



# 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**  
155 Early Avenue, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325  
(717) 334-7157

# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, October 29, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

## Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation

*Galatians 1:3-5* (p. 972)

Call to Worship

*Psalm 103:1-5* (p. 502)

\*\*Hymn

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* no. 224

\*Invocation

*Psalm 124:8* (p. 517)

## Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance

*Galatians 5:13-14* (p. 975)

Congregational Confession of Sin

*See the Bulletin Insert*

Assurance of Pardon

*Galatians 2:16* (p. 973)

\*\*Psalm

*"The LORD Is My Shepherd"* no. 23C

## Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading

*Revelation 7:9-17* (p. 1032)

Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

*See the Bulletin Insert*

\*\*Hymn

*"Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"* no. 566

\*The Apostles' Creed

*See the Bulletin Insert*

Collection & Prayer

*2 Corinthians 9:7-8* (p. 968)

## Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

*2 Samuel 6:1-15* (p. 258)

Prayer for Illumination

*Isaiah 40:8* (p. 599)

Sermon

**THE KING, THE LORD OF HOSTS!**

*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering

\*Hymn

*"All Creatures of Our God and King"* no. 248

\*Benediction

*Ephesians 6:23-24* (p. 979)

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

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

# Congregational Confession of Sins

---

**ALMIGHTY GOD,**

we acknowledge and confess

that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed;

we have not loved you with all of our heart,

soul, mind, and strength;

we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow

for the wrong we have done,

and the good we have left undone.

Lord, you are full of compassion, and gracious,

slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

There is always forgiveness with you!

Restore to us the joy of your salvation;

bind up that which is broken,

give light to our minds,

and rest to our souls.

Speak to us, let your Word abide with us

until it has wrought in us your holy will,

through 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

---

**I BELIEVE** in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

**I BELIEVE** in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come  
to judge the living and the dead.

**I BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**



	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
29-Oct	J. & D. Myers	A. Snyder	B. Rigg	T. Johnston	Kathleen
5-Nov	The Gideons	B. McKeen	J. Wilson	J. Johnsson	Rachelle
12-Nov	The Bennetts	J. Myers	D. Lott	C. Wetzel	Barb VM

**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**—Next Sunday, we will begin studying Christianity and Liberalism by J. Gresham Machen. Copies are available in the foyer.

**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.

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

**New Members!** Ricky Morris will be received into membership next Sunday, Nov. 5. We also look forward to the baptism of Zoey Fenby in the near future.

**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.

**The Thank Offering 2023** supports Worldwide Outreach of the OPC (Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Christian Education). It will be collected on **Sunday, Nov. 19**. If contributing by check, please make it out to Living Hope and note "Thank Offering" on the memo line.

**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**

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

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

vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org

Rev. Shane M. Bennett, Assoc. Pastor (717) 549-2463 (w); bennett.shane@hotmail.com

Rev. John Mallin (717) 816-2793; johnwmallin@gmail.com

Rev. Kyle Brown, Assoc. Pastor & Chaplain (717) 479-1264; pastorkylebrown@gmail.com

Mr. Johnny Johnsson, Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session (410) 833-5508;

johnsson5@verizon.net

Mr. Timothy Shatzer, Ruling Elder (717) 494-2077; tshatzerx1@centurylink.net

Dr. Chris Wetzel, Ruling Elder (717) 817-1320; cwetzel492@gmail.com

Mr. Robert McKeen, Ruling Elder (239) 564-3707; robertsmckeen@gmail.com

#### **Deacons:**

Mr. David Craine (703) 863-9501; dcraine@me.com

Mr. Thomas Johnston (717) 357-9192; thomasloganjohnston@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** Rev. Kyle Brown (717) 479-1264; pastorkylebrown@gmail.com

**Administrative Assistant:** Rebecca Brown

**Email:** office@livinghopegettysburg.org **Phone:** (717) 334-7157 (w); (717) 420-5273 (h)

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Audio and Accompaniment: Dave Craine

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: 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