



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 3, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation	<i>Revelation 1:5-6 (p. 1028)</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Psalms 135:1-3 (p. 519)</i>
**Psalm	<i>"I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills" no. 121A</i>
*Invocation	<i>Psalms 124:8 (p. 517)</i>

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance	<i>Matthew 22:36-40 (p. 828)</i>
Congregational Confession of Sin	<i>See the Bulletin Insert</i>
Assurance of Pardon	<i>Matthew 11:28-30 (p. 816)</i>
**Hymn	<i>"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" no. 528</i>

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading	<i>Isaiah 55:1-12 (p. 615)</i>
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer	<i>See the Bulletin Insert</i>
**Psalm	<i>"I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness" no. 122A</i>
*The Nicene Creed	<i>See the Bulletin Insert</i>
Collection & Prayer	<i>Romans 12:6-8 (p. 948)</i>

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading	<i>Revelation 3:14-22 (p. 1030)</i>
Prayer for Illumination	<i>Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)</i>
Sermon	THE DEFICIENCY OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY <i>Rev. Shane M. Bennett</i>

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn	<i>"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" no. 297</i>
*Benediction	<i>Revelation 22:20-21 (p. 1042)</i>

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

**opportunity to enter or exit, if necessary, during worship

Congregational Confession of Sins

WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU, O Lord, our Maker, our Defender, and our Redeemer. Our natures are corrupt and sinful; prone to fall away from you, sluggish to do good and swift to do evil. Vain thoughts have come upon us and found lodging within us, defiling and disquieting our minds, and keeping out good thoughts. We have burdened ourselves with that care which you have commanded us to cast upon you. We have failed in our duties one to another, and have provoked one another as much to folly and anger as to love and good works. We have been cold in our love to you, weak in our desires toward you, unsteady in our walking with you, and are even at this time poorly prepared to serve you. We beseech you—forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake, and be at peace with us in him who died to make peace and lives to make intercession for us. **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 Nicene Creed


I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made.
Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.

AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Notes and Pictures

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	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
3-Dec	The Wilsons	J. Wilson	T. Johnston	Jacob Fenby	Kris
10-Dec	R. & R. Brown	B. Gideon	J. Johnsson	A. Snyder	Mindy
17-Dec	The Riggs	D. Lott	C. Wetzel	B. McKeen	Jean

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.

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.*

New Members! Ben and Laura Foster will be received into membership next Sunday, December 10th.

Congregational Meetings—An **informational meeting** will be next Sunday, Dec. 10, to discuss the proposed budget and plans for 2024. The **annual congregational meeting** will be Sunday, Dec. 17, to vote on the budget. Both will be after the morning worship service.

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 is skipping December and will next meet on Jan. 13.

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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- Audio and Accompaniment: Dave Craine
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- Hospitality and Fellowship: Kathleen Craine
- 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 rd Wed., 6:45-8:00 pm Craine (Gettysburg E): 1 st and 3 rd Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm Gideon (Fayetteville): 1 st & 3 rd Wed., 7:00-8:15 pm Lott (Biglerville): 4 th Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm Wetzel (Gettysburg N): 1 st Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	1 st & 3 rd Thu., 10:30 am 2 nd Mon., 7:00 pm
Men's Breakfast	Second Sat., 9-10 am
Session	Second Thurs., 7 pm