



# 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  
155 Early Avenue, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325  
(717) 334-7157

# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, May 2, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Romans 1:7b*  
Call to Worship *Psalm 145:18; Isaiah 12:4*  
\*Psalm "I Will Exalt You, God, My King" no. 145B (insert)  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Romans 12:1-2*  
Congregational Confession of Sin (insert)  
Assurance of Pardon *Romans 8:1-4*  
\*Hymn "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" no. 456 (insert)

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Hosea 14:1-9 (insert)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer (insert)  
\*Hymn "All Authority and Power" no. 424 (insert)  
\*The Shorter Catechism, Q. 33-35 (insert)  
Collection & Prayer *Hebrews 13:16*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 1:21-28 (insert)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8*  
Sermon **THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns" no. 411 (insert)  
\*Benediction *Romans 15:13*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# 145B I Will Exalt You, God, My King



1. <sup>1</sup>I will ex - alt you, God, my king; I will for - ev - er bless your name.  
 2. <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and great - ly praised, great-ness which none can com-pre-hend.  
 3. <sup>5</sup>Won-drous your works and maj - es - ty; I will up - on them med - i - tate.  
 4. <sup>7</sup>Peo - ple de - clare your match-less fame; praise for your glo - ries they ex-press;



- <sup>2</sup>I will ex - tol you ev - er - more, day af - ter day your praise pro - claim.  
<sup>4</sup>Age un - to age will tell your deeds, won - ders and might - y acts com - mend.  
<sup>6</sup>Men shall your awe - some deeds con - fess; I will your great - ness cel - e - brate.  
 bound - less and great your good - ness, LORD; they sing a - loud your righ - teous - ness.



5. <sup>8</sup>Gracious is God and merciful,  
 plenteous in love, to anger slow.  
<sup>9</sup>Good is the LORD to all he made;  
 mercy to all his works he shows.
6. <sup>10</sup>All of your works will praise you, LORD.  
 Saints will unite to bless your name!  
<sup>11</sup>They will declare your awesome power,  
 praising the glory of your reign.
7. <sup>12</sup>So shall the sons of man be taught  
 your mighty deeds and glorious reign.  
<sup>13</sup>Through ev'ry age your reign endures;  
 endless your kingdom shall remain.
8. Faithful is he in all his words;  
 kind is the LORD in all his deeds.  
<sup>14</sup>All those who fall the LORD upholds;  
 he will upraise those bowed with grief.
9. <sup>15</sup>All look to you with eyes that wait;  
 food in due season you will give.  
<sup>16</sup>You will supply with open hand  
 wants and desires of all that live.
10. <sup>17</sup>Righteous is he in all his ways;  
 kind is the LORD in all his deeds.  
<sup>18</sup>Near is the LORD to all who call,  
 all who in truth shall him entreat.
11. <sup>19</sup>Those fearing him he satisfies;  
 he also hears their cry and saves.  
<sup>20</sup>All those who love the LORD he keeps;  
 but all the wicked he will slay.
12. <sup>21</sup>Praise to the LORD my mouth will speak.  
 Praise to the LORD my lips proclaim.  
 Let ev'ry creature evermore  
 rise up and bless his holy name.

# Congregational Confession of Sins

---

**ETERNAL GOD,**

in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose

mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts

we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.



Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

# Scripture Reading: Hosea 14:1-9

---

- <sup>1</sup> Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,  
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.
- <sup>2</sup> Take with you words  
and return to the LORD;  
say to him,  
“Take away all iniquity;  
accept what is good,  
and we will pay with bulls  
the vows of our lips.
- <sup>3</sup> Assyria shall not save us;  
we will not ride on horses;  
and we will say no more, ‘Our God,’  
to the work of our hands.  
In you the orphan finds mercy.”
- <sup>4</sup> I will heal their apostasy;  
I will love them freely,  
for my anger has turned from them.
- <sup>5</sup> I will be like the dew to Israel;  
he shall blossom like the lily;  
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> his shoots shall spread out;  
his beauty shall be like the olive,  
and his fragrance like Lebanon.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;  
they shall flourish like the grain;  
they shall blossom like the vine;  
their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

8 O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?

It is I who answer and look after you.

I am like an evergreen cypress;  
from me comes your fruit.

9 Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;

whoever is discerning, let him know them;

for the ways of the LORD are right,

and the upright walk in them,

but transgressors stumble in them.

# 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.**



## All Authority and Power

424



1. All au - thor - i - ty and pow - er, ev - 'ry sta - tus and do - main,
2. All the na - tions owe him wor - ship, ev - 'ry tongue shall call him Lord;
3. All the clear com - mands of Je - sus must be heed - ed and o - beyed;
4. All the time he will be with us, al - ways, to the end of days,



now be - longs to him who suf - fered our re - demp - tion to ob - tain;  
 how are men to call up - on him, if his name they have not heard?  
 full pro - vi - sion for our weak - ness in his teach - ing he has made;  
 with his own be - liev - ing peo - ple, who keep stead - fast in his ways;



an - gels, de - mons, kings and rul - ers, o - ver all shall Je - sus reign!  
 There - fore go and make dis - ci - ples, preach his gos - pel, spread his word.  
 in the Gos - pel words and sym - bols, sav - ing truth to us con - veyed.  
 God the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, bless us, and to him the praise!



Christopher Idle, 1973

© 1973 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188)  
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

NEANDER 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Joachim Neander, 1680; alt. 1990

# The Shorter Catechism

---

Q. 33. What is justification?

**A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.**

Q. 34. What is adoption?

**A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the sons of God.**

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

**A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

## *Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28*

---

<sup>21</sup>And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching.

<sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

<sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!”

<sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

# Notes and Pictures

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

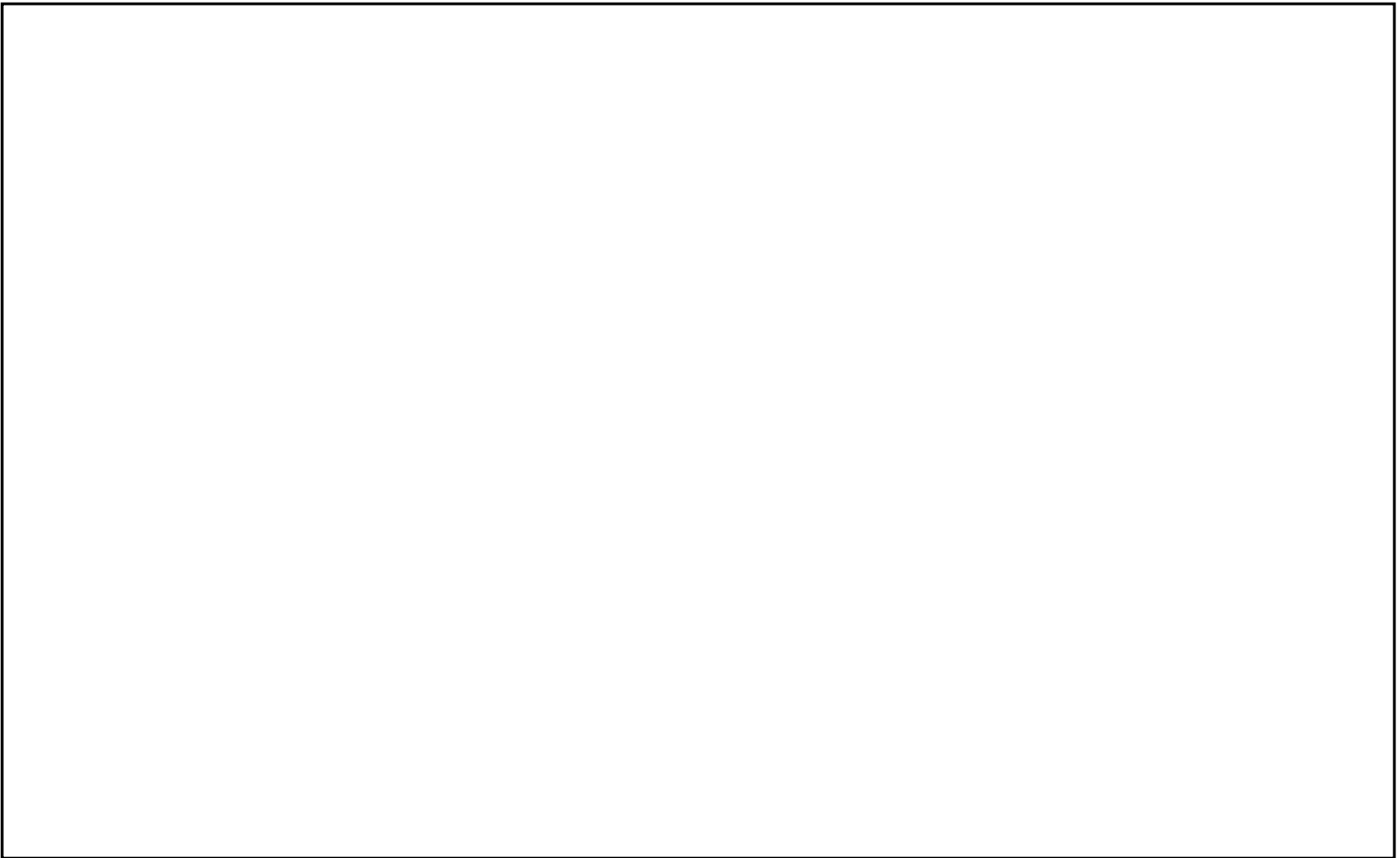
---

---

---

---

---



## Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns

411



1. Shout, for the bless - ed Je - sus reigns; through dis - tant
2. He calls his cho - sen from a - far; they all at
3. Gen - tiles and Jews his laws o - bey; na - tions re -
4. O may his ho - ly church in - crease, his Word and
5. Loud hal - le - lu - jahs to the Lamb, from all be -



- lands his tri - umphs spread; and sin - ners, freed from  
 Zi - on's gates ar - rive; those who were dead in  
 • mote their of - f'rings bring, and un - con - strained their  
 Spir - it still pre - vail, while an - gels cel - e -  
 low and all a - bove! In loft - y songs ex -



- end - less pains, own him their Sav - ior and their Head.  
 sin be - fore by sov - 'reign grace are made a - live.  
 • hom - age pay to their ex - alt - ed God and King.  
 brate his praise, and saints his grow - ing glo - ries hail.  
 alt his name, in songs as last - ing as his love.





	9:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.			
	GREETERS	USHERS	GREETERS	USHERS	NURSERY	
May 2	The Johnstons	T. Johnston; K. Brown	The Riggs	B. Rigg; D. Lott	Barb VM	TBD
May 9	The Langs	R. Lang; D. Forbeck	R&R Brown	D. Lott; J. Johnsson	Laurel	Emily
May 16	The K. Browns	K. Brown; T. Johnston	The Johnssons	J. Johnsson; B. Rigg	Jill	Carmen

**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) or Pastor Siggins ([siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org](mailto:siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org); (814) 933-6321).

**Home Group Survey**—We're excited to be starting up our home group ministry again this fall! If you are interested in being part of a home group, please take the survey in the Living Hope Weekly newsletter to let us know your availability, to help us with planning.

**Men's Breakfast**—Saturday, May 8, 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. We are studying *When You Pray* by Philip Ryken. Please come as you are able.

We are committed to serving you in any way we can during these difficult times. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us for pastoral care or diaconal assistance!

If you wish to give your tithe and offering online, instead of in-person, you can find the link in the Living Hope Weekly email.



**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)**

Rev. John Van Meerbeke, Pastor & Moderator (717) 549-2462 (w)

Rev. John Mallin (717) 816-2793 (c)

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

Rev. Joshua McKamy, Assoc. Pastor (301) 529-5867

Rev. Zachary Siggins, Assoc. Pastor (717) 549-2463 (w)

Mr. Theodore Hise, Ruling Elder (717) 337-2419 (h)

Mr. Timothy Shatzer, Ruling Elder (717) 494-2077 (c)

Mr. Johnny Johnsson, Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session (410) 833-5508 (h)

#### **Deacons:**

Mr. David Craine (703) 863-9501 (c)

Mr. Thomas Johnston (717) 357-9192 (c)

**Treasurer:** Rev. Kyle Brown (717) 479-1264 (c)

**Property Committee:** Doug Forbeck, Chairman (717) 337-9383

**Administrative Assistant:** Sandra Siggins (717) 334-7157 (w)

**Email:** [office@livinghopegettysburg.org](mailto:office@livinghopegettysburg.org)

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

Sunday Service of Worship	9:00 am 11:00 am
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.