



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, September 10, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation 1 Corinthians 1:3 (p. 952)
Call to Worship Psalm 145:17-18; Isaiah 12:4 (p. 525; 576)
*Psalm "I Will Exalt You, God, My King" no. 145B, st. 1, 5-8
*Invocation Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (p. 959)
Congregational Confession of Sin See the Bulletin Insert
Assurance of Pardon 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 (p. 961)
*Hymn "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" no. 436

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading Isaiah 50 (p. 611)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See the Bulletin Insert
*Psalm "Not Haughty Is My Heart" no. 131B
*The Confession of Faith, 7.1-3 See the Bulletin Insert
Collection & Prayer Hebrews 13:16 (p. 1010)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Mark 14:53-72 (p. 851)
Prayer for Illumination Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)
Sermon **TRUE AND FALSE WITNESSES**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" no. 562
*Benediction Ephesians 3:18-19 (p. 977)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Congregational Confession of Sins

ALMIGHTY GOD, you who freely pardon all who repent and turn to you, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus 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.**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Of God's Covenant with Man, 7.1-3

1. The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he has been pleased to express by way of covenant.

2. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience.

3. Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein he freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
10-Sep	The Johnssons	B. Rigg	J. Johnsson	B. Gideon	Kris
17-Sep	J. & M. Fenby	T. Johnston	Jacob Fenby	B. Vargo	Jean
24-Sep	The Snyders	J. Johnsson	A. Snyder	D. Forbeck	Mindy

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.*

Fellowship Lunch—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! Next Sunday, Sept. 17. Bring a dish, if you can.

If you would like to help with **meals for Josiah, Chelsea, and baby Zoey Jane**, sign up on Meal Train at <https://mealtrain.com/gk4mm3> or contact Barb Van Meerbeke.

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—Saturday, October 14, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and prayer.

Women's Bible Study will resume Sept. 18 at 7:00 pm and Sept. 21 at 10:30 am.



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

Craine (Gettysburg E): 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

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

Lott (Biglerville): 4th Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

Wetzel (Gettysburg N): 1st Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

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

2nd Mon., 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm