



LIVING HOPE

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead....”

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

Living Hope Presbyterian Church

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The Lord's Day, March 26, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Jude 1-2 (p. 1027)*

Call to Worship *Psalm 117 (p. 511)*

*Hymn *"Revive Thy Work, O Lord" no. 413*

*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (p. 988)*

Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 103:8-12 (p. 502)*

*Hymn *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" no. 351*

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *1 Peter 5:1-11 (p. 1016)*

Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*

Installation of Elder Bob McKeen

*Hymn *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" no. 409*

*The Confession of Faith, 26.1-2 *See the Bulletin Insert*

Collection & Prayer *Hebrews 13:16 (p. 1010)*

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Mark 12:28-34 (p. 848)*

Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*

Sermon **THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**

Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering

*Psalm *"I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice" no. 116A, st. 1, 6-8*

*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26 (p. 114)*

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Congregational Confession of Sins

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD:

You are always more ready to hear than we are ready to ask. You are more ready to give than we desire or deserve. Show us the abundance of your mercy and forgive us these many sins. Through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, wash us and cleanse us from all guilt and shame. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Uphold us with your Spirit. Grant us the blessings of your grace, and life evermore. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. **AMEN.**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Of the Communion of Saints, 26.1-2

1. All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

2. Saints by profession are bound to maintain a holy fellowship and communion in the worship of God, and in performing such other spiritual services as tend to their mutual edification; as also in relieving each other in outward things, according to their several abilities and necessities. Which communion, as God offers opportunity, is to be extended unto all those who, in every place, call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
26-Mar	J. & C. Wetzel	T. Johnston	D. Forbeck	J. Wetzel	Mindy
2-Apr	The Wilsons	J. Johnsson	C. Wetzel	J. Wilson	Chelsea
9-Apr	The Riggs	D. Lott	B. McKeen	B. Rigg	Jill

Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church! We're a Reformed & Presbyterian congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Questions? Call the church office at (717) 334-7157 or contact Pastor Van Meerbeke (vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org; (717) 253-4575) or Pastor Bennett (bennett.shane@hotmail.com; (717) 501-8400).

Sunday School, 9:30-10:15—Join us each week as we grow in our faith by studying Scripture and various topics.

Holy Communion—Each week, we observe the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who are united with Christ by faith are welcome to participate. *The bread is gluten free. The outer ring is grape juice.*

Diaconal Offering—This Sunday, an offering will be collected after Communion for the use of the Deacons in their work.

Today, Bob McKeen will be installed as ruling elder.

Easter Fellowship Luncheon—don't forget the April Fellowship Luncheon will be moved up to Easter Sunday, April 9. The church will be providing a ham.

Home Groups are listed on the back of the bulletin. See Rebecca for details. Come for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, April 8, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, prayer.

Women's Bible Study—We are studying the letters of John. There is both a morning and an evening option. Please come as you are able.

10:30 am—1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:00 pm—2nd Monday

Welcome to Living Hope Presbyterian Church! We're a member congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) organized in 1983. Our purpose is to glorify God in divine worship, gospel witness, and mutual edification. The OPC is a member of NAPARC, the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council, whose member denominations agree on many matters related to the Bible, creeds, and church polity.

We regularly confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. Our faith is best described in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger Catechism, and the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

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Ushers and Greeters: Tom Johnston

Women's Bible Study: Gloria Serrao (443) 745-1430

Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Service of Worship

10:30 am

Home Groups

Brown (Gettysburg S): 3rd Wed., 6:45-8:00 pm

Craine (Gettysburg E): 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

Gideon (Fayetteville): 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:00-8:15 pm

Lott (Biglerville): 4th Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

Wetzel (Gettysburg N): 1st Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thu., 10:30 am

2nd Mon., 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm