



# 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, May 14, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Revelation 1:4-7 (p. 1028)*  
Call to Worship *Revelation 5:12 (p. 1031)*  
\*Hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns" no. 380*  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Joel 2:12-13; James 5:16 (p. 761; 1013)*  
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Assurance of Pardon *Micah 7:18-19 (p. 781)*  
\*Hymn *"Nothing but the Blood" no. 278*

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Psalm 121 (p. 516)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*  
\*Psalm *"I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills" no. 121A*  
\*The Shorter Catechism, Q. 86-87 *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Collection & Prayer *Philippians 4:19 (p. 982)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 13:3-13 (p. 849)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*  
Sermon **LIVING AND STANDING FIRM**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn *"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious" no. 378*  
\*Benediction *Revelation 22:21 (p. 1042)*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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## **ETERNAL AND MERCIFUL GOD:**

We acknowledge and confess to you that we are sinners, born in sin and corruption. We have been rebellious and forgetful toward you. Have compassion on us, gracious God and Father, and forgive us for Jesus' sake. Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to teach us to confess our sins sincerely. May he lead us to die to sin, rise up to new life, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness acceptable to you through Jesus Christ. Please rescue all who wander from the truth. Make us understand your holy Word according to your will, so that we may trust in you alone, and present ourselves a living sacrifice to the honor of your Name. 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. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Q. 87. What is repentance unto life?

**A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**



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14-May	C. & T. Wetzel	B. Vargo	T. Johnston	C. Wetzel	Rachelle
21-May	Barb VM	J. Wetzel	J. Johnsson	B. McKeen	Barb VM
28-May	J. & D. Myers	J. Wilson	D. Lott	J. Myers	Chelsea

**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](mailto:vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org); (717) 253-4575) or Pastor Bennett ([bennett.shane@hotmail.com](mailto: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.*

**Fellowship Lunch**—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! Next Sunday, May 21. Bring a dish, if you can.

**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, June 10, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and prayer.

**Women's Bible Study**—We are studying the topic of holiness, using the book *Living Like You Belong to God*. There is both a morning and an evening option. Please come as you are able.

10:30 am—1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

7:00 pm—2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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