



# 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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# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, February 11, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Jude 1b-2 (p. 1027)*

Call to Worship *Hebrews 10:19-23 (p. 1007)*

\*\*Hymn *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" no. 214*

\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Hebrews 13:1-9 (p. 1009)*

Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*

Assurance of Pardon *Hebrews 10:11-18 (p. 1006)*

\*\*Psalm *"Remember Not, O God" no. 79B*

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Ezekiel 9:1-11 (p. 697)*

Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*

\*\*Hymn *"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" no. 342*

\*The Confession of Faith, 25.1-3 *See the Bulletin Insert*

Collection & Prayer *Hebrews 13:16 (p. 1010)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Revelation 7:1-17 (p. 1031)*

Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*

Sermon **SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERED**  
*Rev. Shane M. Bennett*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn *"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" no. 198*

\*Benediction *Hebrews 13:20-21 (p. 1010)*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

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

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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## **GOD OF OUR SALVATION:**

Help us for the glory of your name.

For Jesus' sake, pardon our iniquity.

Our sin is very great and we are stiff-necked.

Do not remember our transgressions against us.

In your mercy, deliver us and purge away our sins.

Take away all of our sins and give us repentant hearts.

Forgive us and receive us, O Lord,

and restore to us the joy of redemption.

We thank you that you take no pleasure

in the death of the wicked.

You delight in showing us mercy.

You are slow to anger

and abounding in steadfast love.

In Christ we have forgiveness.

In Christ we have peace.

In Christ we have 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.**

# Westminster Confession of Faith

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## *Of the Church, 25.1-3*

1. The catholic or universal church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fullness of him that fills all in all.

2. The visible church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation, as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion; and of their children: and is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

3. Unto this catholic visible church Christ has given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God, for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the world: and does, by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise, make them effectual thereunto.



	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
11-Feb	The McKeens	Jacob Fenby	J. Wilson	T. Johnston	Jean
18-Feb	K. & S. Feaga	A. Snyder	D. Lott	J. Johnsson	Chelsea
25-Feb	Anne Maxwell	B. McKeen	J. Wetzel	C. Wetzel	Jill

**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 Adult Sunday School Topic: Identity. Coming Up: Adams Rescue Mission, February 18; Rev. Andrew Miller, Regional Home Missionary, February 25; Luke Brown, OPC Statistician, March 10.

**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.*

**Nursery** is provided for children age 3 and under during worship.

**Fellowship Lunch**—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! Next Sunday, Feb. 18. Bring a dish, if you can.

**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, Covenant OPC in Sinking Spring, PA. Grades 8-12. Details at [www.philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight](http://www.philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight)

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

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

**Men's Breakfast**—Saturday, March 9, 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—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**

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Men's Breakfast: Jim Hughes, Bob McKeen

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): 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> Wed., 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., 9:00-10:00 am

Catechism Club

Wed., 4:00-5:00 pm

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm