



# 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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# Living Hope Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, July 23, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Praising God in the Assembly**

Salutation *Galatians 1:3-5 (p. 972)*  
Call to Worship *Psalm 34:1-4 (p. 463)*  
\*Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" no. 222  
\*Invocation *Psalm 124:8 (p. 517)*

## **Confessing our Sins**

Call to Repentance *Proverbs 3:1-12 (p. 528)*  
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Assurance of Pardon *Mark 10:45 (p. 847)*  
\*Hymn "O Savior, Precious Savior" no. 263

## **Praying for the Church**

Scripture Reading *Psalms 42 & 43 (p. 469)*  
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*  
\*Hymn "Eternal Spirit, God of Truth" no. 394  
\*The Apostles' Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*  
Collection & Prayer *2 Corinthians 9:7-9 (p. 968)*

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Scripture Reading *Mark 14:32-42 (p. 851)*  
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8 (p. 599)*  
Sermon **KEEP WATCH**  
*Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke*

Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

\*Hymn "Doxology" no. 570  
\*Benediction *Hebrews 13:20-21 (p. 1010)*

Postlude

\*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

# Congregational Confession of Sins

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**O LORD:**

Your steadfast love and faithfulness  
are found in your Son.

We plead his name, who died for us;  
his blood for our sins,  
his righteousness for our unrighteousness,  
his purity for our uncleanness,  
his meekness for our pride,  
his reconciliation for our rebellion,  
his obedience for our lawlessness,  
his holiness for our dead works,  
his death for our life. 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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23-Jul	R. & R. Brown	J. Myers	D. Lott	C. Wetzel	Kaitlyn
30-Jul	J. & C. Wetzel	B. Gideon	J. Wetzel	M. Davidson	Kathleen
6-Aug	The Riggs	B. Vargo	B. Rigg	N. Fenby	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](mailto:vanmeerbeke@livinghopegettysburg.org); (717) 253-4575) or Pastor Bennett ([bennett.shane@hotmail.com](mailto:bennett.shane@hotmail.com); (717) 501-8400).

**Adult and Children's Sunday School will be on hiatus from July 30 – Sept. 3. Classes will resume on Sept. 10.** We offer classes for ages 3 (as of 8/31/23) through Adult. If your child is not currently attending, and you would like them to, please speak to Tracy Wetzel or one of the pastors.

**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, an offering will be collected after Communion for the use of the Deacons in their work.

**New Membership Class**—Friday, July 28, 7:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, July 29, 2:00-5:00 pm. To those who are attending, please plan on attending *both* sessions.

**Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing**—Saturday, July 29, 5:00-7:00 pm

**Family Cookout**—Saturday, Sept. 9, 4:00 pm

There's still time to check your **Directory info** on the draft in the lobby!

**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** is taking a break in August. It will resume on Sept. 9.

**Women's Bible Study**—This Thursday is the last study until September.

We will resume: **10:30 am—Sept. 21**      **7:00 pm—Sept. 18**

**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**

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Men's Breakfast: Jim Hughes, Bob McKeen

Property and Maintenance: Doug Forbeck

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

Craine (Gettysburg E): 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

Gideon (Fayetteville): 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 7:00-8:15 pm

Lott (Biglerville): 4<sup>th</sup> Tues., 6:30-8:00 pm

Wetzel (Gettysburg N): 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon., 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast

Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session

Second Thurs., 7 pm