



# LIVING HOPE

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*“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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# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, October 22, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *2 Timothy 1:2 (p. 995)*  
Call to Worship *Psalm 81:1 (p. 491)*  
\*\*Psalm *"Sing Aloud to God Our Strength" no. 81A*  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Luke 6:20-26 (p. 862)*  
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 103:8-12 (p. 502)*  
\*\*Hymn *"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" no. 479*

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Psalm 16 (p. 453)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*  
\*\*Hymn *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" no. 291*  
\*The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1 *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Collection & Prayer *2 Corinthians 9:12 (p. 968)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 16:1-8 (p. 853)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*  
Sermon **THE MIRACLE OF THE EMPTY TOMB**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" no. 379*  
\*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26 (p. 114)*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

\*\*opportunity to enter or exit, if necessary, during worship

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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**ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD**, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

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**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 Heidelberg Catechism

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Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**A. That I am not my own,<sup>1</sup>  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—<sup>2</sup>  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.<sup>3</sup>**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,<sup>4</sup>  
and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.<sup>5</sup>  
He also watches over me in such a way<sup>6</sup>  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;<sup>7</sup>  
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.<sup>8</sup>**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
also assures me of eternal life<sup>9</sup>  
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.<sup>10</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor. 6:19-20

<sup>2</sup> Rom. 14:7-9

<sup>3</sup> 1 Cor. 3:23; Titus 2:14

<sup>4</sup> 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7-9; 2:2

<sup>5</sup> John 8:34-36; Heb. 2:14-15; 1 John 3:1-11

<sup>6</sup> John 6:39-40; 10:27-30; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:5

<sup>7</sup> Matt. 10:29-31; Luke 21:16-18

<sup>8</sup> Rom. 8:28

<sup>9</sup> Rom. 8:15-16; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; 5:5; Eph. 1:13-14

<sup>10</sup> Rom. 8:1-17



	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
22-Oct	B. Van Meerbeke	Jacob Fenby	J. Wetzel	D. Forbeck	Maddie
29-Oct	J. & D. Myers	A. Snyder	B. Rigg	T. Johnston	Kathleen
5-Nov	The Gideons	B. McKeen	J. Wilson	J. Johnsson	Rachelle

**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](mailto:vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org); (717) 253-4575) or Pastor Bennett ([bennett.shane@hotmail.com](mailto:bennett.shane@hotmail.com); (717) 501-8400).

**Sunday School, 9:30-10:15**—Current topic: Psalms 1-8.

Beginning in November, we will be studying the book Christianity and Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen. Copies are available on the literature table. Please take one and feel free to start reading ahead. *Even if you do not plan to attend Sunday School, go ahead and take a copy -- we have plenty and it's a valuable read.*

**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**—Next Sunday, an offering will be collected after Communion for the use of the Deacons in their work.

The **2023 Directory** is available in the foyer on the literature table.

**Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes are available in the foyer. For more information, go to [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child) or see the bulletin board. Boxes are due Nov. 12.

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

**Men's Breakfast**—Saturday, Nov. 11, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, prayer.

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

**10:30 am—1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

**7:00 pm—2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Officers of Living Hope Presbyterian Church**

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Ushers and Greeters: Tom Johnston

Women's Bible Study: Gloria Serrao

### **Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Service of Worship

10:30 am

Home Groups

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

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

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

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

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

Women's Bible Study

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu., 10:30 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm