



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

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The Lord's Day, December 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation 2 Corinthians 1:2 (p. 964)
Call to Worship Luke 1:68, 79 (p. 856)
**Hymn "Song of Zechariah" no. 294
*Invocation Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance Romans 12:1-8 (p. 947)
Congregational Confession of Sin See the Bulletin Insert
Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:14-16 (p. 966)
**Hymn "Come unto Me, Ye Weary" no. 443

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading Psalm 85 (p. 493)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See the Bulletin Insert
**Psalm "I Love the LORD" no. 116A (st. 1-5, 8)
*The Apostles' Creed See the Bulletin Insert
Collection & Prayer Matthew 6:19-21 (p. 811)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Romans 5:1 (p. 942)
Prayer for Illumination Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)
Sermon **HOW DO I FIND REAL PEACE?**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" no. 319
*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

HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD,

according to your steadfast love,
according to your abundant mercy.

Blot out our many, many sins!

We would be holy, O God,
but we are sinful from birth.

Forgive us, our Father,
and renew us in your Spirit.

Create us anew in the image of your Son,
and make us your holy people.

Have mercy on us, O God,
through Jesus Christ,
who is seated at your right hand.

And to you be all glory,
one God forever,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. 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
17-Dec	The Riggs	D. Lott	C. Wetzel	B. McKeen	Jean
24-Dec	The Johnstons	J. Wetzel	M. Davidson	J. Myers	Gloria
31-Dec	The Johnssons	B. Rigg	N. Fenby	B. Vargo	Tracy

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 Bennett (bennett.shane@hotmail.com; (717) 501-8400).

Sunday School, 9:30-10:15—Join us each week as we grow in our faith by studying Scripture and various topics.

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.*

Fellowship Lunch—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! You are invited!

Congregational Meeting today to vote on the budget, after the morning worship service.

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols—Dec. 24, 6:00 p.m.

A **Catechism Club for children**, kindergarten to 6th grade, will start Wednesday, January 10, 4:00–5:00 pm and will meet weekly. There will be a sign up sheet after the New Year. Questions? See Pastor Shane.

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, January 13, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and 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—1st & 3rd Thursdays

7:00 pm—2nd 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): 3rd Wed., 6:45-8:00 pm

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

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

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

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

Women's Bible Study

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

2nd Mon., 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm