



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, December 12, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Ephesians 1:2* (p. 976)
Call to Worship *Psalm 104:31-34* (p. 503)
*Psalm "Bless the LORD, My Soul!" no. 104A
*Invocation *Psalm 124:8* (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *Joel 2:12-13* (p. 761)
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*
Assurance of Pardon *Micah 7:19-20* (p. 781)
*Hymn "Union with Thee" no. 448

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 40:1-11* (p. 599)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*
*Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" no. 298
*The Confession of Faith, 8.1-2 *See the Bulletin Insert*
Collection & Prayer *2 Corinthians 9:6-7* (p. 968)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Mark 6:6-13* (p. 841)
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8* (p. 599)
Sermon **THE COMMISSION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal" no. 544
*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26* (p. 114)
Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Congregational Confession of Sins

GOD OF SPLENDOR AND LIGHT:

You have shined upon us,

and we have seen your glory in the face of Christ.

Though we are bathed in your light,

our faith and life are mixed with sin and shame.

We have not loved you with our whole heart

and mind and strength;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Yet in your great mercy you forgive what we have been.

We ask you now to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

that we may henceforth walk in your light,

delight in your will,

and reflect your holiness,

to the glory of Christ's 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.**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Of Christ the Mediator, 8.1-2

1. It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

2. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

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12-Dec	The McKeens	R. Nace	J. Johnsson	T. Johnston	Mindy	Carmen
19-Dec	R. & R. Brown	K. Brown	D. Forbeck	B. Gideon	Tracy	--
26-Dec	The Riggs	D. Lott	D. Forbeck	B. Rigg	Jean	Lily

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).

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:30-10:15—The Adult Sunday School Class topic is “The Already and Not Yet.”

Fellowship Lunch—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! Next Sunday, Dec. 19. Bring a dish, if you can.

Home Groups—We have three Home Groups at various times and at various locations (listed on the back of the bulletin). See Rebecca for details. Come for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

Congregational Meetings—An **informational meeting** will be today, Dec. 12, to discuss the proposed budget and plans for 2022. The **annual congregational meeting** will be next Sunday, Dec. 19, to vote on the budget. Both will be after the morning worship service.

New Members! Next Sunday, Dec. 19, Richard Keister, and Josiah and Chelsea Fenby and family will be received into membership, and Eleanor Fenby will be baptized.

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, Jan. 8, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, prayer.

Women's Bible Study meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:30 am at the church. 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.

Officers of Living Hope Presbyterian Church

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Ushers and Greeters: Tom Johnston

Women's Bible Study: Barbara Mauchamer

Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Service of Worship

10:30 am

Home Groups

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

Gideon (Fayetteville): 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:00-8:15 pm

Wetzel (New Oxford): 3rd Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Thu., 10:30 am

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm.