



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, May 5, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Galatians 1:3-5 (p. 972)*
Call to Worship *Psalm 138 (p. 521)*
**Psalm *"With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring" no. 138B*
*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *Galatians 5:16-24 (p. 975)*
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*
Assurance of Pardon *Galatians 6:14-16 (p. 975)*
**Hymn *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" no. 351*

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *Matthew 21:1-17 (p. 826)*
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*
Ordination of a Deacon
**Hymn *"Be Thou My Vision" no. 446*
*The Confession of Faith, 8.4 *See the Bulletin Insert*
Collection & Prayer *Deuteronomy 16:17 (p. 160)*

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Zechariah 6:9-15 (p. 795)*
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*
Sermon **CHRIST THE KING**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns" no. 380*
*Benediction *Galatians 6:18 (p. 975)*

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able
**opportunity to enter or exit, if necessary, during worship

Congregational Confession of Sins

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

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

Of Christ the Mediator, 8.4

4. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

Notes and Pictures

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
5-May	C. & T. Wetzel	M. Davidson	B. Vargo	J. Wetzel	Kathleen
12-May	The Davidsons	N. Fenby	D. Forbeck	B. Rigg	Rachelle
19-May	N. & P. Fenby	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. *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.*

Today, Doug Forbeck will be ordained as a deacon.

Sunday, May 19, will be the last Sunday for the Browns. There will be a cake provided for Fellowship Luncheon dessert, and a basket for cards for Kyle, Laurel – and Zeddie as she graduates high school!

Save the Dates—details to follow

June 4-6, 9:00-11:00 a.m. —VBS for children ages 5-12

June 7—Family Cookout

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.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, May 11, 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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Committee Chairs:

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Hospitality and Fellowship: Kathleen Craine

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): 3rd Wed., 6:45-8:00 pm

Craine (Gettysburg E): 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

Gideon (Fayetteville): TBD

Living Hope – Weekday: 4th Thurs., 2:00-3:00 pm

Living Hope – Sunday: 1st Sun., 5:30-7:30 pm

Wetzel (Gettysburg N): 1st Wed., 6:30-8:00 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