



# 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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The Lord's Day, November 19, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

## Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation	Romans 1:7 (p. 939)
Call to Worship	Psalm 100 (p. 500)
**Psalm	<i>"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"</i> no. 100B
*Invocation	Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)

## Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance	Romans 12:9-21 (p. 948)
Congregational Confession of Sin	See the Bulletin Insert
Assurance of Pardon	Romans 5:1-2 (p. 942)
**Hymn	<i>"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"</i> no. 457

## Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading	Hebrews 13:1-21 (p. 1009)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer	See the Bulletin Insert
**Hymn	<i>"The Beatitudes"</i> no. 464
*The Shorter Catechism, Q. 98-100	See the Bulletin Insert
Collection & Prayer	2 Corinthians 9:12-15 (p. 968)

## Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading	Psalm 100 (p. 500)
Prayer for Illumination	Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)
Sermon	<b>A CALL TO WORSHIP</b> Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn	<i>"Your Hand, O God, Has Guided"</i> no. 416
*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

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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 Shorter Catechism

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Q. 98. What is prayer?

**A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.**


Q. 99. What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?

**A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer.**

Q. 100. What does the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

**A. The preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, *Our father which art in heaven*, teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.**

## Notes and Pictures

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**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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- 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