



# 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)*

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# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, October 8, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation	<i>Romans 1:7b</i> (p. 939)
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 100</i> (p. 500)
*Psalm	<i>"Shout to the LORD, All Earth"</i> no. 100A
*Invocation	<i>Psalm 124:8</i> (p. 517)

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance	<i>Romans 16:17-19</i> (p. 950)
Congregational Confession of Sin	<i>See the Bulletin Insert</i>
Assurance of Pardon	<i>Romans 5:1-11</i> (p. 942)
*Hymn	<i>"Before the Throne of God Above"</i> no. 277

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading	<i>Psalm 38</i> (p. 467)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer	<i>See the Bulletin Insert</i>
Reception of New Members	
*Hymn	<i>"Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit"</i> no. 391
*The Nicene Creed	<i>See the Bulletin Insert</i>
Collection & Prayer	<i>Exodus 35:29</i> (p. 76)

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading	<i>Mark 15:40-41</i> (p. 853)
Prayer for Illumination	<i>Isaiah 40:8</i> (p. 599)
Sermon	<b>WOMEN WHO FOLLOWED JESUS</b> <i>Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke</i>

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn	<i>"Doxology"</i> no. 570
*Benediction	<i>Romans 16:20</i> (p. 951)

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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**MERCIFUL GOD,**

we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind  
and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,  
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 Nicene Creed

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**I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD**, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST**, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made.  
Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**, the Lord and Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.

**AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.**

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
8-Oct	K. & S. Feaga	M. Davidson	J. Myers	D. Lott	Alison
15-Oct	Anne Maxwell	N. Fenby	B. Gideon	J. Wetzel	Bethany
22-Oct	B. Van Meerbeke	Jacob Fenby	B. Vargo	B. Rigg	Maddie

**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**—Join us as we grow in our faith by studying Scripture and various topics. Current topic: Psalms 1-8.

**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.*

**New Members**—Today we welcome Jim Foster, Kari King, and Ernest Nygard into the full privileges of membership! If you would like to join the church, please contact one of the members of the session.

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

**Fellowship Lunch**—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! Next Sunday, Oct. 15. Bring a dish, if you can.

**Harvest Party at the Lotts'**—Saturday, Oct. 14, 4:00 pm.

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**Men's Breakfast**—Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, prayer.

**Women's Bible Study**—NOTE: *The first Thursday meeting in October is moved to October 12.*

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.

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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