

LIVING HOPE CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 31, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF PREPARATION

Personal Prayer of Preparation: Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36:5-9

PASTOR: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

CONGREGATION: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

ALL: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (MATTHEW 6:9-13)

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.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Blessed Assurance

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus:

*This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long*

2. Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love
Chorus

3. Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love
Chorus

*CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

How Great Is Our God

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1. The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

*How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God*

2. And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb
Chorus

Bridge
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
Repeat
Chorus

+THE WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

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1. How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

*SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Ambrose Winfree

A Prayer For The Church

*SONG OF RESPONSE

By Faith

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1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus:

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

5. By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Church's Doxology

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Now, blessed be Jehovah, God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel,
Who only doeth wondrous works, in glory that excel

And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be;
The whole earth let His glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

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Sermon Outline:

1. Foundation of Our Prayer
2. Power
3. An Amazing Love
4. Fullness and Glory

LIVING HOPE CHURCH

Gathering God's People. Growing in God's Word. Going on God's Mission.

WEDNESDAY, 9/3

- LHC Dawn Prayer via Zoom - Join us from 6:30 - 7:00 a.m. as Mark leads us in scripture and prayer time for one another and LHC. Contact Mark for the Zoom link.
- Ladies Podcast Club - "Sacrificial Yeses and Necessary Nos" by The Deep Dish (6:15 - 7:30 p.m.) at Kim Taylor's
 - Scan for more info: 

SUNDAY, 9/7 - Worship at 9:30 a.m - our last Sunday Worship at 510 S. Point Church Road

READING PLAN FOR 8/31 - 9/7: Ezekiel 3 - 10; Psalm 39 - 49

MISSIONS

- Weekly Prayer Focus: Living Hope Germany as they host Vacation Bible School for 100 kids

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: 9/2 - Jack Hayes and Katy-Barnes Hunter; 9/9 - Brent Sneed; 9/14 - Angie Dixon; 9/16 - Matt Adams; 9/19 - Tammy Cherry; 9/20 - Jennifer Ford; 9/24 - Erin Coomer; 9/25 - Melinda Shows; 9/26 - Natalie Sneed

SAVE THE DATES

- LHC IS MOVING - Christ Church At River's Edge, 901 E. Catawba Street, Belmont
 - 9/6 - (8-noon) - Moving Day followed by lunch
 - 9/7 - (6 p.m.) - Prayer Service
 - 9/14 - (9:30 a.m.) - First Worship Service
- 10/1 - Wednesday Night Fellowship begins!
 - Children's Programming
 - Ladies Bible Study: *If God Is For Us: The Everlasting Truth Of Our Great Salvation (Romans 8)* by Trillia Newbell
 - Men's Bible Study: *Every Good Endeavor* by Tim Keller

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