



# 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, April 30, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *1 Corinthians 1:2-3 (p. 952)*

Call to Worship *Psalm 29:1-4 (p. 461)*

\*Hymn *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" no. 156*

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

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *1 John 4:7-8 (p. 1023)*

Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 130:7-8 (p. 518)*

\*Hymn *"Before the Throne of God Above" no. 277*

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Psalm 110 (p. 509)*

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

Reception of New Members

\*Psalm *"The LORD Said to My Lord" no. 110A*

\*The Apostles' Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*

Collection & Prayer *2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (p. 968)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 12:35-40 (p. 849)*

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

Sermon **THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering

\*Hymn *"Lead On, O King Eternal" no. 544*

\*Benediction *1 Corinthians 16:23 (p. 963)*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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## **FATHER OF MERCIES:**

We confess that we have sinned against you.

By your Holy Spirit,

    come and work repentance into our hearts.

Help us to see you as you are:

    with a loving heart and power to save.

Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners,

    and to follow him more faithfully.

As we have received him,

    so strengthen us to walk in him,

        depend on him,

        commune with him,

        and be conformed to him.

Give us grace to tell others of your saving mercy.

In the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit. 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.**

# The Apostles' Creed

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**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
30-Apr	R. & R. Brown	B. McKeen	J. Wilson	D. Lott	Tracy
7-May	Anne Maxwell	J. Myers	B. Rigg	D. Forbeck	Gloria
14-May	C. & T. Wetzel	B. Vargo	T. Johnston	C. Wetzel	Rachelle

**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**—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, an offering will be collected after Communion for the use of the Deacons in their work.

**New Members**—Today we welcome the Davidsons into the full privileges of membership! If you would like to join the church, please contact one of the members of the session.

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

**Men's Breakfast**—Saturday, May 13, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and prayer.

**Women's Bible Study**—*Please note: the May meetings for the morning Bible Study will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays.* Also, the books for the next study are available on the literature table in the foyer.

**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

Property and Maintenance: Doug Forbeck

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): 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> Thurs., 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., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm