



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, March 31, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation

1 Peter 1:1-2 (p. 1014)

Call to Worship

Colossians 3:1-4 (p. 984)

**Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection!" no. 357

*Invocation

Psalms 124:8 (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Confession of Sin based on Matthew 5:2-13 *See the Bulletin Insert*

Assurance of Pardon

Philippians 2:8-13 (p. 981)

**Hymn

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" no. 360

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 1:3-21 (p. 1014)

Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

See the Bulletin Insert

**Hymn

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious" no. 378

*The Nicene Creed

See the Bulletin Insert

Collection & Prayer

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (p. 968)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 3 (p. 794)

Prayer for Illumination

Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)

Sermon

MY SERVANT THE BRANCH

Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering

*Hymn

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" no. 363

*Benediction

Romans 15:5-6 (p. 949)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

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

Congregational Confession of Sins

Pastor: Blessed Jesus, you blessed your people when you said,
“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”

People: But we have been rich in pride.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who mourn.”

People: But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Pastor: “Blessed are the meek.”

People: But we are a stiff-necked people.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness.”

People: But we are filled to the full with other things.

Pastor: “Blessed are the merciful.”

People: But we are harsh and impatient.

Pastor: “Blessed are the pure in heart.”

People: But we have impure hearts.

Pastor: “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

People: But we have not sought reconciliation.

Pastor: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness.”

People: But our lives do not challenge the world.

Pastor: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you,
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

People: But we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Pastor: Lord, your law is holy and your blessings are perfect.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sin and to give us the blessing
of your righteousness, through Christ our Lord. 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 Nicene Creed

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

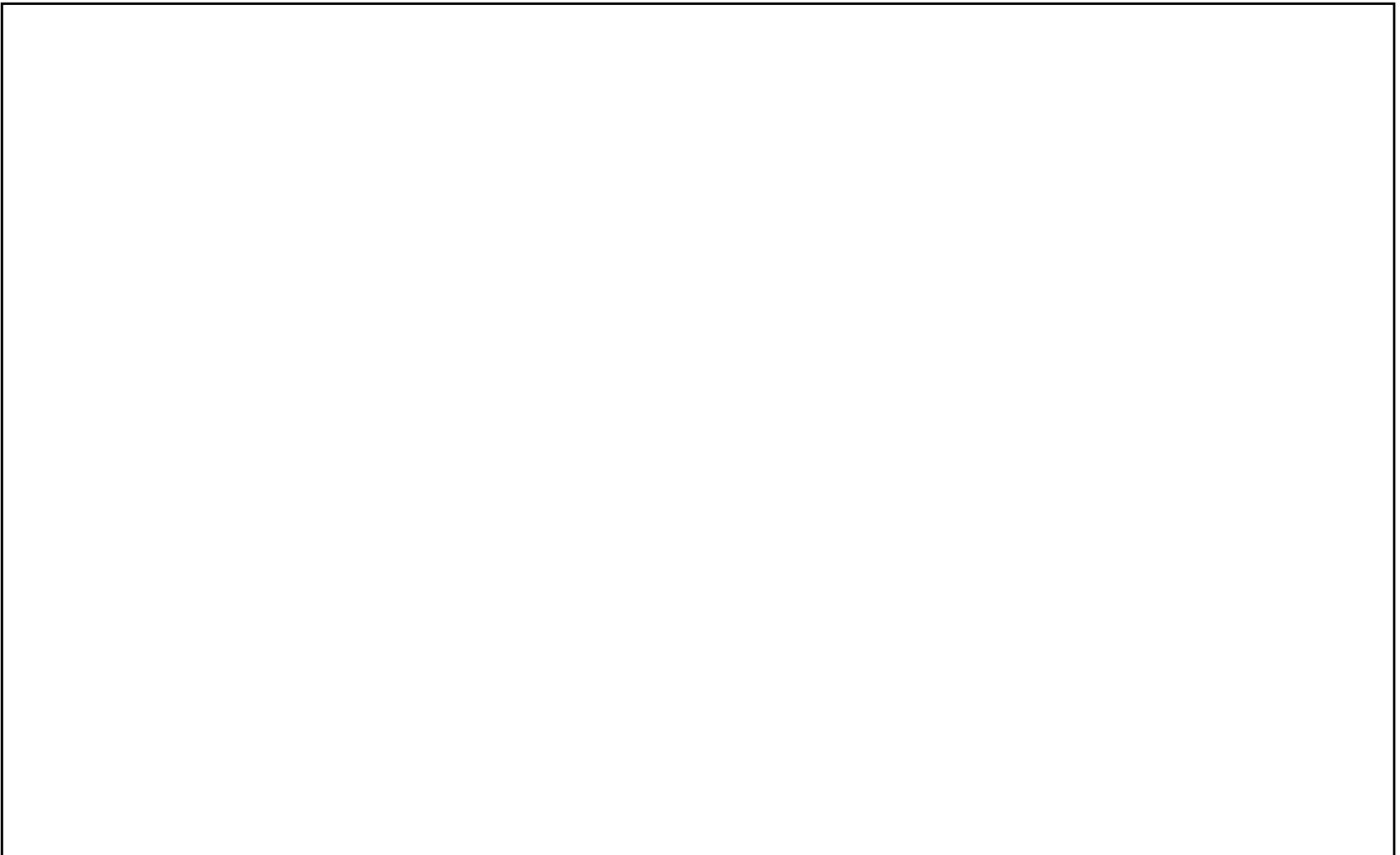
AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made.
Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
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.

Notes and Pictures



	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
31-Mar	R. & R. Brown	J. Wetzel	M. Davidson	B. McKeen	Laurel
7-Apr	J. & C. Wetzel	B. Rigg	N. Fenby	B. Vargo	Kaitlyn
14-Apr	The Riggs	T. Johnston	Jacob Fenby	D. Forbeck	Alison

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. *Current Adult Class Topic: Identity.*

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 is the last of the three diaconal offerings that will go to support the Paysons' son and daughter-in-law in their mission trip to Uruguay.

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

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 kindergarten to 6th grade. Questions? See Pastor Shane or Tracy Wetzel for details.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, April 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.

The books for the next section of study are on the foyer literature table.

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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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): 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 Wed., 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