

WELCOME TO HOPE

We warmly welcome you to HOPE Presbyterian Church. We are a Christ-focused, gospel proclaiming, and confessional Church that upholds the authority of God's Word in all matters of faith and life. Our prayer is that you may worship with us, in spirit and truth, to the glory of the Lord our God. **Infants and children** are welcome in our services; if your child is unsettled you may take him/her to the room behind the curtain.

Sermons are uploaded to our website: www.hopekingston.com/sermons

Tithes & Offerings: our morning offering is received for the general operations of the church; our afternoon offering is designated for missions & mercy work. E-transfers can be made to hopepresb@gmail.com.

Large Print Hymn Sheet If anyone might need our weekly Hymn selection printed in a larger font size, please speak to Alison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Tuesday May 19, 7:30pm Our bi-weekly Bible study in May and June will be on the *New Reformation Catechism on Human Sexuality*. We recognize this is a matter that has become prominent in all areas of our society, and it is incumbent upon us as God's people to be able to witness to the truth. This second study will complete questions 11-15, and the Part II: The Fall.

-May 25-29 Pastor Carter will be away on his annual study week. He will be attending an intensive OT Course at Gillespie Academy. Student Ilia Korchagin will be preaching for us on May 31st.

- Sunday May 31 HOPE Notes meets at the center between services. Please pray that the notes and cards that are written bless and encourage those who receive them. We welcome any to join us. Please bring a lunch.

Service providers:

- Refreshments for May 24 will be Barb and Michael
-Our Tellers today are Michelle & Joelle

MEETING AT:

Portuguese Cultural Center
959 Division Str, Kingston

SERVICE TIMES:

Morning – 10:30^{AM}
Afternoon – 4:00^{PM}

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LORD'S DAY – May 17, 2026

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30^{AM}

Greetings and Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Isaiah 49:5-7

***Invocation**

***Praise:** TH 168 I Greet Thee

Covenant Renewal: The Ten Commandments

God's Assurance: John 3:16-17

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings, Praise: TH 498 [St.1,2,3,5]

Catechism Focus

***Praise:** TH 521 My Hope Is Built

Sermon Text: 2Corinthians 3:1-11

Message: You Are an Epistle of Christ

***Praise:** TH 339 For Your Gift of God the Spirit

***Benediction**

***Doxology** – TH 726

AFTERNOON WORSHIP 4:00^{PM}

Greetings & Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 90:13-17

***Invocation**

***Praise:** Psalm 48A v.1-8 The LORD Is Great

Confession of Faith: Shorter Catechism 107 [p.877]

Mercy Offering, Praise: Psalm 34C v.11-22

Intercessory & Pastoral Prayer

Praise: Psalm 59B v.9-17 I Wait for You

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:1-6

Message: Return to Me

***Praise:** Psalm 145B v.8-14 Full of Compassion

***Benediction**

***Doxology** – Psalm 134B

***Congregation stands if able**

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me; Spirit
of the living God, Fall
fresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold
me, fill me. Spirit of the
Living God, Fall fresh
on me.

Ps.134 Bless the Lord

Bless the LORD all you,
his servants; as you
serve with one accord;
Bless the LORD in your
night watches, in the
dwelling of the LORD

Lift your hands within
his temple; bless the
LORD and raise them
high.

May the LORD bless
you from Zion, he who
made both earth and sky

Sermon Points:

Morning: You Are an Epistle of Christ

1. The Spirit Writes Christ in Your Heart
2. The Spirit Gives You Sufficiency
3. The Spirit Brings Permanent Glory

Afternoon: Return to Me

1. The Promise
2. The Problem
3. The Punishment

Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:8-9

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light; for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Catechism Focus: Question 46 of The First Catechism

Q.46 How, then, can you be saved? *By the Lord Jesus Christ through the covenant of grace.*

Prayers & Intercessions: This week’s Presbytery focus is West River Road Reformed Church in Cambridge, ON. The Rev. Curt VanDyken is the pastor.

Prayers from the inmates of Grand Valley Institute (GVI)

1. Please pray for my family, friends and volunteers here at GVI who support me in my time here. Thank you and Lord bless to all.
2. Please pray for my mom’s health. She is sick with cancer and the hospital and I’m unable to be there with her right now. Thank you!
3. Please pray for Amanda-Lee’s health and her parole hearing, for her freedom April 22, 2026. And for her son, Moses’, safety and protection. God bless. Thank you.
4. I pray I get to see my 2 boys when I go home. I pray for my Dads cancer for healing.
5. My sister is due anyway now to have her baby boy. That she has a safe delivery and the baby is safe and healthy. Thank you.
6. Pray for all ETAs to be approved. Closer relationships with my family. Thank you
7. Let all proposals for Inmate Committee’s be approved.
8. Praying for family. She is thankful that her daughter and her family are doing well. Her son-in-law doesn’t want them to be involved with her at this time she is at peace with this but would love for the Lord to work a change of heart in this matter.
9. Please pray for my brother who is now in jail that he would stay safe, and my dad who has dementia and is in the hospital.
10. Pray for all the girls at GVI. Help the environment be peaceful, loving, and caring in all our hearts.
11. Pray that the May 10 and May 18 gatherings go well, that the higher-ups look at the proposals and grant approvals. Pray for calmness for me. That God would be the center of my family.
12. Continued recovery from the stroke and seizures & help finding a church that she can attend for Sunday worship

<u>HOPE Prayers for this week.</u>
Church Family Focus: Luke & Esther Reynolds Mission Focus: Pastor Carter & Hope’s “Mission to Kingston”
<u>Monday May 18</u>
Pray for HOPE’s need of leadership. It takes at least two men in the office of ruling elder in order to form a Session; pray for the godly character of our men to grow and be noticed by HOPE congregation. Pray for Elders Wil, Jon and John as they serve HOPE and their respective congregations
<u>Tuesday May 19</u>
Pray that the Lord lead us to a suitable venue where we can grow, where we can minister from, and be more visibly present in Kingston. Pray that HOPE Church is salt and light to Kingston.
<u>Wednesday May 20</u>
Pray for our widows & widower: Elizabeth, Marjorie, Marion, Yvonne, Debbie, and Bruce. Pray for the Lord’s presence to bring them joy and peace each day. Pray for us to consider ways we may encourage them
<u>Thursday May 21</u>
Remember our students: Joelle, Tsegaw, Callum, Lydia, Miriam, George, Anne-Marie, and others. Pray for the Lord’s provisions and guidance in their lives as they prepare for their careers
<u>Friday May 22</u>
Pray for Pastor Carter’s labour in prayer and ministry of the word. Pray the Lord will bring prosperity to His Word preached and to the gospel labours.