



# 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 25, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Galatians 1:3-5 (p. 972)*  
Call to Worship *Psalm 121:1-8 (p. 516)*  
\*\*Hymn *"All Creatures of Our God and King" no. 248*  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Galatians 5:19-23 (p. 975)*  
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Assurance of Pardon *Galatians 3:10-14 (p. 973)*  
\*\*Hymn *"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!" no. 285*

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 34:1-10, 35:1-10 (p. 594, 595)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*  
\*\*Psalm *"In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee" no. 73C*  
\*The Confession of Faith, 33.1-3 *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Collection & Prayer *Galatians 6:9-10 (p. 975)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Revelation 6:9-17, 8:1-5 (p. 1031, 1032)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*  
Sermon **THE END**  
*Rev. Shane M. Bennett*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering

\*Hymn *"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" no. 441*  
\*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

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**ALMIGHTY GOD**, you love us but we have not loved you.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
and we have not loved our neighbors.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin,  
so that as you come to us in mercy,  
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness,  
through Jesus our Redeemer. 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 Last Judgment, 33.1-3*

1. God has appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world, in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father. In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, but likewise all persons that have lived upon earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

2. The end of God's appointing this day is for the manifestation of the glory of his mercy, in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of his justice, in the damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient. For then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fullness of joy and refreshing, which shall come from the presence of the Lord: but the wicked, who know not God, and obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast into eternal torments, and be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

3. As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin; and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will he have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly, Amen.

# Notes and Pictures

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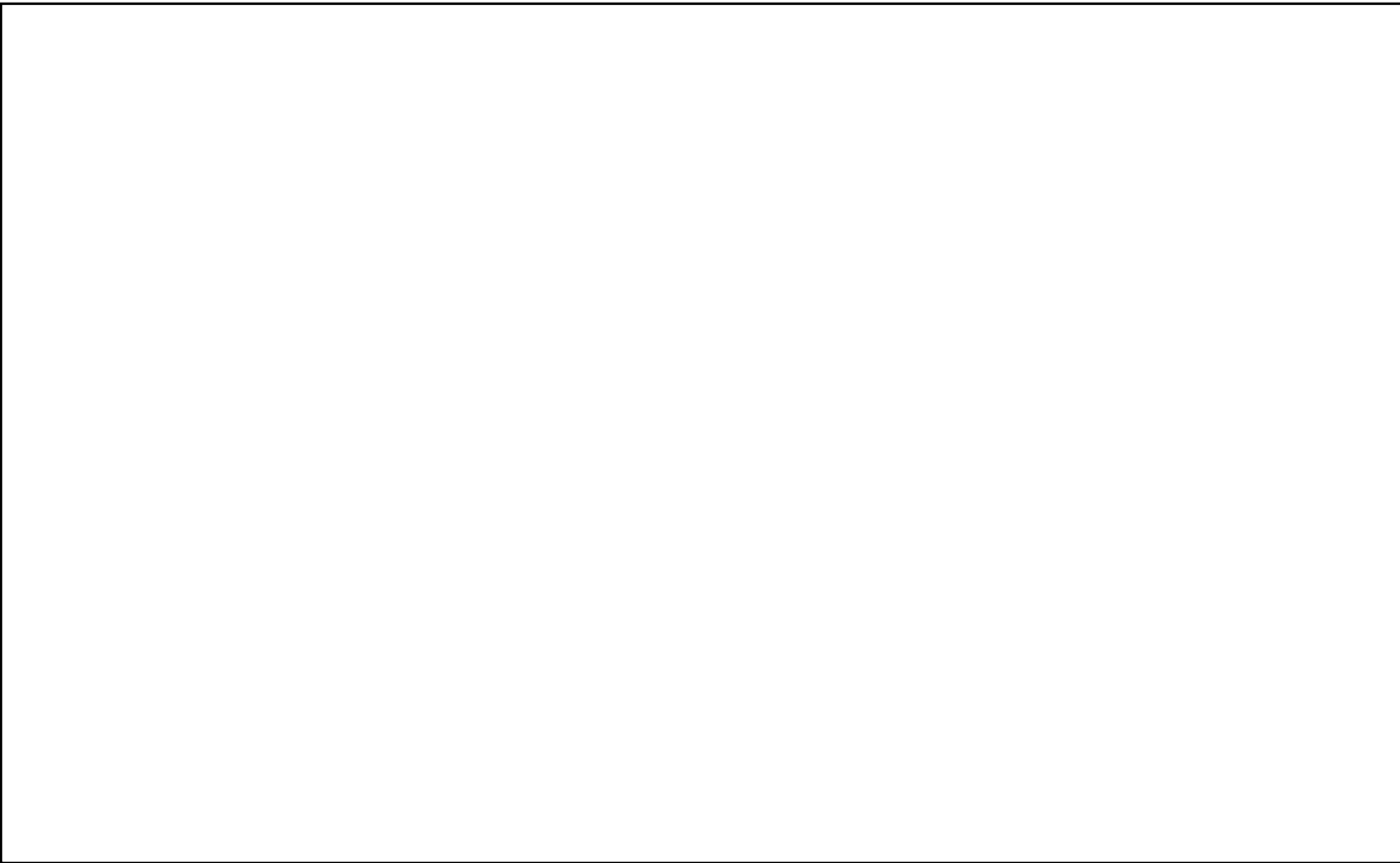
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25-Feb	Anne Maxwell	B. McKeen	J. Wetzel	C. Wetzel	Jill
3-Mar	B. Van Meerbeke	B. Vargo	B. Rigg	M. Davidson	Kris
10-Mar	The Vargos	D. Forbeck	T. Johnston	N. Fenby	Mindy

**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: 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.*

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

### Mark your calendars!

**Spring Conference**—Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Dr. James Berry will speak on the topic of *addiction*. In Sunday School, March 24, he will speak on the topic of *abuse*. Dr. Berry is Director of Addictions and Chair of the Department of Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry at West Virginia University's School of Medicine.

**Easter Fellowship Luncheon**—the March Fellowship Luncheon is moved to Easter Sunday, March 31.

**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. See Pastor Shane or Tracy Wetzel for details.

**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.

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Ushers and Greeters: Tom Johnston

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