



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)

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The Lord's Day, September 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Galatians 1:3-5* (p. 972)
Call to Worship *Psalm 98:1, 4* (p. 500)
*Psalm "Sing a New Song to Jehovah" no. 98C
*Invocation *Psalm 124:8* (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

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Praying for the Church

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*The Shorter Catechism, Q. 96-97 *See the Bulletin Insert*
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Proclaiming God's Word

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Sermon **SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" no. 196
*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26* (p. 114)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Congregational Confession of Sins

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER,

we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,

we have offended against Your holy laws,

we have left undone those things which we ought to have
done;

and we have done those things which we ought not to have
done,

and so we are helpless without You.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders,

spare us, as we confess our faults,

restore us, as we are penitent,

according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our
Lord,

and grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake,

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and devout life,
to the glory of Your holy name.

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 Shorter Catechism

Q. 96. What is the Lord's Supper?

A. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

Q. 97. What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
17-Sep	J. & M. Fenby	T. Johnston	Jacob Fenby	B. Vargo	Jean
24-Sep	The Snyders	J. Johnsson	A. Snyder	D. Forbeck	Mindy
1-Oct	The McKeens	C. Wetzel	B. McKeen	J. Wilson	Peggy

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 topic: Psalms 1-8.

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

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

If you would like to help with **meals for Josiah, Chelsea, and baby Zoey Jane**, sign up on Meal Train at <https://mealtrain.com/gk4mm3> or contact Barb Van Meerbeke.

Save the Date! Harvest Party at the Lotts', Saturday, Oct. 14.

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

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, Oct. 14, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, prayer.

Women's Bible Study will resume **this week**, Monday evening, Sept. 18 at 7:00 pm and Thursday morning, Sept. 21 at 10:30 am. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Books are available on the literature table in the foyer. Please come as you are able.

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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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 Thurs., 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., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm