



# 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 15, 2022

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Colossians 1:2b* (p. 983)  
Call to Worship *Isaiah 12:4b-6* (p. 576)  
\*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" no. 236  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8* (p. 517)

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Colossians 3:12-17* (p. 984)  
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Assurance of Pardon *Colossians 1:11-14* (p. 983)  
\*Psalm "O God, Show Mercy to Us" no. 67B

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *1 Kings 17:8-16; 3 John 5-8* (p. 299; 1026)  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*  
\*Hymn "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" no. 411  
\*The Apostles' Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Collection & Prayer *Matthew 6:21* (p. 811)

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 9:33-37* (p. 845)  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8* (p. 599)  
Sermon **WHO IS THE GREATEST?**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" no. 374  
\*Benediction *Colossians 4:18c* (p. 985)

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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## **GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY:**

We acknowledge and confess to you  
our many, many sins.

We have not only disobeyed you.

We have also failed to stir up one another  
to love and good works.

And we have failed to encourage one another  
to greater fidelity in the sacred assembly.

We have been neglectful toward you  
and toward each other.

Forgive us these grievous sins  
through the shed blood of your Son,  
the Lord Jesus Christ.

And help us to live as children of the light.

In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. 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 Apostles' Creed

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**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.**



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15-May	R. & R. Brown	B. Rigg	C. Wetzel	D. Lott	Jill
22-May	The Johnstons	T. Johnston	K. Brown	D. Forbeck	Kris
29-May	The Johnssons	J. Johnsson	B. Rigg	B. McKeen	Kaitlyn

**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).

**Sunday School for All Ages, 9:30-10:15**—The Adult Sunday School Class topic is “The Already and Not Yet.”

### **Congregational Meetings—**

*Today* after the service—the Session will recommend Pastor Shane Bennett to be associate pastor and will show the terms of the call.

*Next Sunday, May 22*, after the service, to take the congregational votes on Pastor Bennett’s call and also on Chris Wetzel as elder.

**2022 Church Directory**—If you would like to be in the directory and did not have your photo taken for last year’s, please see Rebecca Brown. A printed copy of the directory will be available later this summer where you can check, add, or change your contact information.

If you would like to help out with the **Hospitality Committee**, please see Kathleen Craine.

**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 11, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, and prayer.

**Women’s Bible Study** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 10:30 am at the church. Please come as you are able.

**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.

### **Officers of Living Hope Presbyterian Church**

#### **Session: (Board of Active Elders)**

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Rev. Kyle Brown, Assoc. Pastor & Chaplain (717) 479-1264 (c)

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#### **Committee Chairs:**

Audio and Accompaniment: Dave Craine

Children's Ministry: Tracy Wetzel

Hospitality and Fellowship: Kathleen Craine

Men's Breakfast: Jim Hughes, Bob McKeen

Property and Maintenance: Doug Forbeck

Ushers and Greeters: Tom Johnston

Women's Bible Study: Barbara Mauchamer

### **Schedule at Living Hope Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Service of Worship

10:30 am

Home Groups

Brown (Gettysburg): 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:45-8:00 pm

Wetzel (New Oxford): 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thu., 10:30 am

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm.