special Speaker: Brian Clements

(pre-K through senior high are dismissed prior to the message*)

Final song

*Our Children's Ministries:

Our children & youth are dismissed for their classes just prior to the message. They will be meeting downstairs in separate classrooms (nursery/preschool/ kindergarten; elementary; and middle school & high school youth).

Welcome Cards

We'd like to encourage everyone to fill out a welcome card. If you're visiting with us this evening, please fill out a card & place it in the offering box in the back. Then pick up a free bag from our resource table!

Helpful guidelines regarding the pandemic

Masks: In light of Governor Pritzker's current statewide mask mandate, we highly encourage you to wear a mask. If you need a mask, please pick one up on our welcome table in the lobby.

Not feeling well?: If you are not feeling well, we ask that you stay home. In addition, if you attend our worship service and later test positive for COVID-19, please contact Wayne or an elder ASAP.

Our Mission Statement

To honor God by helping people become Christ-followers who grow, connect, devote, & serve. For more info about Hope, check out our website at www.go2hope.org.

Next Steps

Would you like to take a next step in your spiritual journey? Consider joining a small group! It's a great place to connect with others and grow in your relationship with God. Another option is to meet someone one-on-one for what we call "discipleship" or "spiritual mentoring." It's like having a spiritual trainer to help you grow and develop spiritually. For more info, just check the box on your orange welcome card.

Upcoming Events

Craft Night

The women of Liberty have invited the women of Hope to join them for an evening of crafting and **fellowship Friday, November 5th, 7-9pm**. Further details on our Women of Hope Facebook page and via email--check your inboxes! Please let Karen know if you'll be attending. (karenwclements@gmail.com or 847-875-4884)

New Message Series Next Saturday!

Discouragement. It's the dark cloud that drifts in and blocks the sunlight after prolonged times of difficulty. Maybe it's a health challenge or a financial burden. Maybe it's a wayward child or perhaps the unfulfilled desire to have children. We begin to pray with great hope and expectation, but nothing happens. Time marches on and we continue to pray, but our fervency gradually dwindles. Slowly the cloud of discouragement casts a shadow over our waning faith. So what do we do when faced with demoralizing discouragement? Join us next Saturday as we begin a new message series "Persevering Faith."

Evening of Worship & Prayer

We want to be a church of fully-devoted followers of Christ who have a passion for God! One way of experiencing that passion is gathering together to pray. Therefore, on **Friday, November 12th at 7pm we will be meeting here at Liberty**, in the lower level (enter on the south side of the building) for our monthly Evening of Worship &

Our Mission

To help people become Christ followers who grow, devote, connect, and serve.

*We are so glad you joined us today!
Let us know if we can do anything to serve you.*