



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, May 12, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation 2 Corinthians 1:2 (p. 964)
Call to Worship Isaiah 12:1-2 (p. 576)
**Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" no. 243
*Invocation Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 61)
Congregational Confession of Sin See the Bulletin Insert
Assurance of Pardon 1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 10:9 (p. 991, 946)
**Psalm "Come, My Soul, and Bless the LORD" no. 103C, st. 5-8

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 2:8-3:10 (p. 693)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer See the Bulletin Insert
**Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" no. 429
*The Apostles' Creed See the Bulletin Insert
Collection & Prayer Galatians 6:9-10 (p. 975)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading Revelation 10:1-11 (p. 1033)
Prayer for Illumination Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)
Sermon **A SWEET AND BITTER WORD**
Rev. Shane M. Bennett

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" no. 340
*Benediction Hebrews 13:20-21 (p. 1010)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

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

Congregational Confession of Sins

LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS FATHER:

We acknowledge in your presence that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption. We are prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus 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.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
12-May	The Davidsons	N. Fenby	D. Forbeck	B. Rigg	Rachelle
19-May	N. & P. Fenby	Jacob Fenby	J. Wilson	T. Johnston	Barb VM
26-May	R. & R. Brown	A. Snyder	D. Lott	J. Johnsson	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; **(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. *Current Adult Class Topic: Identity.*

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 19. Bring a dish, if you can.

Sunday, May 19, will be the last Sunday for the Browns. There will be a cake provided for Fellowship Luncheon dessert, and a basket for cards for Kyle, Laurel – and Zeddie as she graduates high school!

Vacation Bible School—June 4-6, 9:00-11:00 am; for children ages 5-12. See Rachelle for details and to register

Family Cookout—June 7, 5:30 pm

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

Catechism Club—Wednesdays, 4:00–5:00 pm, for kindergarten to 6th grade. Questions? See Pastor Shane or Tracy Wetzel.

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

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.

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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): TBD

Living Hope – Weekday: 4th Thurs., 2:00-3:00 pm

Living Hope – Sunday: 1st Sun., 5:30-7:30 pm

Wetzel (Gettysburg N): 1st Wed., 6:30-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

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

2nd Mon., 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9:00-10:00 am

Catechism Club

Wed., 4:00-5:00 pm

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm