



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 31, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Romans 1:7b* (p. 939)
Call to Worship *Psalm 107:1-9* (p. 506)
**Hymn *"Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!"* no. 223
*Invocation *Psalm 124:8* (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *Romans 3:10-23* (p. 941)
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*
Assurance of Pardon *Romans 4:24-5:2* (p. 942)
**Psalm *"O Clap Your Hands"* no. 47A

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *Ezekiel 1:4-28* (p. 692)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*
**Hymn *"I Need Thee, Precious Jesus"* no. 455
*The Nicene Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*
Collection & Prayer *Romans 12:6-8* (p. 948)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Revelation 4:1-11* (p. 1030)
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8* (p. 599)
Sermon **THE THRONE OF GRACE**
Rev. Shane M. Bennett

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Diaconal Offering

*Hymn *"Before the Throne of God Above"* no. 277
*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26* (p. 114)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

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

Congregational Confession of Sins

ETERNAL GOD AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we confess and acknowledge before your divine majesty, that we are miserable sinners, conceived and born in sin and iniquity, so that there is no goodness in us. Our flesh constantly rebels against the Spirit so that we continually transgress your holy Commandments, and so bring upon ourselves death and condemnation, through your just judgment.

Heavenly Father, we are displeased with ourselves for the sins that we have committed against you, and so we sincerely repent of them. We humbly pray that you would show us mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Forgive us all our sins and increase your Holy Spirit in us so that we may from now on not only mortify our sinful lusts and affections, but also bring forth fruits that are pleasing to you.

We ask this, not on the basis of our own worthiness, but on the merits of your dearly loved Son, Jesus Christ, our only Savior, whom you have already given as a sacrifice and offering for our sins, and for whose sake we are certainly persuaded that you will deny us nothing that we shall ask in his name according to your will. 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

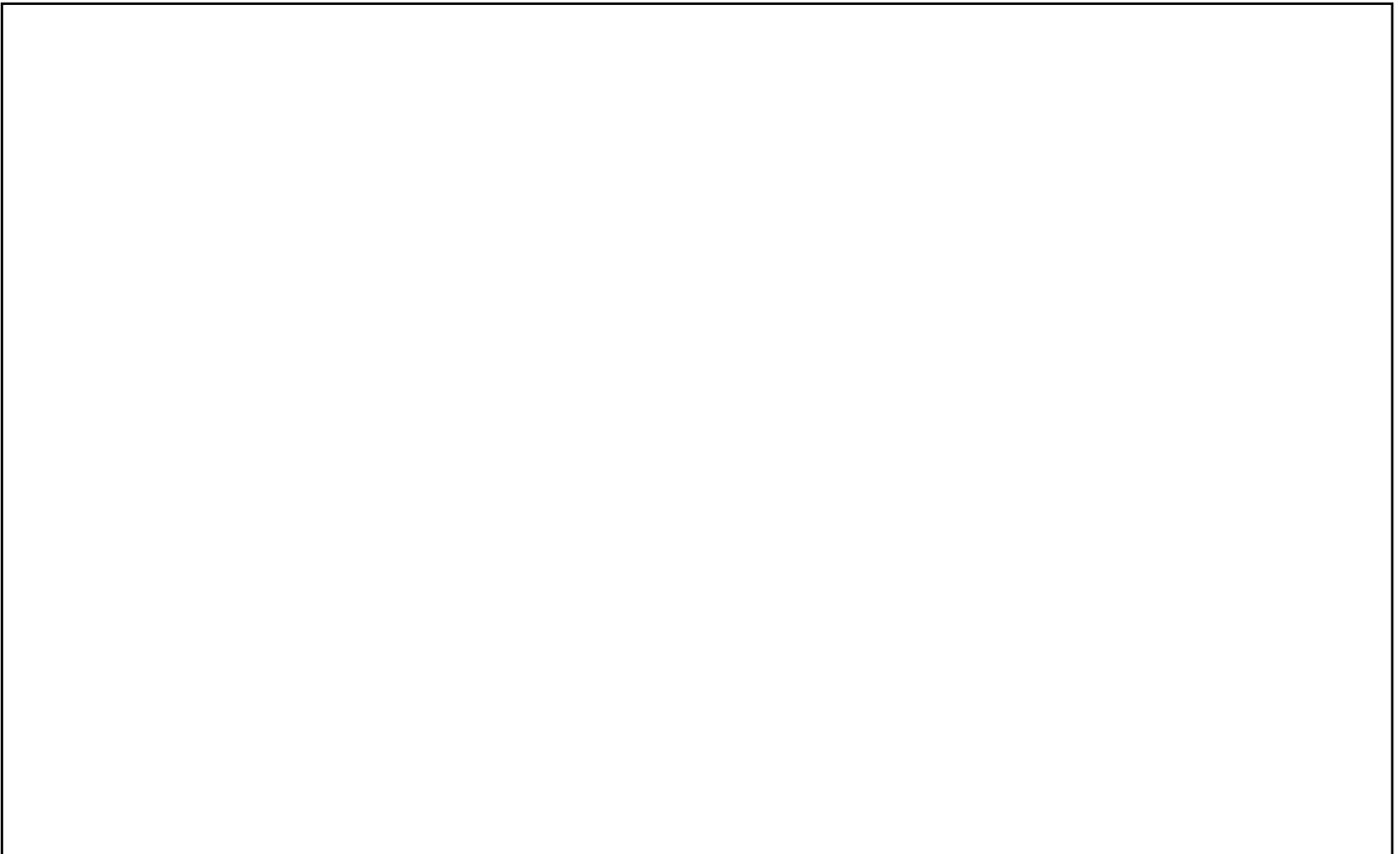
I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.

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



	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
31-Dec	The Johnssons	D. Forbeck	N. Fenby	B. Vargo	Tracy
7-Jan	C. & T. Wetzel	T. Johnston	Jacob Fenby	B. Rigg	Alison
14-Jan	The Davidsons	J. Johnsson	A. Snyder	J. Wilson	Bethany

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.*

Diaconal Offering—This Sunday, an offering will be collected after Communion for the use of the Deacons in their work.

A **Catechism Club for children**, kindergarten to 6th grade, will start Wednesday, January 10, 4:00–5:00 pm and will meet weekly. There will be a sign up sheet after the New Year. Questions? See Pastor Shane.

Looking for a **Bible Reading Plan** for the new year? A variety of plans are available for download at www.ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans.

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, January 13, 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): 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