

"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, October 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

### **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation Revelation 1:4-5 (p. 1028)
Call to Worship Psalm 103:1-5 (p. 502)
\*Hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" no. 239
\*Invocation Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)

**Confessing our Sins** 

Call to Repentance Acts 3:19-20a (p. 911)
Congregational Confession of Sin See the Bulletin Insert
Assurance of Pardon Acts 16:31 (p. 925)
\*Psalm "Praise Waits for Thee in Zion" no. 65C

**Praying for the Church** 

Scripture Reading
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
\*Hymn

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode" no. 475
\*The Confession of Faith, 8.1

Collection & Prayer

Revelation 21:22-22:5 (p. 1041)
See the Bulletin Insert
2 Corinthians 9:12 (p. 968)

**Proclaiming God's Word** 

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:30-34 (p. 839)

Prayer for Illumination

Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)

Sermon

LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED

Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

**Closing Prayer** 

\*Hymn "Your Hand, O God, Has Guided" no. 416
\*Benediction Revelation 22:21 (p. 1042)
Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

### LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS FATHER:

We acknowledge in your presence that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption. We are prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

### The Apostles' Creed

Of Christ the Mediator, 8.1

1. It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

# Notes and Pictures

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY	
Oct 10	The Langs	R. Lang	B. Rigg	J. Hughes	Jean	Linda
Oct 17	The Johnstons	T. Johnston	K. Brown	B. Gideon	Kathleen	Carmen
Oct 24	The McKeens	D. Lott	D. Forbeck	B. Rigg	Jill	Calvin

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 Siggins (siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org; (814) 933-6321).

**Sunday School for All Ages, 9:30-10:15**—The Adult Sunday School Class topic is "The Already and Not Yet."

Home Groups—We have four Home Groups at various times and at various locations (listed on the back of the bulletin). See Sandra or Rebecca for details. Come for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

**New Members!** On October 17, Bob and Debbie McKeen, Jack and Carol Wetzel, and Jerry and Dolly Myers will be received into membership.

2021 Photo Directories are available in the lobby.

**Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes are available in the foyer. For more information, go to <a href="www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child">www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child</a> or see the bulletin board. Boxes are due Nov. 12-22.

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

Women's Bible Study meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10:30 am at the church. Please come as you are able.



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.

### Officers of Living Hope Presbyterian Church

**Session: (Board of Active Elders)** 

Rev. John Van Meerbeke, Pastor & Moderator (717) 549-2462 (w)

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Mr. David Craine (703) 863-9501 (c)

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**Administrative Assistants:** 

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#### **Committee Chairs:**

Audio and Accompaniment: Dave Craine Building Accommodations: Adam Behnke

Children's Ministry: Tracy Wetzel

Hospitality and Fellowship: Kathleen Craine Men's Breakfast: Jim Hughes, Bob McKeen Property and Maintenance: Doug Forbeck

Ushers and Greeters: Tom Johnston

Women's Bible Study: Barbara Mauchamer

#### Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Service of Worship 10:30 am

Home Groups Lang (Gettysburg): 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8:30 pm

Siggins (Gettysburg): Sun., 5:30-7:00 pm

Gideon (Fayetteville): 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 7:00-8:15 pm Wetzel (New Oxford): 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

Men's Breakfast

Session

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

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Second Thurs., 7 pm.