



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, September 26, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praising God in the Assembly

Salutation *Ephesians 1:2* (p. 976)
Call to Worship *Psalm 95:6-7* (p. 499)
*Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" no. 156
*Invocation *Psalm 124:8* (p. 517)

Confessing our Sins

Call to Repentance *Ephesians 5:8-11* (p. 978)
Congregational Confession of Sin *See the Bulletin Insert*
Assurance of Pardon *Ephesians 2:1-5* (p. 976)
*Hymn "Loved with Everlasting Love" no. 483

Praying for the Church

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 2:5; 49:6; 60:1-3, 20; 1 John 1:5-7* (p. 567, 1021)
Intercessory Prayer & the Lord's Prayer *See the Bulletin Insert*
*Psalm "Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path" no. 119N
*The Nicene Creed *See the Bulletin Insert*
Collection & Prayer *2 Corinthians 8:9* (p. 968)

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading *Mark 4:21-25* (p. 839)
Prayer for Illumination *Isaiah 40:8* (p. 599)
Sermon **THE PARABLE OF THE LAMP**
Rev. John D. Van Meerbeke

Holy Communion

Diaconal Offering

Closing Prayer

*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" no. 374
*Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26* (p. 114)

Postlude

*Asterisk indicates Congregation Standing, if able

Congregational Confession of Sins

GOD OF COMPASSION, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, because we by nature love the darkness rather than the light.

We confess that our wills, our thoughts, our words, and our actions are all corrupted by sin and we both do what you forbid and fail to do what you require.

Forgive our sins, Lord. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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	
Sep 26	The K. Browns	K. Brown	B. Gideon	D. Lott	Sandra	Lily
Oct 3	Anne Maxwell	D. Forbeck	J. Johnsson	T. Johnston	Barb VM	Gloria
Oct 10	The Langs	R. Lang	B. Rigg	J. Hughes	Jean	Linda

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 Siggins (siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org; **(814) 933-6321**).

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

Holy Communion—This Sunday we observe the holy sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. All who are united with Christ by faith are welcome to participate.

Fellowship Lunch—An after-the-morning-service time for food and fellowship! You are invited! Today, we will celebrate Ted Hise for his many years of service to our church as an Elder.

Home Groups—We have four Home Groups at various times and at various locations (listed on the back of the bulletin). See Sandra or Rebecca for details. Come for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

Game Night—Back by popular demand! This Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6:00 pm at the church.

The next New Members Class will be held during the Sunday school hour in the month of October. To sign up, please reach out to Pastor Zach Siggins (siggins@livinghopegettysburg.org). Space is limited since the class will meet in his office.

Harvest Party—The Lotts will be hosting Living Hope’s annual Harvest Party again this year! Join us on October 9 at 4:00 for a hayride, potluck, and fire. There will be activities for the kids, too! The main dish and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share!

Men’s Breakfast—Saturday, Oct. 9, at 9:00. Breakfast, study, prayer.

Women's Bible Study meets the **1st & 3rd 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.

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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 Lang (Gettysburg): 1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30-8:30 pm

Siggins (Gettysburg): Sun., 5:30-7:00 pm

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

Wetzel (New Oxford): 2nd Thurs., 6:45-8:00 pm

Women's Bible Study 1st & 3rd Thu., 10:30 am

Men's Breakfast Second Sat., 9-10 am

Session Second Thurs., 7 pm.