



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, January 28, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation 2 Corinthians 1:2 (p. 964)
Call to Worship 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (p. 964)
**Hymn "To God Be the Glory" no. 236
*Invocation Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 (p. 967)
Congregational Confession of Sin See the Bulletin Insert
Assurance of Pardon 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 (p. 966)
**Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" no. 243

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading Psalm 4 (p. 448)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See the Bulletin Insert
**Psalm "Give Ear, God of My Righteousness" no. 4
*The Shorter Catechism, Q. 29-31 See the Bulletin Insert
Collection & Prayer 2 Corinthians 8:7-9 (p. 967)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9 (p. 982)
Prayer for Illumination Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)
Sermon **THE PEACE OF GOD AND THE GOD OF PEACE**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering – for Short-Term Missionaries Lucas & Erica Payson

*Hymn "O God beyond All Praising" no. 241
*Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14 (p. 971)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

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

Congregational Confession of Sins

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we have sinned against you.
Have mercy upon us in Jesus and grant us godly grief!
Deliver us from attachments to what is unclean,
from association with worldliness,
and from our many evil desires.

Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, and peaceable,
to live for you and not for self,
to obey and follow your words, acts, and Spirit,
to be transformed into your likeness,
to be consecrated entirely to you,
and to live entirely for your glory. 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 Shorter Catechism

Q. 29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

Q. 30. How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

Q. 31. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
28-Jan	R. & R. Brown	M. Davidson	B. Vargo	J. Wetzel	Kathleen
4-Feb	The Snyders	N. Fenby	D. Forbeck	B. Rigg	Rachelle
11-Feb	The McKeens	Jacob Fenby	J. Wilson	T. Johnston	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; (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.*

Diaconal Offering—*This Sunday's and the next two diaconal offerings will go to support the Paysons' son and daughter-in-law in their mission trip to Uruguay.*

Chili Cook-off & Family Game Night! Saturday, February 10, 6:00 pm.

Catechism Club—Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 pm, for children kindergarten to 6th grade. Questions? See Pastor Shane or Tracy Wetzel.

Young Life Banquet—Monday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Gettysburg Hotel (1 Lincoln Square). **Living Hope is sponsoring two tables.** Speak to Kris Fluman or Jill Lott for details.

Winterlight Youth Retreat—Feb. 23-24, at Covenant OPC in Sinking Spring, PA. Grades 8-12. This retreat will be a wonderful time of fellowship with other youth, along with excellent teaching from Mr. Brian Groot. Register online at www.philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight for \$30.

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, February 10, 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.

Officers of Living Hope Presbyterian Church

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Women's Bible Study: Gloria Serrao

Property and Maintenance: Doug Forbeck

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., 9:00-10:00 am

Catechism Club

Wed., 4:00-5:00 pm

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm