



LIVING HOPE CHURCH
ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN

WORSHIP GUIDE
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Welcome

Welcome to Living Hope Church! We are so glad that you are here and long to show you the love and hospitality of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

Gathering of God's People

We are a gathering of God's people located in Belmont, NC. Each Lord's Day, God meets us as we gather for worship. We encounter Him in worship through the ordinary means of grace - prayer, the Word of God, and the sacraments. These means of grace are appointed by God for His people. They point us to Christ, sustain us and nourish us in our union with Him as a part of His Body.

Growing in God's Word

We are committed to knowing God. God has revealed Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ. We believe all of scripture points us to Him. Therefore, we are faithfully committed to the authority of His Word. We believe the Bible teaches us all things necessary to be known, believed, and observed for salvation. Growing in God's Word happens in community through preaching, small groups, Bible studies, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Fellowship, and special events.

Going on God's Mission

We are a mission-minded congregation with a heart to obey The Great Commission, making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Through community outreach and evangelism, supporting the planting of local churches and global missions, we are committed to faithful participation in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ until He returns.

Children

Worshiping together with their family is a wonderful way for children to learn to love Jesus. We value the children's participation and invite them to worship with us during the entire service. Children's Bulletins and crayons are available each Sunday to go along with our service. If kids need to leave the sanctuary, parents are welcome to stay with them in the children's room or parlor. We have Worship Care for children aged Kindergarten and younger which begins at the offertory. Parents are asked to walk them to the classroom located behind the sanctuary. The children will be cared for and taught by background checked volunteers. Please pick them up immediately following the service unless we are having Sunday School.

Gathering Music will begin a few minutes before the service.

HOW WE WORSHIP:

Throughout church history, the style of worship has been expressed in different ways. Each church or tradition has its own style. We believe that the worship of God is far more than style and not about our preferences. Worship begins with a heart to worship God through faith in Jesus Christ. The elements of worship are determined by God and revealed in His Word. When we meet God in worship there is a dialogue between God and his people: God speaks, and we respond. He promises to meet with us as we worship him in the way he has ordained.

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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.

*GATHERING MUSIC

God So Loved

1. Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more
2. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

*Chorus 1: For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

3. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

*Chorus 2: For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world*

Bridge: Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love (repeat)

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save
Chorus

4. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOSPEL WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come—
this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 58:13-14

Pastor: If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

Congregation: if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;

All: I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION/ADORATION

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God initiates worship by speaking first to call his people into his holy presence. The Call to Worship compels us to turn from the world and focus our hearts and minds on worshipping God. Today, God graciously invites you to worship Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF

INVOCATION/

ADORATION::

God has called us to worship, so we now respond by humbly praying for His Spirit to help us worship Him in spirit and in truth. We pray with confidence that he will meet us as He has promised through His Word, prayer, and the sacraments.

SINGING:

God delights in hearing his people sing. As we sing our faith, we give praise to God and he transforms our hearts so that we are more like His Son.

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music."

~ Martin Luther

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*SONG OF PRAISE

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

1. What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

*Chorus: O sing hallelujah, Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death*

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

3. Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Through faith in Jesus
Christ, God's Truth sets
us free from the lies of
the world, the flesh,
and the devil. We affirm
our faith each Lord's
Day as we worship God
to remind and
strengthen us in our
faith. This also unites
our hearts with one
another in the core
beliefs of who God is
and what He has done,
is doing and will do.

**catholic means universal*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

*As an expression of
faith and unity, we join
together in corporate
prayer. Prayer is a
means of grace by
which God works His
grace into our hearts.
We lift up specific
needs to our powerful
and merciful God,
asking for His help for
one another, the
Church, our city, our
nation, and our world.*

PASSING OF THE
PEACE:

As recipients of God's
grace, we have
received peace from
Him. In response, we
invite you to share that
peace with one another
with a greeting,
handshake or a hug,
being especially
mindful of those you
have not yet met.
Christians have long
greeted one another
with the phrase, "May
the peace of Christ be
with you" and receive
back the greeting "And
also with you."

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal
2. Did we in our own strength confide our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side the Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be, Christ Jesus it is He
The Lord of hosts His name from age to age the same
And He must win the battle
3. And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure for lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell Him

*Chorus: A mighty fortress a rock unfailling
The King of Glory forever amen
For endless ages enthroned in praises
The King of Glory forever amen*

4. That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever
Chorus

+WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Hymn Of Heaven

1. How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

*Chorus: There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord*

2. And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears
Chorus

3. And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
repeat
Forever He shall reign

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
repeat

Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

+Children Kindergarten and younger are dismissed for Worship Care.

THE OFFERING:

The offering is part of our worship of God as we give back to Him what He has so graciously given us. As David said in 1 Chronicles, "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." (29:14)

Online Giving Link:



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SCRIPTURE:

"All Scripture is
breathed out by God
and profitable for
teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for
training in
righteousness, that the
man of God may be
complete, equipped for
every good work."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

PRAYER OF

ILLUMINATION:

The prayer of
illumination asks the
Holy Spirit to "turn on
the light" in our hearts
so that we understand
and are transformed by
God's Word as it is read
and preached.

THE SERMON:

The preaching of the
sermon is a means of
grace and kindness
from the Lord.
As it says in the
Westminster Shorter
Catechism Answer 89,
"The Spirit of God
maketh the reading, but
especially the
preaching, of the Word,
an effectual means of
convincing and
converting sinners, and
of building them up in
holiness and comfort,
through faith, unto
salvation."

*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:18b-21

18b Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your
prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out
for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager expectation and hope
that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now
as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or
by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rejoicing In Life or Death Part 1

Rev. Mark A. Forbes

SERMON OUTLINE

Big Idea: In life or death we can rejoice and glorify God.

1. Knowing Deliverance
2. Eager Expectation .

Application and Conclusion

*SONG OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay

Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death

This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*BENEDICTION

*CHURCH'S DOXOLOGY

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

And blessed be His glorious name through 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.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

BENEDICTION:

The benediction is not a prayer; it is a pronouncement of blessing from God. You have worshiped and now you will go out into your week to labor. Go in peace and with the blessing of God's covenant promises upon you. You belong to Him and you will be his forever. No matter the difficulties and trials that may come, remember you are loved by God and He is always with you.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to join us for Coffee and Connections in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We have coffee, tea, breakfast snacks and a "Kid's Corner" with activities for our young ones.

WEDNESDAY, 10/29

- 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.
- Wednesday Night Fellowship - Dinner at 5:30; Classes at 6:15 until 7:30
 - Menu: Pizza, salad (with chicken), fruit and desserts

THURSDAY, 10/30

- Ladies Bible Study (9:45 - 11:00) at the home of Christy Orr
- Trunk or Treat (6:00 - 7:30 p.m.) at LHC. Contact Jena Jenkins to help (980-259-8589).

SUNDAY, 11/2 - Worship at 9:30 a.m.

READING PLAN FOR 10/26 - 11/2: Daniel 11-12 ; Hosea 1-8; Psalm 119:25-Psalm 125

MISSIONS WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS: Josh and Vonia T., World Witness

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS: 10/30 - Ben Jordan; 11/2 - Jeff Jordan; 11/11 - David Hunter and Betty Weisskopf; 11/16 - Glenna Sevy

SAVE THE DATES:

- 11/7 - 11/8 - ARP Women's Retreat in Bonclarken
- 11/15 - Serve The City (8 - noon)
- 11/23 - Thanksgiving Service and Dinner- please invite family and friends to join us!
 - Service at 5 p.m. (Childcare for Kindergarten and younger)
 - Dinner at 6 p.m. - Jon Ford will be smoking turkey breasts for us and you're invited to bring a side dish or dessert.
- 12/3 - Ladies Favorite Things Christmas Party (6- 8 p.m.) at Kim Taylor's
- 12/6 - LHC Christmas Party (5-7 p.m.) at Trey and Jena Jenkins'
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols (5 p.m.)



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Need prayer?

- We have elders available to pray with you after the service in the parlor. Exit the right door and turn right.
- You may also scan the QR code to submit a prayer request.



THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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