

"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 1, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation Galatians 1:3-5 (p. 972)

Call to Worship Jude 25 (p. 1027)

*Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" no. 224

Confessing our Sins

Confession of Sin based on Matthew 5:2-13 See the Bulletin Insert

Assurance of Pardon Galatians 2:16 (p. 973)

*Psalm "Bless the Lord, My Soul!" no. 104A

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading Psalm 91 (p. 497)

Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See the Bulletin Insert

*Psalm "I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills" no. 121A

*The Apostles' Creed See the Bulletin Insert

Collection & Prayer Galatians 6:10 (p. 975)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Mark 9:14-29 (p. 844)

Prayer for Illumination Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)

Sermon The Power of Faith

Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Reception of New Members

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "Now Blessed Be Jehovah God" no. 564

*Benediction Galatians 6:16b (p. 975)

Postlude

^{*}Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Congregational Confession of Sins

Pastor: Blessed Jesus, you blessed your people when you said,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit."

People: But we have been rich in pride. Pastor: "Blessed are those who mourn."

People: But we have not known much sorrow for our sin.

Pastor: "Blessed are the meek."

People: But we are a stiff-necked people.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness."

People: But we are filled to the full with other things.

Pastor: "Blessed are the merciful."

People: But we are harsh and impatient.

Pastor: "Blessed are the pure in heart."

People: But we have impure hearts.

Pastor: "Blessed are the peacemakers."

People: But we have not sought reconciliation.

Pastor: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of

righteousness."

People: But our lives do not challenge the world.

Pastor: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

People: But we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

Pastor: Lord, your law is holy and your blessings are perfect.

All: We plead with you to forgive our sin and to give us the blessing of your righteousness, through Christ our Lord. 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 Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Notes and Pictures

| | GREETERS | USHERS | | | NURSERY |
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| 1-May | The K. Browns | K. Brown | D. Forbeck | T. Johnston | Barb VM |
| 8-May | The Riggs | B. Rigg | B. McKeen | J. Johnsson | Kathleen |
| 15-May | R. & R. Brown | B. Rigg | C. Wetzel | D. Lott | Jill |

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."

New Members—Today we welcome Jim and Patty Vanik into the full privileges of membership! If you would like to join the church, please contact one of the members of the session.

Congregational Meetings—

<u>Sunday, May 15</u>, after the service—the Session will recommend Pastor Shane Bennett to be associate pastor and will show the terms of the call.

Sunday, May 22, after the service, to take the congregational vote.

If you would like to help out with the **Hospitality Committee**, please see Kathleen Craine.

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

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, May 14, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and 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

Session: (Board of Active Elders)

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Committee Chairs:

Audio and Accompaniment: Dave Craine

Children's Ministry: Tracy Wetzel

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: 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

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.