



# 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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The Lord's Day, October 3, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Ephesians 1:2 (p. 976)*  
Call to Worship *Psalm 150:1-2, 6 (p. 526)*  
\*Psalm *"Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!" no. 150C*  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Ephesians 4:17-24 (p. 978)*  
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Assurance of Pardon *Ephesians 1:3-7 (p. 976)*  
\*Hymn *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" no. 338*

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 55 (p. 615)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*  
\*Psalm *"The Lord's My Shepherd" no. 23A*  
\*The Apostles' Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Collection & Prayer *Matthew 6:19-21 (p. 811)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 4:26-29 (p. 839)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*  
Sermon **THE PARABLE OF THE SEED AND THE HARVEST**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" no. 405*  
\*Benediction *2 Corinthians 13:14 (p. 971)*  
Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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**O LORD:**

Your steadfast love and faithfulness  
are found in your Son.

We plead his name, who died for us;  
his blood for our sins,  
his righteousness for our unrighteousness,  
his purity for our uncleanness,  
his meekness for our pride,  
his reconciliation for our rebellion,  
his obedience for our lawlessness,  
his holiness for our dead works,  
his death for our life. 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 Apostles' Creed

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**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.**



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Oct 3	Anne Maxwell	D. Forbeck	J. Johnsson	T. Johnston	Barb VM	Gloria
Oct 10	The Langs	R. Lang	B. Rigg	J. Hughes	Jean	Linda
Oct 17	The Johnstons	T. Johnston	K. Brown	B. Gideon	Kathleen	Carmen

**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 Siggins ([siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org](mailto: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.”

**New Members Class** in Pastor Siggins’ office during the Sunday school hour this month. If you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Siggins as space is limited.

**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 now available!** They are on the table in the back office. Ask Rebecca or Sandra if you have questions.

**Harvest Party this Saturday**—Join us on Saturday, October 9 at 4:00 at the Lotts’ for a hayride, potluck, and fire. There will be activities for the kids, too! The main dish and drinks will be provided. **Please RSVP through the Living Hope Weekly** and bring a side or dessert to share.

**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. 12-22.

**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)**

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#### **Committee Chairs:**

Audio and Accompaniment: Dave Craine

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

Men's Breakfast Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session Second Thurs., 7 pm.