



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)

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The Lord's Day, January 21, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Colossians 1:2 (p. 983)*

Call to Worship *Colossians 3:15-16 (p. 984)*

**Psalm *"Praise Waits for Thee in Zion" no. 65C, st. 1-4*

*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *Colossians 2:6-7 (p. 984)*

Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*

Assurance of Pardon *Colossians 2:13-14 (p. 984)*

**Hymn *"Cast Down, O God, the Idols" no. 467*

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 26:1-13 (p. 586)*

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

**Hymn *"Speak, O Lord" no. 172*

*The Nicene Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*

Collection & Prayer *Psalm 4:5 (p. 449)*

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Colossians 3:1-17 (p. 984)*

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

Sermon **CALLED TO PEACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

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

*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

LORD JESUS,

who on this day rose from the dead:

We confess that we have rebelled,

and that our hearts need cleansing.

Have mercy on us, Son of David, righteous King!

Help us to lay at your feet all that we are,

and all that we have done;

and trusting you

to forgive what is sinful,

to heal what is broken,

to welcome our praises,

to receive us as your own,

and to make our spirits right and true.

Let us be raised with Christ,

so that we, too, might walk in newness of life. 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.

	GREETERS	USHERS			NURSERY
21-Jan	N. & P. Fenby	C. Wetzel	B. McKeen	D. Lott	Maddie
28-Jan	R. & R. Brown	M. Davidson	B. Vargo	J. Wetzel	Kathleen
4-Feb	The Snyders	N. Fenby	D. Forbeck	B. Rigg	Rachelle

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—Next Sunday. *The next three diaconal offerings will go to support the Paysons' son and daughter-in-law in their yearlong mission trip to Uruguay.*

Fellowship Lunch—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! You are invited!

The **2023 Thank Offering** exceeded its goal of \$1,400,000! More details can be found in the Living Hope Weekly.

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

Young Life Banquet—Monday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Gettysburg Hotel (1 Lincoln Square). **Living Hope is sponsoring two tables.** Speak to Kris Fluman or Jill Lott for details.

Winterlight Youth Retreat—Feb. 23-24, at Covenant OPC in Sinking Spring, PA. Grades 8-12. This retreat will be a wonderful time of fellowship with other youth, along with excellent teaching from Mr. Brian Groot. Register online at www.philadelphia.opc.org/winterlight for \$30.

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, February 10, 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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Women's Bible Study: Gloria Serrao

Property and Maintenance: Doug Forbeck

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., 9:00-10:00 am

Catechism Club

Wed., 4:00-5:00 pm

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm